

At: Gadeirydd ac Aelodau'r Pwyllgor
Archwilio Partneriaethau

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Fe'ch gwahoddir i fynychu cyfarfod y **PWYLLGOR ARCHWILIO PARTNERIAETHAU, DYDD IAU, 2 TACHWEDD 2017** am **10.00** am yn **YSTAFELL BWLLGOR 1A, NEUADD Y SIR, RHUTHUN**.

Yn gywir iawn

G Williams

Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, AD a Democrataidd

**CYNHELIR SESIWN BRIFFIO AR GYFER YR HOLL AELODAU ETHOLEDIG AM
9.30 A.M. YN UNION O FLAEN Y CYFARFOD**

AGENDA

RHAN 1 – GWAHODDIR Y WASG A'R CYHOEDD I FOD YN BRESENNOL AR GYFER Y RHAN HON O'R CYFARFOD

1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

2 DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT

Dylai'r Aelodau ddatgan unrhyw gysylltiad personol neu gysylltiad sy'n rhagfarnu ag unrhyw fater a nodwyd fel un i'w ystyried yn y cyfarfod hwn.

3 MATERION BRYD FEL Y'U CYTUNWYD GAN Y CADEIRYDD

Rhybudd o eitemau y dylid, ym marn y Cadeirydd, eu hystyried yn y cyfarfod fel materion brys yn unol ag Adran 100B(4) Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.

4 COFNODION Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF (Tudalennau 5 - 14)

Cael cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau a gynhaliwyd ar 14 Medi, 2017 (copi ynghlwm).

10.05 a.m. – 10.10 a.m.

5 STRATEGAETH DDIGARTREFEDD SIR DDINBYCH 2017-2021 A CHYNLLUN CEFNOGI POBL / ATAL DIGARTREFEDD SIR DDINBYCH 2018/2019 (Tudalennau 15 - 78)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Swyddog Comisiynu a Thendro ar Atal Digartrefedd (copi ynghlwm) cyn ei gyflwyno i'r Cabinet ym mis Rhagfyr 2017, a'r Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol ym mis Ionawr 2018.

10.10 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.

~~~~~ **EGWYL (10.50 a.m. – 11.05 a.m.)** ~~~~~

**6 CYLLIDEBAU CYFUN (IECHYD A GOFAL CYMDEITHASOL) - ADRODDIAD CYNNYDD** (Tudalennau 79 - 100)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Rheolwr Prosiect, y Tîm Cydweithredu Rhanbarthol (copi ynghlwm) i ddarparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf ar waith sy'n datblygu i sefydlu Cyllidebau Cyfun ar draws Gogledd Cymru.

**11.05 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.**

**7 RHAGLEN WAITH ARCHWILIO** (Tudalennau 101 - 122)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cydlynnydd Archwilio (copi ynghlwm) yn gofyn am adolygiad o raglen gwaith i'r dyfodol y pwyllgor a rhoi'r diweddaraf i'r aelodau ar faterion perthnasol.

**11.45 a.m. – 12 noon**

**8 ADBORTH GAN GYNRYCHIOLWYR Y PWYLLGOR**

Derbyn unrhyw ddiweddariadau gan gynrychiolwyr y Pwyllgor ar Fyrddau a Grwpiau amrywiol y Cyngor.

**12 noon – 12.10 p.m.**

**AELODAETH**

**Y Cynghorwyr**

Y Cyngorydd Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones (Cadeirydd)

Joan Butterfield  
Gareth Davies  
Tony Flynn  
Pat Jones  
Christine Marston

Y Cyngorydd Emrys Wynne (Is-Gadeirydd)

Melvyn Mile  
Andrew Thomas  
Rhys Thomas  
David Williams

**COPIAU I'R:**

Holl Gynghorwyr er gwybodaeth  
Y Wasg a'r Llyfrgelloedd  
Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

## PWYLLGOR ARCHWILIO PARTNERIAETHAU

Cofnodion cyfarfod o'r Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau a gynhaliwyd yn YSTAFELL BWLLGOR 1A, NEUADD Y SIR, RHUTHUN, Dydd Iau, 14 Medi 2017 am 9.30 am.

### YN BRESENNOL

Y Cyngorwyr Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones (Cadeirydd), Gareth Davies, Pat Jones, Christine Marston, Melvyn Mile, Andrew Thomas, Rhys Thomas, Huw Williams ac Emrys Wynne

**Yr Aelod Cabinet Arweiniol** – roedd y Cyngorydd Mark Young yn bresennol ar gyfer Eitem 6 ar y Rhaglen

### HEFYD YN BRESENNOL

Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Cymunedau (NS), Pennaeth Gwella Busnes a Moderneiddio (AS), Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cymorth Cymunedol (PG), Prif Reolwr, Gwasanaethau Gweithredol (CCN), Rheolwr Partneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol (ST), Cydlynnydd Archwilio (RE) a Gweinyddwr Pwyllgorau (SLW).

**Hefyd yn bresennol** - Dilys Percival, Cyfarwyddwr Rhanbarth Cynorthwyol Gwasanaethau Therapi (Canolog), Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr

### 1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb oddi wrth y Cyngorwr(wyr) Joan Butterfield a/ac Tony Flynn

### 2 DATGAN CYSYLLTIAD

Datganodd y Cyngorydd Gareth Lloyd Davies gysylltiad personol ag eitemau 8 a 9 ar y rhaglen.

Datganodd y Cyngorydd Emrys Wynne gysylltiad personol ag eitemau 6 a 7 ar y rhaglen.

### 3 PENODI IS-GADEIRYDD

Yn unol â chyfansoddiad y Cyngor, gofynnwyd am enwebiadau ar gyfer swydd Is-gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau.

Enwebodd y Cyngorydd Huw Williams y Cyngorydd Emrys Wynne, eiliwyd gan y Cyngorydd Gareth Lloyd Davies.

***PENDERFYNWYD*** y byddai'r Cyngorydd Emrys Wynne yn cael ei benodi'n Is-gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau am y flwyddyn i ddod.

#### **4 MATERION BRYN FEL Y'U CYTUNWYD GAN Y CADEIRYDD**

Ni chodwyd unrhyw fater brys.

#### **5 COFNODION Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF**

Cyflwynwyd cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau a gynhaliwyd ar 22 Mehefin 2017.

Ar y pwynt yma, diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Weinyddwr y Pwyllgor am y cofnodion ardderchog.

***PENDERFYNWYD** y dylid derbyn a chymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 22 Mehefin 2017 fel cofnod cywir.*

#### **6 PARTNERIAETH DIOGELWCH CYMUNEDOL – DIWEDDARIAD BLYNYDDOL 2016-2017**

Roedd y Cynghorydd Emrys Wynne yn datgan cysylltiad personol gan ei fod yn Ynad Heddwch yng Ngogledd Ddwyrain Cymru.

Cyn trafodaeth, hysbysodd y Cadeirydd yr aelodau bod y Pwyllgor yn gweithredu fel Pwyllgor Trosedd ac Anhrefn penodedig y Cyngor yn unol ag adrannau 19 a 20 o'r Ddeddf Heddlu a Chyfiawnder 2006.

Cyflwynodd yr Aelod Arweiniol Safonau Corfforaethol yr adroddiad (dosbarthwyd yn flaenorol) a oedd yn manylu gweithgaredd a pherfformiad Cyd Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol Conwy a Sir Ddinbych yn ystod 2016-17 ac amlinellodd flaenoriaethau'r Bartneriaeth ar gyfer 2017-18.

Rhoddodd y Rheolwr Diogelwch Cymunedol grynodedb i'r Pwyllgor ar gefndir sefydlu partneriaethau diogelwch cymunedol ynghyd â'u rolau a chyfrifoldebau statudol. Tynnodd sylw aelodau at y blaenoriaethau a osodwyd gan y PDC ar sail ranbarthol a'r blaenoriaethau lleol a osodwyd gan y cyd PDC ar gyfer cynnydd yng Nghonwy a Sir Ddinbych. Roedd y cyfan wedi eu rhestru yn yr adroddiad. Roedd Atodiad 1 gyda'r adroddiad yn cynnwys y camau a nodwyd gyda'r bwriad i gyflawni blaenoriaethau lleol a rhanbarthol, tra'r oedd Atodiad 2 yn manylu perfformiad y Bartneriaeth o ran eu cyflawni.

Yn ystod ei chyflwyniad amlygodd y Rheolwr Diogelwch Cymunedol y pwyntiau canlynol:

- y gostyngiad yn ystod y flwyddyn mewn trosedd meddiangar ac mewn cyfraddau aildroseddu ymhlith oedolion ac ieuencid, y cyfan yn hynod gadarnhaol. Roedd llywodraeth ganolog wedi darparu cyllid ar gyfer PDC i ganolbwyntio'n benodol ar y meysydd hyn, felly roedd yna gydgyssylltiad rhwng y dull wedi'i dargedu a'r gostyngiad yn y ffigyrau. Bu cynnydd yn nifer yr achosion o drosedd yn erbyn pobl, fel ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol (ASB), yr adroddwyd arno yn ystod 2016-17. Roedd hyn yn rhannol o ganlyniad i'r ffaith bod y diffiniad o drosedd treisgar nawr yn cynnwys unigolyn yn gwrthio unigolyn arall drosodd neu'n eu taro i lawr.

- yn anffodus, roedd nifer o ddigwyddiadau o drosedd treisgar wedi derbyn cyhoeddusrwydd yn Sir Ddinbych yn ystod y misoedd diweddar. Rôl y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol pan oedd yna achosion o'r fath oedd canolbwyntio ar waith ar lefel isel o fewn y cymunedau e.e. gwella goleuadau, darparu negeseuon diogelwch ar sut i gadw'n ddiogel ac ati. Roedd yr asiantaethau mwy, fel yr Heddlu a'r Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub yn ymgymryd â'r gwaith ymchwiliol;
- roedd yr holl gamau yn y cynllun gweithredu naill ai wedi eu cyflawni, neu ar y trywydd i gael eu cyflawni. Roedd yna oedi o ran derbyn data gan y Gwasanaeth Fodd bynnag, sicrhawyd y PDC bod y ddwy fenter wedi rhagori ar y targedau a osodwyd; Roedd gwaith y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol yn cynnwys amrywiaeth eang o faterion trosedd ac anhrefn o ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol i drosedd amgylcheddol, trosedd gwledig i derfysgaeth ryngwladol, mân drosedd lefel isel i droseddau difrifol yn erbyn pobl ac eiddo.
- mewn perthynas ag ymarfer dangosfwrdd Llywodraeth Cymru ynglŷn ag atal derfysgaeth, roedd yna un maes lle'r oedd y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol angen ei gryfhau. Roedd y maes hwnnw'n ymwneud ag addysgu'r cyhoedd i wybod sut i ymateb os oeddent wedi eu dal mewn digwyddiad terfysgol tra'r oeddynt adref neu i ffwrdd;
- roedd y problemau oedd yn ymwneud ag ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol yn ac o amgylch Gorsaf Reilffordd y Rhyl wedi gwella'n sylweddol ar ôl defnyddio cyllid Cefnogi Pobl. Roedd y cyllid yn darparu gwasanaethau i unigolion oedd yn adnabyddus am achosi problemau yn yr ardal. Mae'n debyg na fyddai'r broblem byth yn diflannu, ond roedd y sefyllfa wedi gwella yn y blynyddoedd diweddar;
- roedd gwaith yn cael ei wneud gyda nifer o asiantaethau gyda'r bwriad o blethu gwasanaethau i fynd i'r afael â'r problemau a achoswyd gan gamddefnyddio sylweddau yng Nghonwy a Sir Ddinbych. Er bod y gwaith hwn yn dwyn ffrwyth, roedd angen gwneud mwy i fynd i'r afael â'r broblem; roedd achosion o dipio anghyfreithlon yn ardal Gorllewin y Rhyl wedi gwella yn ystod y flwyddyn, ond roedd y sefyllfa'n parhau i gael ei monitro'n agos;
- roedd y sefyllfa oedd yn ymwneud â 'chardota' yn y Rhyl hefyd yn ymddangos fel pe bai wedi gwella, gallai hyn fod o ganlyniad i'r tywydd anffafriol yn ystod yr haf gan nad oedd yna adroddiadau troseddol o 'gardota' wedi eu cofnodi'n ddiweddar. Pwysleisiwyd bod 'cardota' nid yn unig yn broblem yn Sir Ddinbych, ond yn broblem yn rhanbarthol ac yn genedlaethol, gan fod unigolion oedd yn 'cardota' fel arfer yn symud o gwmpas;
- Roedd Heddlu Gogledd Cymru wedi bod yn rhagweithiol yn y misoedd diweddar o safbwynt trosedd gwledig yn dilyn cyfres o ddigwyddiadau gyda defaid oedd yn fater gofid a dwyn cerbydau ac offer amaethyddol. Roedd yr heddlu yn mabwysiadu dull amlyffasedol e.e. ymgyrch i berchnogion gadw eu cŵn ar dennyn wrth ymweld â chefn gwlad, ymweld â marchnadoedd da byw a mannau amaethyddol eraill i amlygu negeseuon diogelwch i ffermwyr ac i gynnig marcio offer ac ati;
- acers 2012 roedd Partneriaethau Diogelwch Cymunedol yn gyfrifol am gynnal 'Adolygiadau Dynladdiad' pan oedd yna farwolaethau amheus o fewn eu ffiniau. Yn dilyn dwy farwolaeth domestig diweddar yn Sir Ddinbych, roedd y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol yn y broses o sefydlu'r adolygiadau hyn. Roedd adolygiadau o'r fath yn adolygiadau aml-

asiantaeth gan unigolyn annibynnol, oedd â goblygiadau cost i'r Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol o ganlyniad. Roedd trafodaethau ar y gweill gyda Swyddog Adran 151 y Cyngor o safbwynt ariannu'r adolygiadau.

Wrth ymateb i gwestiynau gan yr aelodau, dywedodd y Pennaeth Gwella Busnes a Moderneiddio a'r Rheolwr Diogelwch Cymunedol:

- er bod yna lond llaw o droseddau difrifol yn y sir, yn arbennig yn y Rhyl, roedd achosion o'r fath yn brin iawn. Roedd un digwyddiad yn cael ei ystyried fel trosedd lefel uchel a drefnwyd, a oedd yn dod yn broblem ar draws y DU, tra bod dau achos arall yn cael eu hystyried fel digwyddiadau yn y cartref;
- roeddent wedi siarad gyda Phrif Arolygydd yr Heddlu Lleol a oedd wedi cadarnhau bod y llofruddiaethau diweddar wedi bod yn achosion ynysig. Fodd bynnag, roedd yr Heddlu'n poeni am y cynnydd mewn trosedd yn ymwneud â chriwiau o ardaloedd mewn dinasoedd yn y DU i ardaloedd eraill fel Gogledd Cymru;
- roedd pŵerau yn Adran 60 y Ddeddf Cyfiawnder Troseddol a Threfn Gyhoeddus 1994 wedi eu defnyddio yn y Rhyl i stopio a chwilio pobl am gyllyll;
- Roedd Cyngor Sir Ddinbych wedi cymryd rhan mewn ymgyrch amnest cyllyll yn ddiweddar, gyda depos y Cyngor yn cael eu defnyddio fel manau lle gall pobl waredu unrhyw gyllyll;
- er y byddai'r Cynllun Corfforaethol newydd, yn amodol ar gymeradwyaeth y Cyngor, yn cynnwys uchelgais i leihau trais domestig, mae'n bosibl y byddai aelodau'n dymuno ystyried cynnwys rhai dyheadau yn y Cynllun sy'n ymwneud â lleihau trosedd gyda chyllyll yn yr ardal;
- Roedd partneriaid Partneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol yn ymweld ag ysgolion yn rheolaidd gyda'r bwriad i addysgu disgyblion am beryglon camddefnyddio sylweddau ar iechyd a'r cosbau troseddol oedd yn gysylltiedig â chyffuriau ac ati;
- Roedd trefi marchnad gwledig y sir, yn ogystal â'r ardaloedd arfordirol mwyaf trefol yn cael eu cefnogi gan waith y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol ar y cyd â phartneriaid fel yr Heddlu yn eu hymdrechion i leihau ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol a phroblemau cysylltiedig â chyffuriau;
- Roedd Adran Gwarchod y Cyhoedd Sir Ddinbych wedi gosod trothwy goddefgarwch isel iawn ar gyfer unrhyw eiddo trwyddedig neu yrwyr tacsï oedd yn torri rheolau trwyddedu. Roedd y dull dim goddefgarwch hwn yn talu ar ei ganfed. Roedd y Grŵp Diogelwch Corfforaethol hefyd yn monitro'n gadarn pa un a oedd holl wiriadau gofynnol gan y Gwasanaeth Datgelu a Gwahardd wedi eu diweddarau;
- Roedd hyfforddiant ymwybyddiaeth Camfanteisio'n Rhywiol ar Blant yn orfodol i holl yrwyr tacsï yn Sir Ddinbych;
- byddent yn gwneud ymholiadau gyda'r Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub ynglŷn â'r rhaglen newid larymau mwg 'hen' neu 'ddiffygiol' (awgrymwyd hefyd bod aelodau yn mynegi eu pryderon i'r Cynghorydd Meirick Lloyd Davies yn rhinwedd ei rôl fel Cadeirydd Awdurdod Tân ac Achub Gogledd Cymru);
- nid oedd y dulliau gwahanol a ddefnyddiwyd ar gyfer camau Partneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol yn y ddwy sir yn achosi unrhyw broblemau i'r Bartneriaeth;



- er bod yr adroddiad presennol yn cynnwys Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb (EqIA), byddai Asesiadau o'r Effaith ar Les yn cael ei gynnal ar gyfer unrhyw bolisiâu newydd a ddatblygir yn y dyfodol i gyflawni blaenoriaethau'r Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol;
- argymhellwyd y dylid codi unrhyw bryderon oedd gan aelodau gyda gwaith gorfodaeth trosedd amgylcheddol gyda'r Pennaeth Gwasanaeth Cynllunio a Gwarchod y Cyhoedd; ac
- os oedd gan aelodau unrhyw bryderon oedd yn ymwneud â diogelwch cymunedol dylent gysylltu â'r Rheolwr Diogelwch Cymunedol, yr Aelod Arweiniol Safonau Corfforaethol neu'r staff Gwasanaeth Gwella Busnes a Moderneiddio fyddai'n gallu anfon eu hymholiad at sefydliad partner y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol perthnasol i'w ddatrys.

Yn ystod y drafodaeth, dywedodd aelodau'r Pwyllgor:

- o'u profiad diweddar o Dîm Trosedd Gwledig Heddlu Gogledd Cymru doedd ganddynt ddim ond canmoliaeth iddynt gan eu bod bob amser yn sympathetig pan oeddent yn cysylltu â nhw ynglŷn ag amrywiol broblemau. Byddai'r Tîm yn defnyddio dronau yn fuan i geisio goresgyn trosedd mewn ardaloedd gwledig;
- acar ôl mynegi pryderon gan etholwyr am ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol sy'n ymwneud â chyffuriau yn yr ardal o amgylch Eglwys Sant Pedr yn Rhuthun gyda'r Heddlu, dywedwyd nad oedd nifer digonol o gwynion wedi eu hatgyfeirio i'r Heddlu gan drigolion i'w galluogi i fynd i'r afael â'r broblem. Fodd bynnag, dywedodd un cynghorydd ei fod ef yn bersonol wedi rhoi gwybod i'r Heddlu am ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol yn yr ardal, ond roedd yn dal i aros am gydnabyddiaeth i'w gwyn. Byddai'r Rheolwr Diogelwch Cymunedol yn dilyn hyn i fyny gyda Thîm Cymdogaeth yr Heddlu yn Rhuthun.

Ar ddiwedd y drafodaeth:

***PENDERFYNWYD*** yn amodol ar y sylwadau uchod, i ganmol gweithgareddau a pherfformiad y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol am fynd i'r afael â throedd ac anhrefn yn Sir Ddinbych.

## **7 ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL AR DDIOGELU OEDOLION YN SIR DDINBYCH 1 EBRILL 2016 – 31 MAWRTH 2017**

Cyflwynodd y Pennaeth Gwasanaeth Cefnogi Cymunedol Adroddiad Blynyddol y Cydlynedd Amddiffyn Oedolion Agored i Niwed (POVA) ar Amddiffyn Oedolion yn Sir Ddinbych yn 2016-17 (dosbarthwyd yn flaenorol).

Eglurodd fod cyflwyno'r adroddiad i'r Pwyllgor, a oedd yn rhoi gorolwg o effaith trefniadau diogelu lleol, yn cyflawni gofynion statudol y Gwasanaeth i adrodd ar berfformiad yn y maes hynod bwysig, sensitif a risg uchel hwn i aelodau. Roedd yr adroddiad yn manylu'r nifer o weithgareddau gwarchod oedolion yn Sir Ddinbych, oedd, fel ardaloedd awdurdodau lleol eraill, yn cynyddu o flwyddyn i flwyddyn. Yn ogystal, roedd yn manylu perfformiad y sir o ran diwallu'r dangosydd perfformiad cenedlaethol a datblygiadau yn ystod y flwyddyn i'r Tîm Diogelu, a oedd wedi

cryfhau'n sylweddol. Roedd hefyd yn rhoi diweddariad ar y sefyllfa ynglŷn â cheisiadau Amddifadu o Ryddid.

Yn ystod ei gyflwyniad dywedodd y Pennaeth Gwasanaeth fod pob awdurdod lleol ar draws Cymru wedi derbyn llythyr gan Arolygiaeth Gofal a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Cymru ynglŷn â phryderon yr Arolygiaeth am waith diogelu oedolion. Byddai cyfarfod gyda Phrif Arolygydd AGGCC a Phrif Weithredwr CSDd i drafod materion lleol i'w gynnal yn y dyfodol agos.

Hysbyswyd yr Aelodau o'r cyfanswm o atgyfeiriadau POVA a dderbyniwyd yn ystod flwyddyn, roedd dros 75% ohonynt heb gyrraedd y Trothwy Diogelu Oedolion i gyfiawnhau ymchwiliad pellach. Roedd ansawdd atgyfeiriadau a'r trothwy a osodwyd yn mynd drwy broses sicrwydd ansawdd rheolaidd i sicrhau eu bod yn deg i bawb. Roedd ysbytai hefyd yn ymwneud â'r gwaith hwn.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiynau gan yr aelodau, fe wnaeth Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth:

- gadarnhau bod y cynnydd parhaus yn y nifer o atgyfeiriadau Diogelu Oedolion a cheisiadau Amddifadu o Ryddid yn rhoi pwysau ar y Gwasanaeth ac yn ei gwneud yn anodd iawn diwallu dyddiadau targed. Y prif nod ar ôl derbyn unrhyw atgyfeiriadau oedd sicrhau diogelwch unigolion diamddiffyn, roedd diwallu targedau'n dod yn ail;
- os ar unrhyw dro y byddai'n bryderus am allu'r Gwasanaeth i ddiogelu oedolion diamddiffyn byddai'n codi'r risg gyda'r Tîm Gweithredol Corfforaethol i geisio cymorth ariannol/adnoddau;
- dywedodd er bod ystadegau yn dangos bod dros 50% o'r gamdriniaeth honedig wedi'i gyflawni gan 'weithiwr cyflogedig' ac wedi digwydd mewn lleoliad 'cartref gofal' roedd yn bwysig cofio mai 'honiadau' oedd y rhain. Roedd hwn yn dueddiad cenedlaethol mewn perthynas ag ystadegau POVA. Roedd hefyd yn bwysig cofio bod gweithwyr mewn lleoliad cartref gofal yn darparu gofal personol dwys iawn a gallai, felly fod yn fwy tueddol o dderbyn honiadau yn eu herbyn. Roedd y nifer o honiadau a brofwyd yn dilyn ymchwiliad yn llawer llai;
- disgrifio'r broses uwchgyfeirio a ddilynwyd ar ôl honiad, gan bwysleisio bod capasiti tîm monitro contract y Cyngor wedi'i gryfhau yn ystod y flwyddyn i gefnogi'r broses ymchwilio;
- cadarnhaodd bod holl atgyfeiriadau diogelu oedolion angen eu cydnabod ac ymholiadau o fewn 7 diwrnod i'w derbyn. Fodd bynnag, os oedd honiad o natur ddifrifol, a oedd yn rhoi diogelwch unigolyn mewn perygl, byddai'n derbyn sylw ar frys ar y diwrnod y cafodd ei dderbyn; cadarnhawyd bod hyfforddiant diogelu yn orfodol i'r holl staff oedd yn gwneud gwaith am dâl fel yn y sector gofal;
- cytunodd gyda'r aelodau bod codi ymwybyddiaeth yn ddiweddar am faterion diogelu oedolion mae'n debyg wedi cyfrannu at y cynnydd yn y nifer o atgyfeiriadau;
- Fodd bynnag, nid oedd hyn yn cael ei ystyried fel canlyniad negyddol os oedd yn golygu bod holl bobl ddiamddiffyn yn cadw'n ddiogel;
- a dywedodd fod gan y Gwasanaeth ddigon o adnoddau eleni i ddiwallu dyletswyddau POVA a'r galw Amddifadu o Ryddid. Byddai pob aelod etholedig yn derbyn cyflwyniad yn ystod yr hydref ar y gyllideb Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ei ofynion ariannol i ddiwallu dyletswyddau

statudol y Cyngor, ynghyd â phwysau hysbys a phwysau a ragwelir yn y dyfodol.

Yn dilyn trafodaeth fanwl:

**PENDERFYNWYD** yn amodol ar y sylwadau uchod -

- (i) derbyn yr adroddiad ar berfformiad y Cyngor i Ddiogelu Oedolion yn Sir Ddinbych rhwng 1 Ebrill 2016 a 31 Mawrth 2017; a
- (ii) chydabod natur bwysig ymagwedd gorfforaethol at amddiffyn oedolion mewn perygl a chyfrifoldeb y Cyngor i weld hyn fel maes blaenoriaeth allweddol ac i'w osod ochr yn ochr â'r ymrwymiad a'r arwyddocâd a roddwyd gan Gyngor Sir Ddinbych i Amddiffyn Plant.

**Ar y pwynt hwn (10.40am) cafwyd egwyl o 15 munud.**

**Ailddechreuodd y cyfarfod am 10.55am.**

## **8 RHYDDHAU AMSEROL O'R YSBYTY**

Roedd y Cynghorydd Gareth Lloyd Davies yn datgan cysylltiad personol gan ei fod yn gweithio i Fwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr (BIPBC).

Cyflwynodd y Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cefnogi Cymunedol adroddiad gan y Prif Reolwr – Gwasanaethau Cefnogi Cymunedol (dosbarthwyd yn flaenorol) a oedd yn rhoi diweddariad i'r Pwyllgor ar gynnydd a wnaed hyd yma i ddatblygu trefniadau cymunedol i gefnogi rhyddhau amserol o'r ysbyty yn Sir Ddinbych.

Roedd yr adroddiad y gofynnodd y Pwyllgor amdano yn rhoi gwybodaeth ar:

- Oedi wrth drosglwyddo gofal, Rhyddhau a Llif;
- Clwstwr Camu i Lawr a Thîm Camu i Lawr;
- Gweithio gyda a chefnogi Cartrefi Gofal;
- Gweithgaredd cymunedol presennol i gefnogi rhyddhau amserol trwy atal;
- Cynlluniau a pheilotau ar gyfer y dyfodol; a
- Gwell cyfathrebu a hynny'n rheolaidd

Yn ystod ei gyflwyniad, hysbysodd y Pennaeth Gwasanaeth yn ystod chwarter cyntaf 2017-2018 y bu ond un achos o Oedi wrth Drosglwyddo Gofal yn Sir Ddinbych ar y 'dyddiau cyfrifiad' penodol. Roedd sefydlu'r gwasanaeth Un Pwynt Mynediad a'r Clwstwr a'r Tîm Camu i Lawr wedi helpu i wella perfformiad yn y maes hwn, ond yn bwysicach i helpu unigolion i ddychwelyd gartref gyda chefnogaeth briodol ddigonol. Gwasanaethau eraill oedd wedi cyfrannu'n sylweddol tuag at ostyngiad yn yr Oedi Cyn Trosglwyddo Gofal oedd argaeledd y Gwasanaeth Ymarferydd Nyrsio Uwch a Gwasanaeth Nyrsio Ardal 24 awr y dydd, 7 diwrnod yr wythnos. Roedd yn galonogol adrodd bod yr awdurdod lleol a Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr yn gweithio'n barhaus gyda'i gilydd ar bob lefel i dynnu holl rwystrau ac ymdrechu i gael gwasanaethau di-dor gwell. Fodd bynnag, roedd yna rai agweddau o waith iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol yn parhau'n anodd i'w

gorchfygu e.e. pwysau ar wasanaethau gofal yn y cartref yn ardal wledig yn ne'r sir. Pwysleisiodd Cyfarwyddwr Ardal Cynorthwyol Gwasanaethau Therapi BIPBC fod gwaith ataliol yn allweddol i leddfu'r pwysau ar ysbytai a gwasanaethau dwys eraill.

Yn ystod y drafodaeth, roedd aelodau'r Pwyllgor yn:

- croesawu'r dull integredig gan y gwasanaethau lechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol tuag at gefnogi rhyddhau cleifion o'r ysbyty a sicrhau bod gwasanaethau perthnasol eraill i'w cefnogi ar ôl cael eu rhyddhau, gan gynnwys dioddefwyr dementia; a
- chrosawyd dyhead yr Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Les (WIA) i ddarparu gwasanaethau iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol oedd yn diwallu Safonau'r Iaith Gymraeg.

Mewn ymateb i bwyntiau a godwyd gan y Pwyllgor, roedd y swyddogion lechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol yn:

- cadarnhau eu bod wedi cael anawsterau yn recriwtio digon o siaradwyr Cymraeg mewn rhai disgyblaethau iechyd/gofal cymdeithasol i ddiwallu'r dyhead yn yr Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Les, roedd gofal cartref yn un o'r meysydd hyn;
- dweud eu bod yn gweithio'n agos gydag ysgolion a cholegau lleol gyda'r bwriad o hybu gyrfaedd o fewn gwasanaethau lechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol;
- roedd datblygu'r gweithlu'n gwneud cynnydd ar sail ranbarthol o dan arweiniad Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Cyngor Gwynedd;
- egluro mewn manylder y broses Camu i Lawr ar gyfer rhyddhau o'r ysbyty a chefnogi annibyniaeth unigolyn gartref; ac
- amlinellodd effeithiolrwydd y Tîm Adnoddau Cymunedol yn y Rhyl, a'u cynlluniau i gyflwyno'r dull gwasanaethau integredig hwn i rannau eraill o'r sir maes o law, gan gynnwys Dinbych, Prestatyn a Rhuthun.

Ar ddiwedd y drafodaeth:

**PENDERFYNWYD** yn amodol ar y sylwadau uchod:

- Llongyfarch y Gwasanaethau lechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol ar y gwaith a wnaed hyd yma i gefnogi rhyddhau amserol o'r ysbyty; a*
- chefnogi cynlluniau a pheilotau yn y dyfodol, o fewn ysbytai ac yn y gymuned, a anelwyd at wella canlyniadau i'r unigolion.*

## **9 CYLLIDEBAU CYFUN**

Roedd y Cynghorydd Gareth Lloyd Davies yn datgan cysylltiad personol gan ei fod yn gweithio i Fwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr (BIPBC).

Cyflwynodd y Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cefnogi Cymunedol yr adroddiad (dosbarthwyd yn flaenorol). Dywedodd bod yr adroddiad, oedd yn amlinellu profiad y Cyngor mewn perthynas â sefydlu a gweithredu trefniadau dwy 'gyllideb gyfun' gyda'r Gwasanaeth lechyd yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r aelodau yn unol â'u cais. Byddai hyn cyn y gofyniad i sefydlu a gweithredu 'cyllideb gyfun' rhwng y ddau ar gyfer

comisiynu gwasanaethau gofal preswyl. Roedd 'cyllideb gyfun' y gwasanaethau gofal preswyl' angen cael ei sefydlu erbyn Ebrill 2018 yn unol â darpariaethau'r Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014.

Roedd y trefniadau 'cyllideb gyfun' a amlinellwyd yn yr adroddiad yn ymwneud â'r Gwasanaeth Offer Cymunedol (CESI) a'r Gwasanaeth Gweithwyr Cefnogi Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol). Roedd trefniadau ar gyfer y ddau wasanaeth wedi eu manylu yn yr adroddiad ynghyd â'r cefndir cyfreithiol perthnasol ar gyfer eu sefydlu. Roedd hefyd yn cynnwys gwybodaeth ar faterion ariannol, materion llywodraethu, barn budd-ddeiliaid ar effeithiolrwydd y trefniadau 'cyllideb gyfun' a gwersi a ddysgwyd gan y ddau wrth gynllunio ar gyfer trefniadau 'cyllideb gyfun' mwy yn y dyfodol.

Ar ôl cyflwyno'r adroddiad, dywedodd Cyfarwyddwr Ardal Cynorthwyol Gwasanaethau Therapi BIPBC o safbwynt trefniadau CESI, roedd cleifion nawr yn derbyn gwasanaeth di-dor, oedd yn darparu'r offer iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol yr oeddent eu hangen i gefnogi eu hannibyniaeth yn brydlon.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiynau gan aelodau, roedd y swyddogion Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yn:

- dweud y byddai amrywiaeth ehangach o offer nawr ar gael gan CESI. Pan gafodd y gwasanaeth ei sefydlu, nid oedd eitemau fel 'matresi lliniaru gwasgedd' a gyflenwyd gan y Gwasanaeth Iechyd bryd hynny ar gael. Fodd bynnag, dros y blynyddoedd roedd y Gwasanaeth wedi esblygu ac roedd arian y Gwasanaeth Iechyd mewn amrywiol gyllidebau adrannol wedi eu rhyddhau i'r 'gyllideb gyfun'. Roedd hyn wedi cynorthwyo CESI i ehangu a chyflenwi pob math o offer iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol.
- rhoi trosolwg o brisiau rhai mathau o offer, a oedd yn amrywio'n fawr;
- cadarnhau bod offer wedi'i ddefnyddio a ddychwelwyd i CESI yn cael ei asesu, ei wasanaethu a'i lanhau gan arbenigwyr cyn ei roi i unigolion eraill. Roedd amnest hefyd wedi'i gynnal i alluogi pobl i ddychwelyd offer nad oeddent ei angen mwyach i'r gwasanaeth;
- byddai anghenion pob unigolyn yn cael eu hasesu gan weithwyr proffesiynol iechyd/gofal cymdeithasol cyn penderfynu pa offer/gymorth fyddai'n cynorthwyo ac yn cefnogi eu gofal a'u hannibyniaeth; a
- cadarnhau nad oedd arian a roddwyd yn y 'gyllidebau cyfun' presennol gan y gwasanaethau Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol yn arian ychwanegol a roddwyd iddynt ar gyfer y diben hwn. Roedd yn arian a roddwyd i'r ddau wasanaeth fel rhan o'u cyllideb gyffredinol a glustnodwyd gan wasanaethau ar gyfer offer gwaith HSCSW. Drwy gyfuno'r arian hwn roedd yn helpu'r Gwasanaeth Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol i gynyddu eu pŵer 'prynu/comisiynu' ar gyfer offer a gwasanaethau. Yn ogystal, gall arian grant sy'n weddill, os yn briodol gael ei gynnwys mewn cyllideb gyfun yn dibynnu ar ddiben gwreiddiol y grant.

Roedd y Pwyllgor yn:

**PENDERFYNU** derbyn y wybodaeth a ddarparwyd mewn perthynas â sefydlu a gweithredu trefniadau 'cyllideb gyfun' presennol rhwng y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a'r Gwasanaeth Iechyd, gan gynnwys gwersi a ddysgwyd o'r

*profiadau hynny wrth i'r Cyngor baratoi i ymuno â threfniadau 'cyllideb gyfun' gorfodol yn y dyfodol yn unol â gofynion y Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014.*

## **10 RHAGLEN WAITH ARCHWILIO**

Cyflwynodd y Cydlynnydd Archwilio adroddiad (a ddsbarthwyd yn flaenorol) yn gofyn i'r Aelodau adolygu Rhaglen Gwaith y Pwyllgor a rhoi diweddariad ar faterion perthnasol.

Yn ystod y drafodaeth:

- Cytunwyd i ychwanegu Strategaeth Digartrefedd Sir Ddinbych 2017-21 a'r Cynllun Atal Digartrefedd/Cefnogi Pobl 2018/19 i'r rhaglen waith ar gyfer y cyfarfod ar 2 Tachwedd
- Cytunwyd i ohirio eitem Un Pwynt Mynediad ar gyfer y cyfarfod ar 14 Rhagfyr 2017
- Cytunwyd i wahodd Aelodau Arweiniol perthnasol ar y Cabinet i gyfarfod o'r Pwyllgor yn y dyfodol ar gyfer eitemau sy'n berthnasol i'w portffolios.
- Cytunwyd i gynnal cyfarfod briffio am 9.30am gyda'r Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau i ddechrau am 10.00am. Byddai hyn yn cael ei dreialu o'r cyfarfod ym mis Tachwedd 2017.

***PENDERFYNWYD*** yn amodol ar y newidiadau yn y Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol, cymeradwyo'r Rhaglen Waith fel y caiff ei manylu yn Atodiad 1 yr adroddiad.

## **11 ADBORTH GAN GYNRYCHIOLWYR Y PWYLLGOR**

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**Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 11.50 a.m.**

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| <b>Adroddiad i'r:</b>           | <b>Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau</b>                                                                            |
| <b>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:</b>      | <b>2 Tachwedd 2017</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>Aelod/Swyddog Arweiniol:</b> | <b>Aelod Arweiniol Gofal Cymdeithasol a Gwasanaethau Plant / Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cymorth Cymunedol</b>            |
| <b>Awdur yr Adroddiad:</b>      | <b>Liana Duffy, Swyddog Comisiynu a Thendro Atal Digartrefedd</b>                                                   |
| <b>Teitl:</b>                   | <b>Strategaeth Digartrefedd Sir Ddinbych 2017-21 a Chynllun Cefnogi Pobl/Atal Digartrefedd Sir Ddinbych 2018/19</b> |

## 1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Strategaeth Digartrefedd Sir Ddinbych 2017-21 (y Strategaeth – Atodiad 1) a Chynllun Cefnogi Pobl/Atal Digartrefedd Sir Ddinbych 2018/19 (y Cynllun – Atodiad 2) – y mae'r ddau ohonynt yn amlinellu cynlluniau a chamau gweithredu'r Tîm Atal Digartrefedd (a'n partneriaid) ar gyfer mynd i'r afael â digartrefedd a'i achosion.

## 2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Galluogi'r Pwyllgor Archwilio i ystyried a gwneud sylwadau ar y Strategaeth a'r Cynllun cyn eu cyflwyno ger bron y Cabinet ym mis Rhagfyr 2017, a'r Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol ym mis Ionawr 2018.

## 3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Bod y Pwyllgor yn:

- 3.1 ystyried y Strategaeth (Atodiad 1) a'r Cynllun (Atodiad 2) ac adrodd yn ôl gydag unrhyw sylwadau ac argymhellion;
- 3.2 cadarnhau ei fod wedi darllen, deall ac ystyried yr Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Les (Atodiadau 1(a) a 2(a)) fel rhan o'i ystyriaethau.

## 4. Manylion yr adroddiad

4.1

Ar hyn o bryd, mae'r Tîm Atal Digartrefedd yn Sir Ddinbych (sy'n cynnwys Cefnogi Pobl a digartrefedd statudol, a arferai gael ei alw'n Datrysiadau Tai) wrthi'n datblygu ei Strategaeth Digartrefedd 4 blynedd (Atodiad 1) a'i Gynllun Blyneddol ar gyfer 2018/19 (Atodiad 2).

- 4.2 Mae Cefnogi Pobl yn Rhaglen gan Lywodraeth Cymru sy'n ariannu cefnogaeth ar gyfer amrediad eang o brosiectau i bobl 16 + sy'n ddigartref neu mewn perygl o fod yn ddigartref. Y nod yw atal digartrefedd lle bynnag y bo hynny'n bosibl, gweithio gyda'r gymuned a'n partneriaid i nodi a mynd i'r afael â'i achosion, a grymuso pobl i fyw mor annibynnol ag sy'n bosibl. Digartrefedd statudol yw'r ymateb cyfreithiol pan fo rhywun

yn ddigartref neu dan fygythiad o ddigartrefedd, sy'n cynnwys cefnogaeth i atal a datrys digartrefedd a darparu llety dros dro pan fo hynny'n briodol.

4.3 Mae Deddf Tai (Cymru) 2014 yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i bob Awdurdod Lleol gynnal adolygiad o ddigartrefedd yn eu hardal ac yna datblygu Strategaeth Digartrefedd yn seiliedig ar ganfyddiadau'r adolygiad. Dyma Strategaeth Digartrefedd gyntaf Sir Ddinbych, sy'n rhoi manylion ein 6 blaenoriaeth strategol ar gyfer y 4 blynedd nesaf i fynd i'r afael â digartrefedd yn Sir Ddinbych ac, yn y pen draw, cael gwared arno'n gyfan gwbl – gydag ymrwymiad cadarn i ymyrryd yn gynnar ac atal.

4.4 Dyma'r 6 Blaenoriaeth Strategol a nodir yn y Strategaeth Digartrefedd:

- **Datblygu Gwasanaeth Atal Digartrefedd cyfannol**
- **Atal digartrefedd yn erbyn y prif achosion.**
- **Lleihau'r defnydd o lety dros dro, a cheisio rhoi diwedd ar ddefnyddio llety Gwely a Brecwast.**
- **Gwella mynediad at lety**
- **Datblygu ymagwedd integredig ar gyfer pobl ddigartref gydag anghenion cymhleth**
- **Atal pobl ifanc rhag mynd yn ddigartref**

4.5 Mae Llywodraeth Cymru hefyd yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i ni gyflwyno Cynllun Blynyddol i'r Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol ym mis Ionawr bob blwyddyn. Mae ein Cynllun Blynyddol yn rhoi trosolwg o'n blaenoriaethau a'n cynlluniau ar gyfer 2018/19, pam rydym ni'n gwneud yr hyn rydym ni'n ei wneud a beth mae hyn yn ei olygu i'r bobl y mae'n effeithio arnynt. Mae'r Cynllun Blynyddol yn rhan allweddol o'n llwyddiant i gyflawni yn erbyn y Strategaeth 4 blynedd, gyda ffocws ar ddatblygu gwasanaethau a gomisiynir.

4.6 Dyma'r 5 Blaenoriaeth Strategol a nodir ar gyfer y Cynllun Blynyddol:

- **Cynnwys Dinasyddion** – wrth wraidd cynllunio a darparu ein gwasanaethau
- **Y Strategaeth Digartrefedd** – cefnogi ei datblygiad a'i gweithrediad; blaenoriaeth gyffredinol sy'n gosod ein cyfeiriad am y 4 blynedd nesaf
- **Cynaliadwyedd gwasanaethau cynnal sy'n ymwneud â thai** – yng nghydestun toriadau i wariant cyhoeddus (gan gynnwys dros 20% o doriadau (£1.5 miliwn) i'r Grant Cefnogi Pobl ers 2012), a diwygiadau lles
- **Trechu Tlodi**
- **Cydgomisiynu/Cydweithredu** – yn lleol ac yn rhanbarthol

4.7 Bydd y Cynllun Blynyddol hefyd yn cynnwys cynllun gwario blynyddol llawn ar gyfer y Grant Cefnogi Pobl; ond nid yw'n bosibl cynhyrchu cynllun gwario nes bydd ein cyllideb yn cael ei chadarnhau gan Lywodraeth Cymru. Mae'n rhaid i gost Cynllun Gwario Cefnogi Pobl fod wedi'i gynnwys o fewn yr arian sydd ar gael.

## 5. **Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?**

Bydd y camau gweithredu arfaethedig o fewn y Strategaeth a'r Cynllun Blynyddol yn cyfrannu at gefnogi Cynllun Corfforaethol Sir Ddinbych 2017-22 yn y meysydd canlynol:

- Mae pawb yn cael eu cefnogi i fyw mewn cartrefi sy'n bodloni eu hanghenion



- Mae'r Cyngor yn gweithio gyda phobl a chymunedau i gynyddu annibyniaeth a chadernid
- Mae pobl iau eisiau byw a gweithio yma, ac mae ganddynt y sgiliau i wneud hynny

## **6. Faint fydd yn ei gostio a sut fydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?**

Bydd gan gamau gweithredu gofynnol y Strategaeth 4 blynedd oblygiadau sylweddol ar gyfer y gyllideb ddigartrefedd statudol a'r Grant Cefnogi Pobl - y mae'r olaf o'r rhain wedi'i glustnodi gan Lywodraeth Cymru, ac y mae'r cyntaf yn dod o'r gyllideb Gwasanaethau Cymorth Cymunedol ganolog. Fel gydag unrhyw strategaeth o'r fath, bydd angen buddsoddiad adnoddau sylweddol. Bydd hyn yn cael ei reoli o fewn y cyllidebau presennol sydd wedi'u dyrannu; ond bydd gofyn hefyd i'r Tîm Atal Digartrefedd weithio a buddsoddi ar y cyd â phartneriaid mewnol ac allanol. Bydd unrhyw gynlluniau o'r fath yn cael eu datblygu a'u rheoli trwy'r sianelau perthnasol, gan gynnwys y Grŵp Cynllunio Atal Digartrefedd. Mae hefyd yn hanfodol i ni gael cefnogaeth ar bob lefel, gan gynnwys yn gorfforaethol.

## **7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Les?**

- 7.1 Cynhaliwyd Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Les ar gyfer y Strategaeth Digartrefedd ddrafft ar 28/03/2017, ar y cyd ag is-grŵp y Grŵp Llywio Atal Digartrefedd. Sgoriodd y Strategaeth 21 allan o 24 o ran ei gynaliadwyedd, a chasglwyd ei fod yn cael effaith gadarnhaol ar bob un o'r 7 Nod Lles (gyda strategaethau clir wedi'u nodi i fynd i'r afael ag unrhyw ganlyniadau negyddol anfwriadol posibl). Mae'r Strategaeth yn cydnabod yn glir nad materion brics a mortar yn unig sy'n bwysig mewn perthynas â thai, a bod llety a chefnogaeth o safon yn cyfrannu at wella iechyd, lles ac ansawdd bywyd. Adolygwyd yr Asesiad ar ôl i gyfnod ymgynghori ffurfiol y Strategaeth (13/07/2017 - 10/08/2017) ddod i ben, ac nid oedd angen gwneud unrhyw newidiadau – gweler Atodiad 1(a).
- 7.2 Cynhaliwyd Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Les ar gyfer Cynllun Cefnogi Pobl/Atal Digartrefedd drafft 2018/19 ar 18/04/2017, ar y cyd â'r Grŵp Cynllunio Atal Digartrefedd. Nid yw'n syndod i'r Cynllun Blynyddol, yn debyg iawn i'r Strategaeth, sgorio 22 pwynt allan o 24 o ran ei gynaliadwyedd, a nodwyd ei fod yn gwneud cyfraniad cadarnhaol i bob un o'r 7 Nod Lles (gyda strategaethau clir wedi'u nodi i fynd i'r afael ag unrhyw ganlyniadau negyddol anfwriadol posibl). Adolygwyd yr Asesiad ar ôl i gyfnod ymgynghori ffurfiol y Cynllun (27/06/2017 - 22/08/2017) ddod i ben, ac nid oedd angen gwneud unrhyw newidiadau - gweler Atodiad 2(a).

## **8. Pa ymgynghoriadau a gynhaliwyd gydag Archwilio ac eraill?**

- 8.1 Mae'r Strategaeth wedi'i seilio ar ganfyddiadau Adolygiad Digartrefedd 2016, a lywiwyd gan ymgynghoriad sylweddol. Yna, fe'i datblygwyd yn bennaf gan y Grŵp Llywio Atal Digartrefedd amlasiantaeth, gyda mewnbwn ychwanegol gan y Grŵp Cynllunio Atal Digartrefedd (sef Cefnogi Pobl yn flaenorol). Mae hefyd wedi bod trwy gyfnod ymgynghori ffurfiol (13/07/2017 - 10/08/2017), pan geisiwyd adborth dinasyddion, darparwyr gwasanaethau a'n partneriaid eraill.
- 8.2 Mae'r blaenoriaethau a'r camau gweithredu a nodir yn y Cynllun Blynyddol wedi'u llywio gan ystod o wybodaeth y buom yn ei chasglu drwy gydol y flwyddyn, gan gynnwys barn dinasyddion, gyda'n Swyddog Cynnwys Dinasyddion yn cydweithio'n

agos ar brosiectau i sicrhau bod lleisiau pobl yn cael eu clywed. Ar bob cam yn natblygiad y Cynllun, ymgynghorwyd â'r Grŵp Cynllunio Atal Digartrefedd, a chafwyd eu cymeradwyaeth. Bu'r Cynllun hefyd trwy gyfnod ymgynghori ffurfiol (27/06/2017 - 22/08/2017), pan gafodd ei drafod mewn nifer o fforymau cynllunio ac eraill.

8.3 Ymgynghorwyd ar y Strategaeth a'r Cynllun hefyd yn y Diwrnod Atal Digartrefedd Blyneddol ym mis Awst, a fynychwyd gan nifer o ddinasyddion a budd-ddeiliaid eraill.

## **9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid**

Bydd y goblygiadau o ran cost yn dod yn fwy eglur wrth i'r ddau gynllun ddatblygu. Er y credir bod lefelau cyllido'r grant Cefnogi Pobl yn sefydlog ar y cyfan yn y tymor byr, gallai newidiadau i bolisi neu ddsbarthiad gael effaith yn y dyfodol. Dull cyffredinol y cyngor yw pasio gostyngiadau mewn arian grant ymlaen i'r maes gwasanaeth a ddarperir.

## **10. Pa risgiau sydd yna ac oes yna unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?**

Er gwaethaf cyhoeddiadau cyllideb diweddar gan Lywodraeth Cymru yn nodi na fydd y Grant Cefnogi Pobl yn cael ei leihau ar lefel genedlaethol, gallai Llywodraeth Cymru barhau o hyd gyda fformiwla ailddosbarthu'r Grant CP. Byddai hyn yn golygu gostyngiad yn y grant i Sir Ddinbych. Mae Sir Ddinbych wrthi'n cynllunio'n barhaus i liniaru unrhyw ostyngiad yn y grant yn y dyfodol, er mwyn sicrhau bod y cynllun yn parhau'n ariannol hyfyw ac o fewn yr adnoddau sydd ar gael.

## **11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad**

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**Denbighshire County Council**

# **Homelessness Strategy 2017-2021**

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## Foreword

This is Denbighshire County Council's first Homelessness Strategy following the implementation of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

The reasons for being homeless or threatened with homelessness are many and varied and often extremely complex. The expertise and specialist knowledge of a range of organisations, both statutory, non-statutory, and voluntary, is often of vital importance in ensuring that the right advice and support is given at the right time.

Factors such as poverty, poor physical and mental health, substance misuse and addiction, domestic abuse, chaotic lifestyles and offending history are often far too common in the lives of people threatened with homelessness. These issues cannot be addressed effectively by any single agency working on its own. The principle applies not only to how we help individuals but also to how we plan and develop our services.

Working closely together we can make a really positive difference across Denbighshire to homelessness and its impact not only upon those directly affected, but also to our communities and neighbourhoods.

This Strategy reflects our strong commitment to early intervention and prevention, by continuing to invest in and improve the effectiveness and response of front line homelessness services, and through working with partners to ensure that homelessness is prevented as early as possible whenever possible.

We seek to enable people to make their own informed choices for housing they can afford and sustain. Our approach is to develop person-centered solutions, minimising the impact of homelessness on people's lives, whilst developing local solutions to create opportunities to enable people to help themselves – with support when and where needed.

### Our vision is simple – To End Homelessness in Denbighshire

This Strategy provides the platform for making this vision a reality.



**Councillor Bobby Feeley**  
Lead Member for Well-being and Independence

## Introduction

Preventing homelessness is a key priority for Denbighshire County Council and its partners.

The economic and social cost of homelessness can be significant. At a personal level, homelessness can have a profound effect on health, education and employment prospects. At a social level, homelessness can impact on social cohesion and economic participation, affecting the community as a whole.

The implementation of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 signaled both a legislative and cultural shift in the Council's response to homelessness. Denbighshire County Council now places a high priority on tackling and responding to homelessness. Every case is treated as potentially preventable, with a focus on delivering individually tailored solutions with citizens.

This is Denbighshire's first Homelessness Strategy following the implementation of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014. (Denbighshire's strategies for homelessness have previously been captured within the broader Housing Strategy.)

This strategy for 2017-21 will build on the successes achieved to date by the Council's Housing Solutions and Supporting People teams (now aligned as the Denbighshire Homelessness Prevention Team) and seeks to further develop and enhance existing services and initiatives.

This strategy has been developed in consultation with citizens and partner agencies. We recognise that homelessness cannot be tackled by the Local Authority working in isolation, rather it is dependent upon effective joint working between the Local Authority and all organisations who are working to prevent and respond to homelessness.

The Housing (Wales) Act 2014 requires every local authority to carry out a review of homelessness in their area, and to develop a Homelessness Strategy based on the review findings. Under the Act, the Strategy must seek to achieve the following objectives in the local authority area:

- a) **The prevention of homelessness**
- b) **Suitable accommodation is and will be available for people who are or may become homeless**
- c) **Satisfactory support is available for people who are or may become homeless**

This Strategy has been developed in response to the findings of the Homelessness Review 2016, which provides a comprehensive understanding of homelessness across Denbighshire. The Review identified issues and gaps in service provision, which this strategy will seek to address.

Partnership working is fundamental to this Homelessness Strategy. Many people have multiple needs that extend beyond the basic need for a home. It is not possible for Denbighshire County Council to meet those needs in isolation. It is therefore essential to work in partnership in order to prevent homelessness and offer sustainable housing solutions.

This strategy should be seen as a multi-agency document. We have worked closely with our partners through the Preventing Homelessness Steering Group to produce this strategy. It is intended that the strategy be inclusive in its approach and partner agencies continue to work closely with the council to assist in its delivery.

The strategy will cover the period April 2017 to March 2021. Denbighshire's Homelessness Forum will play a key role in the delivery of the Homelessness Strategy's action plan.

## Our Vision

**Denbighshire's vision is simple: We aim to end homelessness.**

We will do this through a multi-agency approach to homeless prevention ensuring:

- Early intervention
- Holistic assessments and planning
- Access to safe and suitable accommodation
- Joint working & collaboration
- Support
- Tolerance
- Resilience & empowerment
- Follow up support where and when needed
- A focus on Tackling Poverty
- Support to move into employment and education

**Working in partnership is absolutely fundamental to achieving this vision.**

## Our objectives:

- To effectively prevent homelessness by offering good realistic advice and support together with practical help and individually tailored solutions.
- To understand and tackle the root causes of homelessness at a local level.
- Where people do become homeless, to help them to find and sustain suitable homes as soon as possible.
- To involve people citizens in planning services to meet their individual needs.
- To improve how we work together so services are easier to use and make the best use of available resources.
- To ensure our responses to homelessness promote citizen choice, equality of opportunity, reduce social exclusion and contribute to community cohesion.
- The delivery of high quality front line services, whilst making the best use of resources.

Our approach is to develop person-centered solutions, minimising the impact of homelessness on people's lives, whilst developing local solutions to create opportunities to enable people to help themselves and develop resilience – with support when and where needed.

### **Over the lifetime of this Strategy we aim to:**

- Reduce the number of households residing in temporary accommodation by 50%.
- Seek to end the use of bed and breakfast accommodation for all homeless households except as emergency accommodation to prevent rough sleeping.
- Ensure that no household has to sleep rough.
- Ensure that homelessness is prevented wherever possible through the delivery of bespoke personal housing plans and access to affordable and sustainable accommodation.
- Reduce youth homelessness and ensure that no 16/17 year olds are placed in B&B.
- Increase the provision and range of accommodation options available to single homeless people.

## Building upon Successes

While we still have a way to go to achieve our aims, since the introduction of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 Denbighshire County Council and its partners have made a number of significant achievements in relation to homelessness and its prevention, including:

- Establishment of a multi-agency Homelessness Prevention Steering Group.
- Launch of Denbighshire's Homelessness Forum.
- Restructuring of the Housing Solutions team in response to the requirements of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.
- Introduction of personal housing plans.
- Alignment of the Housing Solutions and Supporting People teams under one Team Manager, forming the Homelessness Prevention Team, resulting in effective collaborative working.
- Investment in additional posts within the Homelessness Prevention Team to focus on homelessness prevention
- Development of a triage service through the Wallich GIFT service
- Development of an effective private landlord offer, increasing the provision of affordable accommodation available to citizens.
- Relief of homelessness by assisting households to access accommodation in the private rented sector.
- Homelessness Prevention protocols introduced and processes developed to support the Act.
- Establishing the Renting Ready scheme.
- Introduction of effective Severe Weather Emergency Protocol.
- Development of a direct access emergency bed service (Ty Golau)
- Establishment of an outreach service.
- Development of a Young Persons Positive Pathway approach.
- Development of protocols between key partners such as Shelter, Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) and Community Housing
- Protocol developed between Homelessness Prevention and Public Protection to ensure safe housing is accessed.
- Prevention of homelessness through Citizens Advice county court advocacy service.
- Piloting of Supporting People Personal Budget projects for rough sleepers and people with complex support needs.
- Development of Denbighshire Supporting People Reconnection Guidance
- Funds secured from the Substance Misuse Action Fund to purchase home starter packs, to help people with substance use issues resettle after being homeless.
- Introduction of a Single Access Route to Housing (SARTH), which provides a single point of access for applying for social housing.

These successes have been achieved through the high priority placed on homelessness prevention and the continuing work in delivering practical homelessness solutions. As a consequence, a strong network of partnerships and services has been developed to support those who are either threatened with or experiencing homelessness.



**'Jane'** lost her accommodation following an illegal eviction. At first she moved in with her mum, but this was in an extra care scheme, so wasn't an option for the long term. She ended up feeling she had no other choice than to move back in with her ex-wife.

Jane is transgender, but circumstances with her ex-wife meant she had to dress as a male – seriously impacting on her mental health.

Jane hurried to find her own accommodation, and moved into a property on a short lease, in a poor state of disrepair. She had come into contact with the Homelessness Prevention Team, and been offered support, but felt she could not face going into temporary homeless accommodation with her teenage son – who, having severe epilepsy and a learning disability, was dependent on Jane for his care.

Jane's story shows how homelessness can affect anyone, and shines a light on some of the difficulties and barriers people can face in their journeys to prevent and resolve their homelessness – as well as the importance of early intervention. The Homelessness Prevention Team will continue to work with Jane to find more suitable accommodation for her and her son, where they can achieve better quality of life.

**'Helens'** landlord had just issued her with an eviction notice – they were selling the property.

Helen had several health problems, including having suffered a stroke. A Homelessness Prevention Officer (HPO) visited Helen at home, and saw that while friends and relatives provided invaluable support, Helen's quality of life wasn't as it should be – not able to manage the stairs, she was basically living in her bedroom. The HPO needed to help Helen to improve her quality of life, as well as prevent crisis point.

The HPO contacted SARTH (the Single Access Route to Housing), and explained the situation in detail. Based on this, Helen was put into Band 1, and was soon after allocated a bungalow just up the road.

Helen sent a card to her HPO, describing in just a few words the huge difference this had made to her life.

*"Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for all your work on getting me my beautiful bungalow. You've made me very happy."*

**'Sally'** contacted the Citizens Advice Denbighshire court advocate prior to her possession hearing. She had been working previously, but due to mental health issues aggravated by stress, including dealing with a bereavement, she had to leave work approximately 12 months ago. Sally had taken a long time to apply for benefits after leaving work, which had left her in significant rent arrears (over £2,000) with her Housing Association landlord. Sally had also amassed other debts, and had kept all of this from her family

With the support of the Housing Association's Financial Welfare Officer, Sally had applied for a Discretionary Housing Payment. Following a 2 week adjournment of the hearing to await the outcome (and to allow Sally time to discuss the situation with her family), confirmation came that Sally would be given some financial assistance with her rent arrears. Further help was to be given, as long as Sally engaged with Citizens Advice to set up a more sustainable plan moving forward.

The lump sum persuaded the Judge to adjourn the matter generally at the next hearing. Sally is now working with Citizens Advice Denbighshire around managing her debts, and talking with her family about how they can work together to manage their finances in future.

## Summary of the Homelessness Review Findings

This Strategy is based upon the findings of a comprehensive review of homelessness across Denbighshire. This included both primary research and an in-depth desk-top analysis of data from the Council and other agencies to identify key issues and trends. This analysis has been supplemented by wider data on the population across Denbighshire, economic factors, health inequalities, and the housing market, alongside extensive consultation with citizens and other stakeholders.

The Homelessness Review provides a very detailed understanding of the levels and causes of homelessness in Denbighshire, together with an overview of the services available to those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. The Review provides the evidence base upon which this Homelessness Strategy has been developed.

### The key findings from the Homelessness Review were:

- Affordability is a significant issue within parts of Denbighshire in relation to owner occupation and privately renting. Low levels of income and reliance on benefits among households in housing need further exacerbates the problem.
- The main causes of homelessness in Denbighshire are; loss of rented or tied accommodation, parents and relatives no longer willing to accommodate, relationship breakdown, domestic abuse and leaving prison.
- There is a need to develop a range of prevention tools focused at preventing the main causes of homelessness.
- The Homelessness Prevention service has had some success in preventing homelessness by assisting households to access private rented accommodation. However, more work needs to be done to fully embed a proactive prevention approach, with a particular emphasis on enabling households to remain in their existing accommodation.
- Over the last two years there has been an increase in the use of temporary accommodation. There are high numbers of households in temporary accommodation and too much use of Bed & Breakfast type accommodation. Work will need to be undertaken to reduce these numbers and ensure effective though put and move on.
- We need to continue to source more suitable temporary accommodation properties to avoid the use of Bed & Breakfast. Further work is needed to more fully understand the temporary accommodation requirements and how these are best met.
- There are a very high proportion of single people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. Specific housing options and prevention solutions need to be developed to meet the needs of single people, including those who don't fall into a priority need category.
- There is a need to develop greater options and provision for single people under the age of 35 in particular, including lodgings, house shares and high quality bedsits/HMOs.
- Young people are over-represented in the homelessness statistics and Supporting People

data, when compared with census data, indicating a lack of suitable and affordable housing options for young people. It also indicates that young people are at a greater risk of becoming homeless.

- There is a need for a holistic approach that includes support around; debt, money management, resilience and worklessness. This approach needs to commence at the assessment stage and carry through to the delivery of the Personal Housing Plans.
- We need to strengthen our partnership working with key agencies such as Citizens Advice Denbighshire and Shelter Cymru to effectively prevent homelessness and stop it from reoccurring.
- There are a very high number of complex cases, including both single people and families with multiple and challenging needs. The Homelessness Prevention service has struggled to find sustainable solutions for these households. There is a need to have a better quantitative and qualitative understanding of these issues, alongside understanding if existing provision meets the needs of these citizens.
- There is a need to increase awareness of the Homelessness Prevention Service and other services available across Denbighshire to ensure that citizens and other partners are aware of what is available and how to access it. This is especially important if early intervention and prevention is to be achieved.
- There has been an increase in the number of evictions from social housing in 2015/16 due to rent arrears. It is essential that social housing tenants are able to access debt and money advice alongside the development of a pre-eviction protocol.
- In recent years significant work has been undertaken to improve the services for people who are sleeping rough. To build upon this a full 'No Second Night Out' offer needs to be developed, which may include the provision of Safe Seats, alongside looking to develop a 'No First Night Out' service. There is also a need to review the provision of day services to ensure a best practice approach to ending rough sleeping.
- There are high levels of demand for Supported Accommodation. Move on from Supported Housing can be problematic, with many single people struggling to find affordable and suitable move on accommodation.
- Former prisoners account for a very significant number of people accessing Homelessness Prevention services. There is a need to ensure that the Prisoner Pathway works much more effectively resulting in a more coordinated approach and better support for people leaving custody.
- The impact of welfare reform set against a backdrop of a difficult economic climate and on-going personal debt will continue to pose particular challenges and make it even more important that services for those at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness, are as effective as possible. There is need to work in partnership with a range of key agencies to prepare citizens for further changes to welfare benefits and identify a range of strategies to prevent homelessness as a result of welfare reform.

- There is a need to maximise access to social housing for households who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. Following the implementation of SARTH in April 2017 the development of any new Allocations Scheme should ensure that the needs of this client group are met, alongside promoting planned moves and supporting prevention activity.
- Consultation identified that the vast majority of citizens had a positive experience of the Homelessness Prevention service. However, responses indicate that there is inconsistency in the service citizens receive, and often a lack of ongoing contact. We need to build on the progress which has been made in strengthening the quality of this service.

An Executive Summary of the Homelessness Review can be found [\[web address to be inserted\]](#). The full Homelessness Review is available upon request from the Homelessness Prevention Team.

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## Strategic Context

Denbighshire's Homelessness Strategy has been developed in the context of a wide range of national, regional and local policies, strategies and plans. These are covered in considerable detail within the Homelessness Review, however the key ones are detailed below.

### i. National Strategic context

- **National Housing Strategy – ‘Improving Lives and Communities – Homes in Wales’**

The Strategy recognises that investing in housing is not only about bricks and mortar issues, besides improving people's homes, it brings benefits for people too, contributing to improving their health, wellbeing and quality of life.

The Strategy's priorities are:

- Providing more housing of the right type and offering more choice;
- Improving homes and communities, including the energy efficiency of new and existing homes;
- Improving housing-related services and support, particularly for vulnerable people and people from minority groups.

- **Ten Year Homelessness Plan for Wales**

In 2009 the Welsh Government published its 10 Year Homelessness Plan for Wales. The Ten Year Plan sets out some guiding principles for the development and delivery of homelessness services.

The strategic aims underlying the Plan are:

- Preventing homelessness wherever possible;
- Working across organisational and policy boundaries;
- Placing the service user at the centre of service delivery;
- Ensuring social inclusion and equality of access to services;
- Making the best use of resources.

The plan's vision is to reduce homelessness and its impact. At the heart of achieving this vision is ensuring that everyone can receive the help they need to avoid becoming homeless. Where homelessness cannot be prevented, the plan seeks to ensure that the amount of distress, deprivation and disadvantage that can be caused is kept to an absolute minimum. To do this, services need to be easily accessible, readily available, designed around and responsive to the needs of the people who use them.

- **Housing (Wales) Act 2014**

Part two of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 created multiple changes in the duties that Local Authorities owe to people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness within 56 days.

These changes include:

- New duties for local authorities to help prevent homelessness for anyone who asks for help



- Involving people in designing their own solutions, by jointly developing a Personal Housing Plan looking not just at immediate housing problems but also at any underlying issues
- Intervening early – within 56 days of homelessness – to prevent people’s situations escalating out of hand
- Removing automatic priority need for prison leavers
- Placing new duties on housing associations to cooperate in homelessness prevention; and
- Allowing local authorities to discharge homelessness duties with an offer of private rented accommodation without the consent of the applicant.

In the longer term the Welsh Government has pledged to remove the intentionality test for all families. It is envisaged this will be introduced from April 2019.

- **Rent Smart Wales**

The Housing (Wales) Act 2014, also introduced the requirement for all private landlords to be registered. Rent Smart Wales ensures that all private rented property in Wales and their landlords are named on a central register. In addition, self-managing landlords and agents who let and manage property must have a licence. In order to get a licence people must be trained in their rights and responsibilities when renting out property to tenants.

- **Equal Ground Standard**

The Equal Ground Standard sets out guidelines to the standard of service that people should receive when they approach Welsh homelessness services. Organisations who sign up to the Equal Ground Standard will demonstrate their commitment to providing a quality, person-centred service. The Standard has been developed by past and current users of housing and homelessness services through the Shelter Cymru Take Notice Project.

- **Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014**

The Act provides the legal framework for improving the wellbeing of people who need care and support and carers who need support and for transforming social services in Wales. The Act changes the way people’s needs are assessed and the way services are delivered, giving people more of a say in the care and support they receive.

- Services will be available to provide the right support at the right time
- More information and advice will be available
- Assessment will be simpler and proportionate
- Carers will have an equal right to be assessed for support
- There will be stronger powers to keep people safe from abuse and neglect.

- **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires public bodies to carry out their functions in a sustainable way which improves the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being – in practice, this means delivering preventative services, considering both short- and long-term needs, and working in collaboration with partners to deliver better outcomes and avoid duplication.

- **Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016**

The Renting Homes (Wales) Act will make it simpler and easier to rent a home, replacing various and complex pieces of existing legislation with one clear legal framework.

With a limited number of exceptions, the act replaces all current tenancies and licences with just two types of occupation contract:

- secure contract - modelled on the current secure tenancy issued by Local Authorities
- standard contract - modelled on the current assured shorthold tenancy used mainly in the private rented sector.

The Act will require landlords to issue a written statement of the occupation contract which clearly sets out the rights and responsibilities of landlords and those renting from them.

- **Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015**

The legislation aims to improve the Public Sector response in Wales to domestic abuse and violence. The Act will:

- Improve arrangements to promote awareness of, and prevent, protect and support victims of gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Introduce a needs-based approach to developing strategies which will ensure strong strategic direction and strengthened accountability
- Ensure strategic level ownership, through the appointment of a Ministerial Adviser who will have a role in advising Welsh Ministers and improving joint working amongst agencies across this sector
- Improve consistency, quality and join-up of service provision in Wales.

- **Ten Year Welsh Substance Misuse Strategy -Working Together to Reduce Harm**

Working Together to Reduce Harm recognises that housing and homelessness prevention services have a vital role to play in helping substance misusers to access the accommodation they need. Housing must be seen as a core element of wrap-around services and be reflected in planning mechanisms.

- **Welfare Reform**

The Government has introduced a series of welfare reforms and changes to the welfare to work provision under the provisions of the Welfare Reform Act of 2012. Welfare Reforms include the introduction of Universal Credit, changes to Housing Benefit Regulations, and introducing a cap on the amount of benefits working aged people can receive.

The impact of welfare reform set against a backdrop of a difficult economic climate will continue to pose particular challenges and make it even more important that services for those at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness, are as effective as possible. In particular young people have been adversely affected by welfare reform and as a result the affordable accommodation options available to young people reliant on benefits has decreased.

## ii. Local Strategic context

### • **Supporting People / Homelessness Prevention Plan 2018/19**

Supporting People is a Welsh Government Programme funding support for people 16+ who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The aim is to prevent homelessness wherever possible, working with the community and partners to identify and tackle its causes and empower people to live as independently as possible. In Denbighshire there are a range of Supporting People Grant commissioned projects, supporting over 1,000 people at any one time. With statutory homelessness (previously known as Housing Solutions), Supporting People is part of the Denbighshire Homelessness Prevention Team.

The Plan's strategic priorities for 2018/19 are:

- Citizen Involvement
- The DCC Homelessness Strategy 2017-21
- The sustainability of housing related support
- Tackling poverty
- Joint-Commissioning/collaboration

### • **Denbighshire Strategic Partnership Board**

The Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) brings together a number of other strategic partnerships; to improve the way partners work to deliver the objectives set out in the Wellbeing Plan.

The Wellbeing Plan focuses on the theme of Independence and Resilience and aims that:

- People are active, connected and contribute to their community
- People take notice of what is going on around them and in doing so keep learning about their world
- People prioritise their wellbeing and actively plan to maintain their independence

### • **Local Safeguarding Children's Board**

The Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) is responsible for protecting children and young people from significant harm, and for promoting their welfare. The LSCB has two main functions: to coordinate all agencies' work to promote the safety and welfare of children and to ensure the effectiveness of that work.

### • **Community Safety Partnership**

The Council is responsible for effectively tackling crime and disorder in Denbighshire. Through partnership working the Council aims to build safer communities and reduce crime, by tackling four key areas: substance misuse; domestic violence; anti-social behaviour and youth offending.

### • **Denbighshire Council's Corporate Plan 2012- 2017**

The Council's corporate plan's priorities are:

- Developing the local economy
- Improving performance in education and the quality of our school buildings
- Improving our roads
- Vulnerable people are protected and are able to live as independently as possible



- Clean and tidy streets
- Ensuring access to good quality housing
- Modernising the council to deliver efficiencies and improve services for our citizens.

The following themes have been developed for Denbighshire's new Corporate Plan 2017-2022:

- A place where younger people will want to live and work and they have the skills to do so
- Communities are connected and have access to goods and services locally, online or through good transport links
- The Council and communities work together to overcome challenges; devising and delivering joint solutions
- People can live independent and fulfilled lives in strong, caring, safe and resilient communities
- Events bring people together, creating active communities and helping business to prosper
- An attractive and protected environment that supports communities' wellbeing and economic prosperity

- **Denbighshire's Housing Strategy 2016-2021**

Denbighshire's Housing Strategy's vision is that *"Everyone is supported with pride to live in homes that meet their needs, within the vibrant and sustainable communities Denbighshire aspires to."* In order to deliver this vision the Strategy is based around the following five themes:

- More Homes to Meet Local Need and Demand
- Creating a Supply of Affordable Homes
- Ensuring Safe and Healthy Homes
- Homes and Support for Vulnerable People
- Promoting and Supporting Communities

- **The Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006-2021**

Covering 2006-2021 and adopted in June 2013, Denbighshire's Local Development Plan (LDP) provides guidelines as to what can be built and where over the course of a 15 year period. Denbighshire's LDP has set aside land available for the development of 7,500 homes over the 15 year life of the plan, some of which has already been delivered.

## Strategic Priorities

The magnitude and complexity of the issues that face the Council and its partners over the next 4 years must not be under- estimated. However, we will strive to address these challenges in partnership, ensuring that our citizens are able to access safe, secure and sustainable accommodation.

This 4 year strategy covers the period 2017 – 2021 and seeks to further strengthen the partnership approach to tackling homelessness across Denbighshire and to continue to make significant improvements across homelessness services. This will be achieved through adoption of the following priorities. Key actions across each of the priorities are detailed in the Homelessness Strategy Action Plan.

The following strategic priorities have been adopted and are based upon the Homelessness Review findings:

**Priority 1** – Developing a holistic Homelessness Prevention Service

**Priority 2** – Prevention of homelessness against the main causes

**Priority 3** – Reducing the use of temporary accommodation and seeking to end the use of Bed & Breakfast

**Priority 4** – Improved access to accommodation

**Priority 5** – Developing an integrated approach for homeless people with complex needs

**Priority 6** – Preventing youth homelessness

## Priority 1 – Developing a holistic Homelessness Prevention Service

Denbighshire County Council recognises that early intervention and prevention is the key to successfully tackling homelessness, alongside addressing the underlying causes of homelessness.

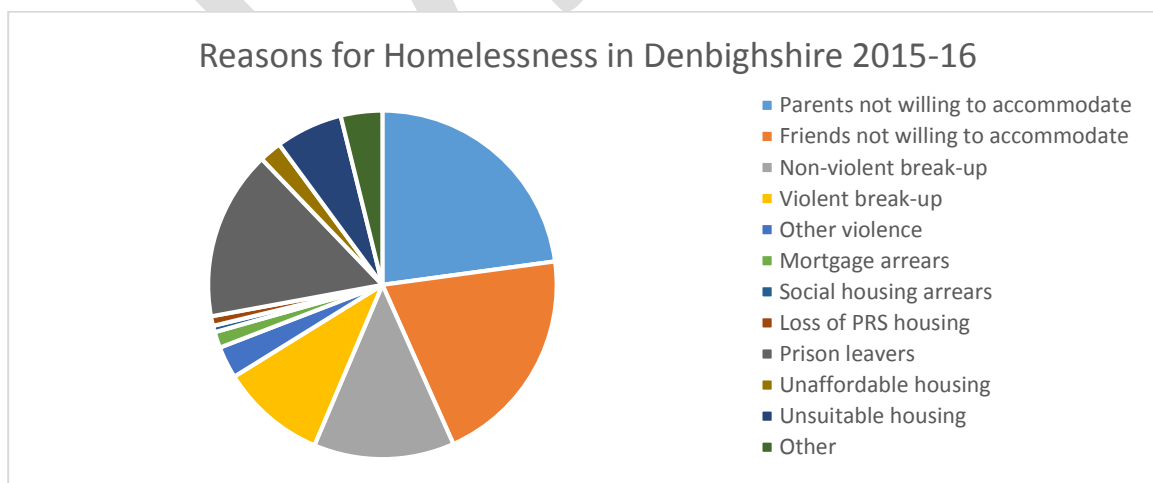
Integral to this approach is the provision of good quality housing advice, bespoke personal housing plans and a range of housing options. In developing our Homelessness Prevention Service it is essential to tackle a dependency culture by promoting choice, building resilience and empowering people to find their own housing solutions.

The provision of good quality timely housing advice is integral to an effective Homelessness Strategy. 1210 households presented to the Housing Solutions service, with a housing need in 2015/16, the vast majority of these citizens were homeless or threatened with homelessness. Information from the Homelessness Review identified that many of these individuals only approached the service when they were in crisis. Consultation with both citizens and partners revealed a lack of awareness of what help and support is available to those threatened with homelessness.

To enhance opportunities for effective homeless prevention it is essential that citizens contact the Homelessness Prevention service as soon as they begin to experience housing problems. We will therefore invest in an awareness raising campaign to raise the profile of the service internally within the Council, with partners and the wider public. In addition to this we will develop resources, including advice factsheets to empower individuals to resolve their own housing issues. In the longer term an interactive Homelessness Prevention ICT package will be able to provide citizens with personal housing solutions plans.

There is a need for a holistic approach that addresses debt, money management, resilience and worklessness. This approach needs to commence at the assessment stage and carry through to the delivery of the Personal Housing Plans.

We will also seek to tackle the underlying causes of homelessness and address the wider needs of citizens including money-management, education, employment and training. This will provide a bespoke package of advice and assistance to tackle not only homelessness but the wider social problems associated with homelessness.



Tackling homelessness requires a partnership approach by many organisations. We will work with partner organisations to ensure that citizens receive quality housing advice, referrals to the Homelessness Prevention Service at the appropriate time and services work together to provide a holistic package of advice and assistance. We will develop protocols further with key partners, complete joint training and ensure effective referral arrangements are in place to assist with the delivery of personal housing plans.

Consultation was an essential component of the Homelessness Review and the Strategy will build on this by ensuring that the citizen sits at the heart of service delivery and that services are developed in response to their needs. Services will be accessible, flexible and responsive to the needs of each homeless household. Citizens will be involved in the planning of services and how they are delivered; this will be achieved by adopting the Equal Ground Standard.

| What we will do to provide a Holistic Housing Solutions Service                                                                                                                                          |
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| 1. Ensure a consistent high quality and accessible Homelessness Prevention Service                                                                                                                       |
| 2. Ensure all staff have access to appropriate training                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3. Implement the Equal Ground Standard to ensure that person centred principles are embedded in service delivery                                                                                         |
| 4. Increase the accessibility of the service by providing outreach surgeries, online and telephone advice and explore further opportunities for service delivery through the use of technology           |
| 5. In partnership develop an integrated and holistic approach to tackling the underlying causes of homelessness, through joined up service delivery, joint protocols and effective referral arrangements |
| 6. Develop resources, including website material and factsheets to be used by citizens and partners                                                                                                      |
| 7. Undertake an awareness raising campaign in relation to homeless prevention and specifically the Homelessness Prevention Service                                                                       |

## Priority 2 - Prevention of Homelessness against the Main Causes

The Homelessness Review identified that we have achieved success in preventing homelessness; in particular in assisting households to access private rented accommodation. However more needs to be done to enable citizens to remain in their existing accommodation.

Welfare reform, economic uncertainty, together with new regulations in the private rented sector is reducing the housing options available for working age low income households. The economic crisis has led to uncertainty in the employment market, reduced wages and an increased cost of living, putting pressure on low income households.

It is anticipated that these factors will continue to place increased demand on the Homelessness Prevention service and as such service delivery models need to be reviewed to ensure effective and strategic approaches to customer demand management.

In order to strengthen our approach to tackling homelessness we will gain support from the whole council to prevent homelessness. We will seek commitment from both Members and Senior Managers across all service areas to work together to deliver a joined up and holistic approach to preventing and ending homelessness.

We will work across the Council to develop a coordinated approach to homelessness prevention across a range of services and programmes, including; Community Support Services, Housing Services, Children and Family Services, Community Mental Health Services, Communities First, Families First, Flying Start and the Intensive Family Support Service. We will also seek to strengthen our partnership with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in addressing this issue.

We will continue to commission and work with our partners to deliver effective, pro-active homelessness prevention services. These services will be strategically targeted, accessible and be able to respond to the diverse needs of all citizens, providing innovative and flexible solutions.

We will work with households to enable them to remain in their current home or assist with planned and timely moves into suitable and sustainable accommodation. We will do this through the delivery of housing options advice, personal housing plans and appropriate referrals to support organisations. Bespoke personal housing plans, advice and support will be provided to all households threatened with homelessness within 56 days.

| <b>What we will do to Prevent Homelessness against the Main Causes</b>                                                                                                     |
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| 1. Ensure that we have a strong corporate commitment to a joined up approach to ending homelessness across all services.                                                   |
| 2. Ensure homelessness is prevented through an effective homelessness prevention toolkit targeted at the main causes.                                                      |
| 3. Ensure effective tools are in place to prevent end of assured shorthold tenancies leading to homelessness, through effective landlord and tenant support and mediation. |
| 4. Develop and implement a pre-eviction protocol with Community Housing and Housing Associations.                                                                          |

### **Priority 3 - Reduce the use of Temporary Accommodation and seek to end the use of Bed & Breakfast Accommodation**

We will undertake a review of our approach to temporary accommodation to ensure that it meets the current needs, ends the use of Bed & Breakfast accommodation and supports our intended approach to use private sector offers to discharge the homeless duty. This review will respond to the immediate need, but will take a longer term approach to ensuring a model that is flexible and responsive to the changes that Universal Credit will bring in relation to both demand and funding subsidies.

We will continue to source more suitable temporary accommodation properties to no longer necessitate the use of Bed & Breakfast. Further work is needed to more fully understand the temporary accommodation requirements and how these are best met.

We will work to reduce the number of households placed in temporary accommodation and to minimise their length of stay. We will actively work with households in temporary accommodation to continue to review their housing options and plan their move into settled accommodation. We will aim to use temporary accommodation for emergency purposes only and where it is most appropriate for the needs of the citizen, but for no longer than is absolutely necessary.

We will work closely with providers of accommodation, to ensure that while households are in temporary accommodation they are provided with all the necessary advice and assistance to enable them to sustain future permanent accommodation and access training and employment.

| <b>What we will do to reduce the use of Temporary Accommodation and Bed &amp; Breakfast</b>                                                           |
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| 1. Carry out a review of the use of temporary accommodation, identifying future need and appropriate delivery arrangements                            |
| 2. Minimise and in the longer term end, the use of unsuitable B&B accommodation                                                                       |
| 3. Develop a policy and procedure to discharge the main homeless duty with an offer of accommodation in the private rented sector                     |
| 4. Ensure that appropriate accommodation is available for 16 and 17 year olds so that they are not placed in B&B                                      |
| 5. Develop a range of monitoring arrangements, processes and performance management measures to monitor and manage the use of temporary accommodation |

#### Priority 4 - Improved Access to Accommodation

We are committed to delivering more homes to meet local needs and demand. Alongside our strategic commitment to the development of affordable housing, we recognise the increasingly important role that the private rented sector plays in meeting the housing needs of the community, including those citizens who are homeless or threatened with homelessness.

We have successfully developed an effective landlord offer which increases the provision of private sector housing available to people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. The scheme has provided good quality, well managed, private sector accommodation in the local area. However, there is a need to review this offer to meet the needs of landlord's, whilst seeking to increase the availability of private sector accommodation.

We will develop a process that ensures we discharge our homelessness duty through the offer of a suitable private rented sector property. It is anticipated that this approach will underpin and strengthen existing housing advice and homelessness prevention activities and ensure homeless households are able to access suitable and secure accommodation. To ensure the sustainability of this tenancy model, effective and timely support to both tenants and landlords is critical.

We will make the most effective use of our own housing stock in meeting the needs of our communities, including those that are at risk of becoming homeless. We will regularly review our Allocations Policy to ensure that it is working for those in the greatest housing need and supporting the prevention of homelessness. We will also explore using Council stock for developing temporary accommodation solutions as well as sourcing other properties, such as private Landlords. We must liaise closely with Housing Strategy, Planning and Public Protection to ensure we take up all opportunities to improve the availability of quality accommodation and that our current properties are compliant with regulations and maintained to a good standard.

We are working with Housing Strategy to establish a corporate approach to developing house shares to meet the needs of young single people within the County. This effective partnership approach will include the development of a house share market position statement, together with exploring the use of Council stock, alongside the private rented sector, to facilitate house shares.

The role that supported housing plays in preventing homelessness is critical. We are committed to developing supported housing models which act as a place of change, not only meeting the housing needs of homeless people; but supporting people to tackle the underlying causes of homelessness, raising their aspirations, empowering change and assisting them to access training, education and employment.

The Welsh Government's Supporting People programme funds a range of supported housing accommodation and floating support services for those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Denbighshire. The Homelessness Review identified that demand for supported accommodation is high, therefore it is essential that we make the most effective use of the current provision ensuring that referrals are appropriate and based on a comprehensive assessment of need and that vacancies are prioritised to those in the greatest need.

Alongside this, it is essential that there is effective move-on from supported accommodation. Move-on planning is critical and this can best be supported by a multi-agency approach.

The Local Housing Allowance cap will apply to all new tenants living in supported housing from April 2019. While the Government have indicated that there will be ring fenced top ups, the future

funding and sustainability of supported housing remains unclear. We will work with all providers of supported accommodation locally to identify a sustainable model moving forward.

| <b>What we will do to improve access to accommodation</b>                                                                                                  |
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| 1. Develop a coordinated approach to increase the supply of affordable private rented accommodation.                                                       |
| 2. Ensure the best use of Council Housing stock to meet customer need through the Allocations Policy, tenancy sustainment approaches and shared tenancies. |
| 3. Develop a coordinated approach to increase the provision of and move-on from, supported accommodation to meet identified needs                          |
| 4. Ensure that existing and new supported accommodation provision and floating support meet the diverse needs of our citizens.                             |
| 5. Develop a range of affordable accommodation options to meet the needs of single people under 35.                                                        |
| 6. Work with accommodation providers to prepare for the Local Housing Allowance cap to Supporting Housing                                                  |

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## Priority 5 - Developing an integrated approach for homeless people with complex needs

We recognise that many homeless people can have multiple and complex needs. Many have a transient lifestyle and the complexity of their needs can prevent or exclude them from being able to access or engage with mainstream accommodation and services.

In particular too many rough sleepers are living chaotic lives and often don't receive the support they need to help them overcome their problems. They can face a combination of problems, in addition to homelessness, which can often include mental health issues, substance misuse and challenging behaviour. These issues are complex and mutually reinforcing, often having their roots in entrenched disadvantage and leaving people socially and economically excluded.

*For example, amongst the rough sleepers in Rhyl there is a very high prevalence of mental health problems (92%) and drug and alcohol use (84%) alongside physical health issues (67%).*

The Homelessness Review identified that there are a very high number of complex cases, including both single people and families with multiple and challenging needs. There is a need to have a better quantitative and qualitative understanding of these issues to ascertain if existing provision meets the needs of these citizens. It will be essential that health services and drug and alcohol services work with the Outreach team to provide specialist support to these individuals.

Addressing one support need in isolation from others is unlikely to lead to successful outcomes for people who face complex issues. We must further develop a holistic approach to recovery, supporting citizens to address all of their issues simultaneously. Moving forward, therefore, we should explore joint commissioning arrangements, involving social care, drug & alcohol services, health and the criminal justice system, so that services can address the multiplicity of needs that complex homeless individuals and families face.

Within Denbighshire there is a range of services for rough sleepers and single homeless people; including day centres, assertive outreach, floating support and supported accommodation services. However, we must ensure that these services are both effective and responsive to the needs of rough sleepers, where we challenge a street based lifestyle and work to end rough sleeping through a transactional exchange model.

We will work with the Substance Misuse Action Fund to consider the role of the Day Centre, to ensure that it provides a real opportunity for Rough Sleepers to engage with services and end rough sleeping.

We will also review the outreach service provision to ensure an assertive approach to outreach, which adopts a tailored approach to both new and entrenched rough sleepers. There will continue to be a focus on effective reconnection.

We will ensure that no one in Denbighshire has to sleep rough through the continuing development of a 'No Second Night Out' Offer. In the longer term we will develop a 'No First Night Out' Offer. We will also ensure that effective preventative work is targeted at groups who have a greater likelihood of becoming homeless and rough sleeping.

Former prisoners account for a very significant number of people accessing the Homelessness Prevention service. We will work with the criminal justice system to ensure that the Prisoner

Pathway works much more effectively resulting in a more coordinated approach and better support for people leaving custody.

We will also work with Children's Services and Community Housing and RSL's to develop an integrated approach to working with complex families, through the provision of accommodation, intensive support and a focus on tackling the underlying causes of homelessness.

There is a lot of evidence to suggest that homelessness, especially rough sleeping, has significant and adverse consequences for an individual's health. It is widely recognised that there are strong correlations between homelessness and severe physical and mental health conditions, alongside significantly reduced life expectancy.

We will work to improve access to health services for single homeless people to address both immediate and longer term needs, ensuring that they are given the same choices in relation to accessing health care service as the general population, while recognising that homeless people may not find it easy to access mainstream service provision. We will learn from and contribute to the 2025 movement, established to end avoidable health inequalities in North Wales.

| <b>What we will do to develop an integrated approach for homeless people with complex needs</b>                                                         |
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| 1. Develop a coordinated approach to ending rough sleeping in Denbighshire through the development of No Second Night out and No First Night Out Models |
| 2. Consider the role of the Day Centre and Outreach provision to ensure that it meets the Council's strategic vision to end rough sleeping              |
| 3. Ensure that the Prisoner Pathway works effectively to prevent homelessness on release from custody                                                   |
| 4. Develop an integrated approach to working with complex families to ensure homelessness and repeat homelessness is prevented.                         |
| 5. Improve access to appropriate treatment and health care and reduce unplanned admission to hospital                                                   |

## Priority 6 - Preventing Youth Homelessness

The Homelessness Review identified that young people are increasingly disadvantaged by the combined impact of high unemployment, low incomes, welfare reform and limited housing options. A growing proportion of young people are leaving care or presenting as homeless from the parental home with complex needs – for example a combination of mental health problems, behavioural problems, substance misuse and offending behaviour. Their needs do not fit into any one service area and responses from public sector agencies can be fragmented, reactive, often ineffective and have a high cost.

The Review identified that young people are over-represented in the homeless population in Denbighshire; there has also been a recent increase in the number of young people sleeping rough. Further welfare reform is likely to adversely affect young people, further reducing the housing options available to them.

We want to ensure that our young people have the best start in life and are able to develop well so that they can fulfill their potential and meet their aspirations.

We will continue to commission effective homelessness prevention services for 16 and 17 year olds and review existing services to ensure that they effectively prevent homelessness and meet the needs of young people with complex and multiple needs. We will also commission education work in schools and other youth provision, to raise awareness of the available housing options and the reality and risks of homelessness.

We will intervene as early as possible to prevent housing instability and homelessness from occurring or persisting. Prevention will focus on supporting young people to remain at home with their family, or in wider family networks, where appropriate and safe to do so. Where young people do become homeless, the strategy supports the commissioning of specialist services to provide respite, emergency and longer term accommodation and support that can effectively address young people's housing and support needs.

We will ensure service pathways are planned and integrated to better meet the needs of young people. Through the Young People's Positive Pathway we will ensure a joined up approach with Children's Services, ensuring young people get the right advice and support at the right time.

We will safeguard young people who are at risk because of housing instability or homelessness. We will work to ensure that care leavers do not become homeless upon leaving care and that their accommodation is maintained, ensuring necessary safeguards and support are in place.

We will make better use of available resources to maintain a sufficient range of accommodation-based services with support for young people experiencing housing instability and homelessness. We will do this by negotiating better value for money and re-modelling existing service provision.

| <b>What we will do to prevent youth homelessness</b>                                                                                                  |
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| 1. Prevent youth homelessness through education, peer mentoring, mediation and emergency respite accommodation                                        |
| 2. Continue to fund and review the Young People's Positive Pathway to ensure an integrated approach to responding to youth homelessness               |
| 3. Develop an effective care leaver accommodation and support pathway                                                                                 |
| 4. Remodel accommodation based support services to ensure an integrated approach that meets the needs of young people with multiple and complex needs |

## Governance and Delivering the Homelessness Strategy

In order to meet our commitment to deliver the strategic priorities we need to ensure that together with partners, we have the skills, services, resources and infrastructure for the delivery of the Strategy's objectives.

To achieve the strategic priorities and objectives an action plan has been developed in partnership with partners and stakeholders, to outline key actions to be delivered over the lifetime of this strategy.

The Homelessness Prevention action plan will be reviewed annually so that it is responsive to emerging needs, policy and legislative changes and achieves the priorities contained within it.

The Homelessness Forum will be involved in the delivery and monitoring of this Homelessness Strategy and action plan. The Forum, which is made up of a range of organisations who work across the area, meets on a quarterly basis and provides a joint approach to tackling homelessness by information sharing, improving joint working and contributing to the delivery of the Homelessness Strategy action plan. The action plan will be governed and monitored by the Supporting People Planning Group, which will ensure both effective governance arrangements, alongside a coordinated and comprehensive approach to the prevention of homelessness.

A joined up partnership approach is critical to delivering the ambitious and innovative plans detailed within this strategy and meeting Denbighshire's vision for homelessness.

By adopting the Homelessness Strategy, Denbighshire County Council is making a commitment to end rough sleeping and prevent homelessness.

## Commissioning of Homelessness Services

The Council will commission services that support and directly contribute to meeting the objectives set out in this strategy.

The Homelessness Strategy will inform the Supporting People/Homelessness Prevention Plan. Services will be commissioned that meet the objectives contained within this Strategy and the Supporting People/Homelessness Prevention Plan priorities.

Commissioning homelessness services in Denbighshire will be underpinned by the following key principles:

- Early intervention and prevention
- Putting citizens at the centre of commissioning.
- Social value and local benefit.

Commissioned services must also:

- Be based on a robust analysis of need and intelligence, focused on evidence based interventions, and guided by early help and prevention.
- Assure high quality provision by specifying outcomes and using effective financial mechanisms.
- Demonstrate a strategic link to national, regional and local priorities.
- Meet the aims of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

# DCC Homelessness Strategy 2017-2021

## Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of a proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

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| Assessment Number:                   | 192                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Brief description:                   | The Housing (Wales) Act 2014 requires every Local Authority to carry out a Homelessness Review, and formulate a Strategy based upon that Review. The Act stipulates that every Local Housing Authority must adopt their first Homelessness Strategy by 2018, and develop a new Strategy every four years thereafter. |
| Date Completed:                      | Version: 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Completed by:                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Responsible Service:                 | Community Support Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Localities affected by the proposal: | Whole County,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

# IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

## Score for the sustainability of the approach

Could some small changes in your thinking produce a better result?



(3 out of 4 stars)

Actual score : 21 / 24.

## Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



|                                                               |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| A prosperous Denbighshire                                     | Positive |
| A resilient Denbighshire                                      | Positive |
| A healthier Denbighshire                                      | Positive |
| A more equal Denbighshire                                     | Positive |
| A Denbighshire of cohesive communities                        | Positive |
| A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language | Positive |
| A globally responsible Denbighshire                           | Positive |

## Main conclusions

The Homelessness Strategy has been determined to have a positive impact for all of the 7 Wellbeing Goals, which is perhaps unsurprising, given that its priorities and actions are based on a comprehensive review of homelessness and related services, needs, and demand. The Strategy recognises that housing is not only about bricks and mortar issues and that quality accommodation (and support where needed) contributes to improving health, wellbeing and quality of life. There is also a clear emphasis that this is a partnership document, and therefore that the actions and priorities set out should have a positive impact in pooling knowledge and skills, and providing a holistic response to the needs of people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness in Denbighshire.

# THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

## A prosperous Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                                                 |
| Justification for impact | This Strategy takes a long-term, holistic view of tackling homelessness and providing quality accommodation and support. |

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Temporary accommodation officer and private rented sector officer roles, as set out in the Strategy, support around energy efficiency. Housing Solutions support also contributes to addressing fuel poverty.

There is a focus on providing affordable, sustainable accommodation for people, and areas such as supporting people back into work, i.e. addressing the underlying causes of homelessness. The strategy will also capture future areas of development e.g. social enterprise, DCC work experience pilot. The strategy will consider the implications of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act, including supporting the stability of tenancies, and working alongside landlords to support the provision of quality accommodation. Additionally, one of the key priorities of the strategy is reducing the use of B&B as temporary accommodation - this should have a positive impact in terms of development, tourism.

There is a focus on supporting people back into work. The strategy will also capture future areas of development e.g. social enterprise, DCC work experience pilot. The restructuring of SP and Housing Solutions Management additionally allows for greater efficiency and sustainability.

There is a focus on training and peer support. The Strategy is influenced by the citizen engagement policy; there is also a joint Service User Involvement Officer across Housing Solutions and SP. The strategy will also capture future areas of development e.g. social enterprise, DCC work experience pilot.

The Homelessness Strategy will support the delivery of the DCC Housing Strategy, and puts a focus on working closely with landlords to establish a quality supply of accommodation, making best use of previously developed land and existing buildings.

The Housing Solutions and SP Manager links in closely with the other Tackling Poverty streams (under which are initiatives such as PACE), as well as the Children, Young People, and Families partnership.

### **Unintended negative consequences identified:**

One of the key priorities of the strategy is reducing the use of B&B as temporary accommodation, this may impact negatively on some local businesses.

With the uncertainty of funding, it is made very difficult to plan in the long term, therefore some jobs within Housing Solutions have to be temporary.

As above, with the uncertainty of funding, it is made very difficult to plan in the long term, therefore some jobs within Housing Solutions have to be temporary.

The majority of Housing Solutions/homelessness support provision is based in the North.

### **Mitigating actions:**

Liaise with Facilities, Assets and Housing regarding the possible impacts on B&B's, there may be potential opportunities for regeneration. In relation to shorter-term jobs, HST will be exploring qualifications to promote career progression, including looking at opportunities via Cymrorth Cymru and WLGA. In relation to the majority of Housing Solutions/homelessness support provision being based in the North, online options will be developed, and there will be a drop-in presence in rural community resources, e.g. libraries, as this need has been assessed (it should be noted that a service

mapping exercise for the review has identified that the majority of related need is in the North). In terms of maximising the positives under child care (and more broadly, accessing employment), Housing Solutions will work to promote opportunities available via Tackling Poverty Streams amongst service users, e.g. via promotion of DEWIS Cymru and Tackling Poverty info pack resource. This will involve skilling up staff, and embedding into Triage system.

## A resilient Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                                                                     |
| Justification for impact | The Strategy focuses on the importance of partnerships with agencies such as DCC Enforcement, other Housing colleagues, and Citizens Advice. |

### Positive consequences identified:

Temporary accommodation officer and private rented sector officer roles, as set out in the Strategy, support around energy efficiency. Housing Solutions support also contributes to addressing fuel poverty, including via linking with Citizens Advice Denbighshire.

Housing Solutions will be working closely with DCC Enforcement to ensure that accommodation is safe and of a good standard.

Housing Solutions will prioritize online promotion (rather than leaflets etc.) wherever possible. The Strategy itself will be available online.

The Strategy will support and work alongside DCC's other corporate priorities, and as such, Housing Solutions staff are committed to agile working.

Housing Solutions will be working closely with DCC Enforcement to ensure that accommodation is safe and of a good standard. Housing Solutions would also be key in responding to any flood crisis, supporting/accommodating displaced households.

### Unintended negative consequences identified:

### Mitigating actions:

## A healthier Denbighshire

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Justification for impact | The Strategy recognises that housing is not only about bricks and mortar issues; that quality accommodation (and support where needed) contributes to improving health, wellbeing and quality of life. |

### Positive consequences identified:

The Strategy recognises that investing in housing is not only about bricks and mortar issues - besides improving people's homes, it brings benefits for people too, contributing to improving their health, wellbeing and quality of life. A key aim of the Strategy is tackling the underlying causes of homelessness - this includes ensuring that people are able to access the support they might need around their health and wellbeing. A key aim of the strategy is to end rough sleeping - the health implications of rough sleeping are well established, including higher levels of mortality, chronic illnesses and mental health issues. Housing Solutions will also continue to work closely with DCC Enforcement, to ensure that accommodation is safe and of a good standard. The Strategy will also support the 2025 movement, established to end avoidable health inequalities in North Wales.

In the context of the above, a key aim of the Strategy is holistic assessment and planning. Housing Solutions link closely with Supporting People to ensure that people are able to access the support



they need - this will include supporting access to good quality, healthy food, by supporting around menu planning, cooking well on a budget etc. Another key aim of the Strategy is reducing the use of B&B as temporary accommodation; this will mean that more people will have access to better cooking facilities.

As above, a key aim of the Strategy is holistic assessment and planning. Housing Solutions link closely with Supporting People to ensure that people are able to access the support they need. This support would also include supporting participation in leisure activities, both from the point of view of physical health, and community involvement.

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In carrying out holistic assessments, Housing Solutions will ensure that people are supported to access the healthcare they might need. The Strategy includes Housing Solutions seeking to strengthen the partnership with BCUHB.

**Unintended negative consequences identified:**

**Mitigating actions:**

**A more equal Denbighshire**

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Justification for impact | Housing Solutions' fundamental aim of tackling homelessness is underpinned by a holistic look at the causes and effects of homelessness, it therefore naturally focuses on tackling inequalities and poverty. One of the key objectives of the Strategy is to ensure Denbighshire's responses to homelessness promote customer choice, equality of opportunity, reduce social exclusion and contribute to community cohesion. |

**Positive consequences identified:**

The Strategy recognises that investing in housing is not only about bricks and mortar issues - besides improving people's homes, it brings benefits for people too, contributing to improving their health, wellbeing and quality of life. All temporary accommodation is accessible to people with disabilities, and this will remain the case. The Strategy will also support the 2025 movement, established to end avoidable health inequalities in North Wales. The Strategy will additionally support Denbighshire's Equality Plan.

Increasing the supply of suitable temporary accommodation (and reducing the use of B&B's) will have a positive impact on pregnant women - although Housing Solutions currently do try to avoid placing pregnant women in B&B, this may occasionally occur, if demand for other temporary accommodation outstrips supply. All temporary accommodation is currently accessible to people with disabilities, and this will remain the case. The Strategy will also support the 2025 movement, established to end avoidable health inequalities in North Wales. The Strategy will additionally support Denbighshire's Equality Plan.

Housing Solutions links very closely with Supporting People (now sitting under one manager), and are key contributors to the Tackling Poverty Agenda. Housing Solutions and Supporting People contribute to the Tackling Poverty leads group, and the operational and strategic groups. The Strategy sets out Housing Solutions focus on tackling poverty, including areas such as accessing money advice.

## Mitigating actions:

As a consequence of completing the Wellbeing Impact Assessment, tackling poverty has been added as a specific emphasis in delivering the overall vision - 'to end homelessness'.

## A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Justification for impact | Access to safe and suitable accommodation, as well as resilience & empowerment, are 2 of the key strands of the approach to achieving the Strategy's vision - to end homelessness. |

## Positive consequences identified:

Safeguarding is a primary consideration Housing Solutions will continue to work closely with DCC Enforcement, to ensure that accommodation is safe and of a good standard. Housing Solutions also work closely with Criminal Justice, including the Police and Probation service, to ensure a joined up and holistic approach to managing ASB and offending behaviour, ensuring that any placement or offer of accommodation is appropriate, considering the safety of the individual and wider community. As part of this, Housing Solutions will work with the criminal justice system to ensure that the Prisoner Pathway works much more effectively, resulting in a more coordinated approach and better support for people leaving custody.

The Strategy is influenced by the citizen engagement policy; there is also a joint Service User Involvement Officer across Housing Solutions and SP. The strategy will also capture future areas of development e.g. social enterprise, DCC work experience pilot. Housing Solutions will also be developing resources, including advice factsheets, to empower individuals to resolve their own housing issues.

One of the key priorities of the strategy is reducing the use of B&B as temporary accommodation - this should have a positive impact in terms of development, tourism. The Strategy will also support the Denbighshire Housing Strategy and Development Plan.

## Unintended negative consequences identified:

Placements of some higher risk citizens may have negative impacts on neighbours and communities, if e.g. there is ongoing ASB.

One of the key priorities of the strategy is reducing the use of B&B as temporary accommodation, this may impact negatively on some local businesses, which could have the potential to lead to some deterioration.

## Mitigating actions:

Liaise with Community Housing regarding the possible impacts on B&B's, there may be potential opportunities for regeneration. Housing Solutions will work in close partnership with Criminal Justice, Enforcement, support agencies and landlords to ensure that issues such as ASB are addressed in a coordinated way; protocols to be further developed, as outlined in the Strategy, will support this.

## A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Justification for impact | There is nothing specifically set out in the Strategy around the Welsh language; however, Housing Solutions will continue to deliver against the Welsh Language standards in implementing all of the standards set out in the Strategy. |

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Housing Solutions have a fluent Welsh speaker in the team, and have adopted the 'active offer' and Denbighshire Welsh Language Standards. The Strategy, as well as all public information, will be available in both Welsh and English.

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The Strategy will support the Denbighshire Housing Strategy and Development Plan. Supporting People have also provided opportunities for people to access activities in the community via the Personal Budget project(s).

### **Unintended negative consequences identified:**

Not all staff are able to speak fluent Welsh. There could therefore be a high level of demand for the one Welsh speaking staff member.

### **Mitigating actions:**

Ensure that all staff are aware of policies, and encourage staff to take up training.

## **A globally responsible Denbighshire**

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Justification for impact | Ending homelessness, the fundamental aim of the Strategy, naturally sits within the maintenance of human rights - everyone has a fundamental human right to housing, which ensures access to a safe, secure, habitable, and affordable home with freedom from forced eviction. Ending homelessness and the focus on prevention means that the burden on other statutory services (e.g. criminal justice) will be reduced. |

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Housing Solutions ensure that all landlords worked with are registered with Rent Smart Wales, which ensures that people are trained in their rights and responsibilities when renting out a property to tenants. Housing Solutions also work closely with DCC Enforcement, to ensure that properties are safe and of a good standard. Any Housing Solutions decision will also be made in compliance with legislation and case law.

Partnership working is fundamental to the Strategy, and the focus on prevention means that the burden on other statutory services (e.g. criminal justice) will be reduced.

### **Unintended negative consequences identified:**

Reducing the use of B&B's as temporary accommodation could have a negative impact on some local businesses. Additionally, local connection, as stipulated in the Act, means that we may sometimes have to reconnect people to another area - this could result in increased pressure on services in those areas.

### **Mitigating actions:**

Liaise with Community Housing regarding the possible impacts on B&B's, there may be potential opportunities for regeneration. Re. reconnection, we will ensure that a coordinated approach is taken; that we liaise with services in areas in question, and offer support where practicable. In this, we will be guided by Homeless Link's Reconnection Toolkit. We will also be considering regional

commissioning where appropriate.



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# Denbighshire County Council

## Supporting People/Homelessness Prevention Plan

### 2018/19

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## 1. Introduction

**Homelessness means being without a safe and secure place to live.** This includes things like 'sofa-surfing', living in unsuitable/unsafe accommodation, accessing emergency beds, and sleeping rough. For many, it means facing a number of difficult and traumatic experiences. Homelessness, or risk of homelessness, can happen for a thousand different reasons – and can affect anyone, at any time.

Supporting People is a Welsh Government Programme, funding support for people 16+ who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. We aim to prevent homelessness wherever possible, working with the community and our partners to identify and tackle its causes, and empower people to live as independently as possible. In Denbighshire we have a range of projects, supporting over 1,000 people at any one time.<sup>1</sup> With statutory homelessness (previously known as Housing Solutions), we're part of the **Denbighshire Homelessness Prevention Team**.

**Our Vision:** **Safety, security, and good quality of life for all**

**Our Mission Statement:** *We will work together to deliver quality support, empowering people to live independently and avoid homelessness*

**Our Principles:**

- ➔ Early intervention and prevention
- ➔ Person-centred and asset-based support
- ➔ Transparency, and equality of access
- ➔ Outcomes focus
- ➔ Continued learning and development

Our support is always person-centered, but could include help with things like:

- **Budgeting, including accessing money advice**
- **Achieving safety and security**
- **Developing life skills**
- **Accessing other helpful services and opportunities**

**This Plan gives an overview of our priorities and plans for 2018/19 - why we're doing what we're doing, and what this means for the people it affects.**

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding alarm services, of which there are 1,192 units

## Supporting People/Homelessness Prevention plays a vital role in the delivery of key support legislation:

- **The Housing (Wales) Act 2014**, and **Social Services & Well-being (Wales) Act 2014** have brought about real changes to the ways people are supported. Early intervention and prevention, and empowerment of people to achieve independence are central to both Acts.
- The **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015** means that plans must be sustainable and increase wellbeing. This also means a prevention focus, looking at short and long-term needs, and partnership working.
- **The Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015** highlights the importance of early intervention to prevent victims of this kind of violence and abuse becoming homeless in the first place, and also wherever possible to support them to stay in their own homes.
- **The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016** means some new rights and responsibilities for tenants and landlords - so it's important that people can access good advice and support where needed.

## We also support the delivery of other national and local plans and agendas, such as:

- **Denbighshire plans and guidance**, including Denbighshire's Corporate Plan 2017-22; the Wellbeing Plan 2014-2018, the Supporting Independence in Denbighshire agenda; the Housing Strategy, and the Care and Support at Home Strategic Plan.
- **National plans and guidance**, including the Supporting People Grant Guidance, the Regional Strategic Plan, and the Ten Year Homelessness Plan for Wales 2009-2019.
- **Commissioning guidance/agendas**, including the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Collaborative Commissioning Toolkit, and the North Wales Mental Health Supported Housing Commissioning Statement.
- **Equality and diversity**, including Denbighshire's Strategic Equality Plan, and the Welsh Language Standards. We also contribute to the 2025 movement, with its aim of ending avoidable health inequalities in North Wales by the year 2025.
- Other developments, research, and strategies in key areas such as **Health, Social Care, and Criminal Justice**.
- We also represent North Wales Supporting People at **regional groups** such as the National Rough Sleeper Working Group, North Wales Area Planning Board Delivery Group, and Supporting People National Advisory Board.

## 2. People's stories

### 'Ben'

Ben became alcohol dependent when his marriage ended, he felt **alone and bewildered**, pushing away colleagues and friends. His **health was deteriorating**, and **unpaid bills** were stacking up, unopened, hidden away. The mortgage hadn't been paid for 6 months. With the help of his CAIS Support Worker, working closely with the Substance Misuse Service, Ben completed a home detox. He got help to **address his health issues**, and began to **sort out his finances**. His Support Worker was also able to help Ben's family to **understand his issues**, and ways he could lead a **healthier and safer lifestyle**. He began rebuilding his **relationship with family**, as well as his **self-worth**. Ben began contributing to a self-help group. His **confidence growing**, he was able to slowly begin going **back to work** as a builder. He also regularly visits the library, **enjoying the alone time and quietness he'd once hated**.

### 'Jane'

Jane lost her accommodation following an **illegal eviction**. At first she moved in with her mum, but this was in an extra care scheme, so wasn't an option for the long term. She ended up **feeling she had no other choice** than to move back in with her ex-wife.

Jane is transgender, but circumstances with her ex-wife meant she had to dress as a male – **seriously impacting on her mental health**.

Jane hurried to find her own accommodation, and moved into a property on a short lease, in a **poor state of disrepair**. She had come into contact with the Homelessness Prevention Team, and been offered support, but felt she **could not face going into temporary homeless accommodation** with her teenage son – who, having severe epilepsy and a learning disability, was dependent on Jane for his care.

Jane's story shows how **homelessness can affect anyone**, and shines a light on some of the difficulties and barriers people can face in their journeys to prevent and resolve their homelessness – as well as the **importance of early intervention**. The Homelessness Prevention Team will continue to work with Jane to find more suitable accommodation for her and her son, **where they can achieve better quality of life**.

### 'Tim'

Tim was **staying in a leaky tent**. He'd been **coerced into illegal activity** in lieu of rent, and **fled violence** when he refused to continue.

He was scared of being found, reluctant to give too much away – so he found it difficult to access the help he needed.

Tim's Outreach Worker recognised there were issues not only around violence, but **modern day slavery**. Tim accessed advice from the Police Modern Day Slavery Unit. His **fears of being found were alleviated**, and he agreed for his Outreach Worker to involve the Police.

Once there was a crime number, it was much **easier for Tim to access the help he needed**. He also had much more **peace of mind** in speaking to services. He began accessing the emergency beds project, where his dog was also able to stay in a sheltered area.



### 3. Our Five Strategic Priorities

#### The DCC Homelessness Strategy 2017-2021

Tackling homelessness through **early intervention, prevention, and providing quality accommodation and support** is central to our priorities. We've worked closely with our partners in developing the Denbighshire Homelessness Strategy 2017-21, which sets out in detail all of Denbighshire's priorities and plans for tackling homelessness. The vision of the Strategy is simple: **To end homelessness in Denbighshire**

#### Tackling Poverty

We know **homelessness and poverty will often go hand in hand**. We are a Tackling Poverty programme, partnered with Communities First, Families First, and Flying Start - we have a shared goal of **tackling the causes and effects of poverty**. Exploring opportunities through groups including the Corporate Anti-Poverty Group, and Tackling Poverty Strategic and Operational Groups, we'll continue to work together to reduce duplication and strengthen our support.

#### Citizen Involvement

**The people we support must have their voices heard, and be able to shape how services develop. We are currently developing a Citizen Involvement Policy, detailing how involvement will be at the heart of all of our priorities and developments.**

#### The sustainability of housing related support

We face a number of **current and future challenges** in keeping our support affordable and effective, including **public spending cuts and welfare reform**. We must work together to be creative and resourceful, and make sure our approach is **needs-led for both the short and long-term**. We must also play a role in campaigning for policy reform and developments, to make sure support continues to be available wherever needed.

#### Joint-Commissioning/Collaboration

In recent years we've joint-commissioned/ collaborated with other North Wales Supporting People Teams, the Tackling Poverty Programmes, and with Children's Services and Youth Justice. Doing this is important as it means we're able to **pool knowledge and skills, and reduce duplication** across our services – meaning our support is more effective and efficient. We'll continue to explore opportunities, including developing pilot regional projects. We'll also support the priorities of the Regional Strategic Plan.

## 4. Shaping our services

We look at a range of information to identify need and demand, and develop our services. This includes:

**The views of citizens** – These are welcomed throughout the year, with our Service User Involvement Officer working closely with projects to make sure that people have their voices heard, and can play an active role in shaping the support they receive.

### The Homelessness Prevention Day

Every year we put on a 'Homelessness Prevention day' – an opportunity for the people we support, our projects and partners to gather together to talk about what matters to them, and contribute to what this Plan looks like.

**The views of our other partners** – Including the projects we fund, and other agencies we work with.

**Consultation** – Including as part of service reviews and decommissioning decisions, and consultation on each annual Supporting People Plan.

**Information from our Single Pathway Team** – Who coordinate all support referrals, ensuring equality of access to the right support.

**Project monitoring and reviews** – All of our projects are regularly monitored and reviewed to ensure service quality - to identify any areas for improvement, and learn from good practice.

**Other information** - Including Outcomes & Housing Solutions data, the population assessment, and other studies/reports.

### We also look at potential unmet need.

Work we've done to try to determine and address unmet need has included:

- Piloting of an annual Unmet Need survey
- Reviewing the ways we map need, including looking at the effectiveness of our Needs Mapping data.
- Investigations into the need for veterans supported housing, supported housing for females with complex needs, and 'wet' provision (supportive, safe drinking environments).
- The Reconnection Guidance – ensuring there are suitable and consistent support offers for people without a 'local connection'.

There are 3 (spend plan) areas where we don't currently fund any specific projects: people with physical/sensory disabilities; people with chronic illness, and young people who are care leavers. In all cases we've made sure that people who might fall within one of these groups are able to (and do) access our other support. We monitor this throughout the year, and investigate further as needed.

✓ **The information we gather tells us that there continues to be high demand for Supporting People services.**

Some key messages from 2016/17 were:

**Independent accommodation is in high demand**

People are increasingly telling us they have a preference for independent accommodation, e.g. in the private rented sector - rather than supported housing. At the same time, people receiving an eviction notice has increased by 46%, from 108 to 158.

**Demand for support remains pretty steady**

1,178 Needs Mapping forms were completed in 2016/17, compared with 1,257 the previous year.

**We're seeing greater diversity**

16 people identified as non-white in 2015/16, compared to 42 in 2016/17. There's also been an increase in language diversity. Numbers of people identifying as a different gender than that at birth have also more than doubled (from 7 to 17), & gay and bi-sexual people both have increased by 50% (from 10 to 15).

**Main support needs are changing, but only slightly**

People are still mostly telling us they want support around mental health, domestic abuse, generic (housing related) needs, & being a young person - however, generic (rather than domestic abuse) is now the main 'lead need' identified. Feeling safe, accommodation, & managing money remain the top 3 target outcomes people tell us they want to achieve.

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✓ **We also see the importance of our alignment with statutory Homelessness, as the Homelessness Prevention Team.**

**Number of households owed a full duty by Denbighshire to secure accommodation in 2016/17: 62**

**Number of households eligible for statutory assistance to prevent and/or relieve homelessness in 2016/17: 672**  
(This isn't including general advice and assistance, which was accessed by 484 people in 2016/17)

**Number of people supported by commissioned housing related support services in 2016/17: 1,553**

It's a good sign when there are less people receiving statutory homelessness assistance than accessing commissioned housing related support services – this shows that people are getting support to prevent crisis point. Almost a quarter of all commissioned housing related support referrals came from Statutory Homelessness Prevention Officers in 2016/17 – showing how important our alignment is in providing a whole response to homelessness.

## 5. Our Priority areas for Development in 2018/19

### 1. Young People (16-25)

We've been developing a 'positive pathway' approach since 2016, working closely with Children's Services and other partners. This has already meant significant service remodels, with some ongoing in 2018/19. We'll make sure that young people continue to be involved in shaping these developments. We'll also be working with our partners to ensure we're able to minimise the negative impacts of welfare reform on young people as far as possible, and will continue to support the development of house share opportunities.

### 2. Mental Health

We'll continue to strengthen links (e.g. by contributing to the Mental Health Planning Group) so that we can better take up opportunities for early intervention and prevention, and make sure support is accessible for people being discharged from hospital.

### 3. Education, employment and training

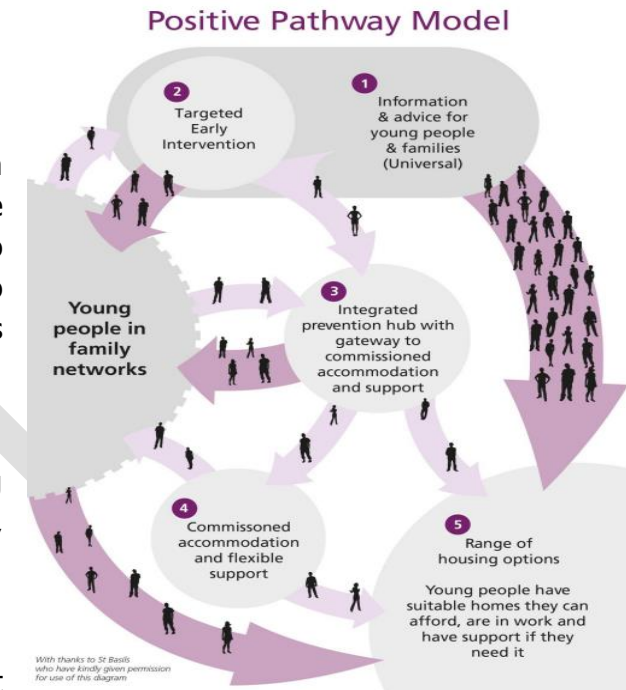
It's vital that education, employment and training is accessible for everyone - not least because it can open the door to affordable, quality accommodation. This is also a priority area for all Tackling Poverty partners, and DCC corporately. We've already developed staff training, and had qualifications included in some pilot projects. Work experience opportunities will be a key priority for us in 2018/19. Transport is also important here, so we'll be strengthening links with Community Transport, as well as supporting the delivery of corporate priorities around connected communities. Our Citizen Involvement Officer will also continue to work with projects to identify and challenge barriers in this area.

### 4. People with a criminal offending history

With the opening of the Wrexham Prison in 2017, along with legislative changes, we need to make sure we're geared up to supporting the resettlement of people leaving prison. We'll continue to attend the North Wales Prisoner Resettlement Steering Group, as well as take learning from the offender services research via the RCC, and monitor demand for our projects to support offenders.

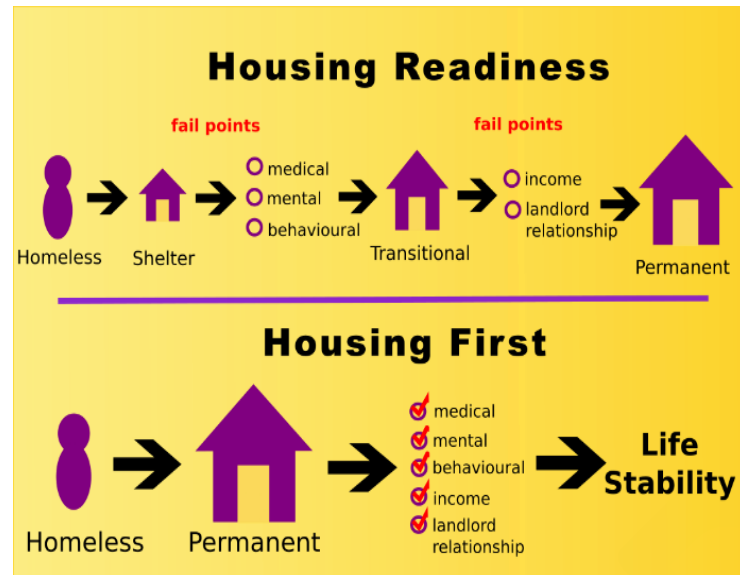
### 5. Supported Housing (affordability)

Supported housing can unfortunately be unaffordable for some, especially when working full-time and unable to claim full Housing Benefit. The LHA cap due in 2019, may offer some opportunities; however, we really don't know enough to plan around this just yet. We must shine a light on such cases, explore remodelling opportunities, and ensure people receive the right advice.



## 6. Rough Sleeping

'Housing First' is founded on the principle that housing is a basic human right. It means secure accommodation is provided as soon as it's available – then holistic wrap-around support is put in place. We're committed to developing Housing First; however, we've



recognised that we can't achieve this alone. We'll be exploring opportunities for joint-funding with Health and other partners, and working with suppliers to improve availability of suitable accommodation. Our aim is to have Housing First in place by the end of 2019 – but we can only do this with support and buy-in from key partners.

We'll also be working to develop a 'No First Night Out' approach, including targeted intensive support where people are at risk of spending a first night on the streets. We'll also be looking at options for developing a 'sit-up' service. We will additionally contribute to work to review day services - to ensure a best practice, consistent approach to ending rough sleeping. To support all of this work, as well as to strengthen our response to rough sleeping generally, our Outreach Team will be closely aligned with the Ty Golau (emergency beds and Hostel) project.

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## 7. Substance misuse

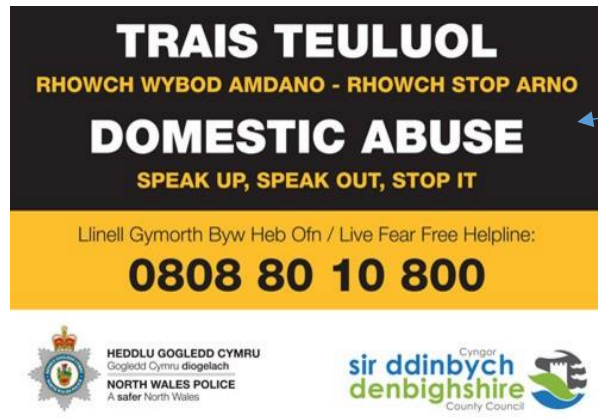
We've seen a decrease in people with substance use issues accessing our support; referrals from the Substance Misuse Service (SMS) have also fallen. Our Single Pathway will be working with SMS to make sure there are no barriers to accessing support. We'll also strengthen links through the Area Planning Board (APB) Delivery Group, as well as exploring any future funding available from the Substance Misuse Action Fund (which has funded our tenancy starter packs for the last 3 years). We'll also be further considering options for safe drinking environments – liaising with the APB, and continuing to learn from good practice, including visiting 'wet' services in other areas.

## 8. Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

We are developing a Complex Disabilities 'Tenancy Enabler' service, which will support people with learning disabilities, acquired brain injury, and ASD - which we'll be learning from over the coming year, to better inform us around the housing related support needs of people with ASD.

## 9. Domestic Abuse

We'll be making sure we're well-informed around our duties under the The Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015, including ensuring we and all project staff are trained up in line with the National Training Framework.



We will also be supporting the strengthening of links between the North Wales Domestic Abuse Strategic group and the RCC, including looking at joint commissioning opportunities.

You may have seen these stickers if you've been in a Denbighshire taxi recently; we funded these back in 2016.

## 10. Off the shelf

We sometimes have under-spend which we can use for in-year 'off-the-shelf' projects. We've held workshops to come up with suggestions, and will continue to seek out ideas for pilot or spend-to-save projects.

## 11. Regional Collaborative Committee

We will continue to support the priorities of the Regional Strategic Plan. This will include supporting the development of regional working and projects, as identified by the Committee throughout the year (e.g. the regional prison leavers research in 2016/17).

## 12. The community support model

This kind of support (e.g. community groups) can allow people to develop their own support networks, which for many, is key to their independence. We've already piloted some community support projects, including a volunteer programme with Countryside Services, and the Denbighshire Community Podcast. Our Outreach Team also continue to support weekly group sessions for rough sleepers in the Dewi Sant Centre, made possible by funding from the ASB Tasking Group.

Over the coming year we'll be exploring further ideas for pilot projects and remodelling opportunities. We must also consider the importance of transport to enable this kind of support, so will be strengthening links with Community Transport, as well as supporting the delivery of corporate priorities around connected communities.

### Rough Sleeper Group Support

Every Thursday afternoon our Outreach Team re-open the Dewi Sant day centre for an activities/drop-in session for rough sleepers. Quizzes are a firm favourite. We see the importance of peer support here, with those coming from 'outside' being welcomed by all, and feedback capturing the good spirits of the groups. It's the goal that these sessions will in future be run entirely by rough sleepers.

**While we must respond to changes throughout the year, below are details of our current plans for specific funding changes and service remodels identified for 2018/19 within particular service areas.**

| <u>Spend Plan Area</u>                   | <u>Plans for 2018/19</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>People with learning disabilities</b> | We are developing a Complex Disabilities 'Tenancy Enabler' service, which will support people with learning disabilities, acquired brain injury, and autistic spectrum disorder (ASD), which we will be learning from over the coming year. Funding to the DCC Community Living service will also continue to reduce every year, as agreed in 2013.                                                          |
| <b>People 55+</b>                        | The Supporting Independent Living (SIL) service was aligned with the DCC Reablement service in 2016/17, to offer a consistent and streamlined support service to people 55+ with a range of support needs. This will require further funding to enable the service to effectively support the delivery of the Social Services & Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.                                                 |
| <b>Young people</b>                      | Young people's services in Denbighshire will continue to be developed and re-shaped, as part of our development of a 'Positive Pathway' model. This will include the continued remodelling of the Dyfodol project, and reviewing other young people's projects to ensure that they provide an appropriate and needs-led response to the housing related support needs of all young people in Denbighshire.   |
| <b>'Generic'</b>                         | We are developing a proposed service remodel to commence in June 2018 – a multi-disciplinary homelessness prevention project, combining 4 separate contracts (currently covering young people's, single parents, ex-offenders, substance misuse and alcohol misuse support).                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Other funding</b>                     | The Supporting People Grant can't be used to fund Supporting People Staff (who administer the Grant) from 2019/20. The budget for the Team has been reduced by 46.5% since 2013, and Denbighshire County Council intend to identify other sources of funding internally, to make sure that the Grant can continue to be administered effectively. The Team will no longer be funded by the Grant by 2019/20. |

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For full details of all of our projects, please see our directory of services, available on the Denbighshire County Council website.

**We must be needs-led, and outcomes focussed in everything we do...  
So we're reviewing and developing the ways we commission services.**

- **Multi-disciplinary/Generic Support Projects** – This means that one service can support anyone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness - it is flexible and needs-led, and doesn't focus on one specific area (e.g. substance use issues). We already have some generic projects in Denbighshire. This approach can mean less duplication with specialist services, and easier access to support. We're therefore considering opportunities to make our projects more flexible and needs-led, including merging contracts.
- **Payment by results** – We will be piloting a payment by results approach. This involves payments being made to projects when outcomes are achieved - this means there must be a tailored package of support, with realistic agreed outcomes, for people who might not usually be able to access supported housing because of high/complex needs.
- **Risk-based reviewing** – We're currently working towards a fully risk-based approach to our project reviewing. This means that levels of project risks inform when and how we review – i.e. where projects are assessed as lower risk, a lighter-touch review may take place, and higher risk projects would be reviewed first.
- **Mapping need and future demand** – We're working to make sure that we're gathering the right information to inform our commissioning, including reviewing our 'Needs Mapping' system, and developing information gathering within our Single Pathway (referrals) Team. We'll also be contributing to work to gather data on dementia, via our ABBA (Aros Byw Bod Adref) project.

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**This also includes embedding new directions for support delivery, including:**

**Asset (strengths) based support, and positive risk taking:** maximising people's own strengths and resources, and recognising that people are experts in their own lives.

**Trauma informed support:** including understanding and mitigating the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and developing psychologically informed environments (PIEs).

**What are PIEs?**

*PIEs involve helping people to understand where behaviours come from, allowing people to work more creatively and effectively. This means thinking not only about what our physical environments look like, but how we communicate, respond to challenging situations, and shape our support.*

There are five key areas to consider when developing PIEs

- Developing a psychological framework
- The physical environment and social spaces
- Staff training and support
- Managing relationships
- Evaluation of outcomes



## 6. More people's stories

### 'Helen'

Helen's landlord had just issued her with an **eviction notice** – they were selling the property.

Helen had several health problems, including having suffered a stroke. A Homelessness Prevention Officer (HPO) visited Helen at home, and saw that while friends and relatives provided invaluable support, Helen's **quality of life wasn't as it should be** – not able to manage the stairs, she was basically living in her bedroom. The HPO needed to help Helen to improve her quality of life, as well as **prevent crisis point**.

The HPO contacted SARTH (the Single Access Route to Housing), and explained the situation in detail. Based on this, Helen was put into Band 1, and was soon after allocated a bungalow just up the road.

Helen sent a card to her HPO, describing in just a few words the huge difference this had made to her life.

*"Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for all your work on getting me my beautiful bungalow. You've made me very happy."*

'Maria' *(This story was put together by Carly, a volunteer representative for Nacro Community Voice, and supported housing resident.)*

Maria first got in touch with Nacro when she was still in prison. It had been **one of several prison sentences**.

Maria was born intersex, and experienced a very **difficult childhood and transition to adulthood** - and had made some **destructive associations and choices**. Determined to make some changes in her life, she knew she needed some support coming out.

Coming out of prison this time was the **start of a new chapter** for Maria. With the support of Nacro and the trans charity, Unique, Maria began taking as many opportunities as she could to **improve her quality of life**. She moved into supported accommodation, and completed numerous qualifications. Maria also underwent the surgery to fully assign her sex as female.

Having been out of prison for six years, Maria still spends the majority of her time there - but now she's **'on the other side of the bars'**, delivering LGBT and Diversity training to the prison service and the police. Maria now has her **own home, a job she adores**, and a much **loved and valued support network**. She feels that with support, and the huge efforts she's made herself, she has **become a better person**.

### 'Gemma'

Gemma had to leave home at 17 when her **relationship broke down** with her mother. After a stay in temporary accommodation, Gemma moved into a young people's supported housing project run by Grwp Cynefin.

Gemma had a difficult first couple of months settling into the new environment; however, things soon began to improve. Gemma was **learning how to look after her accommodation**, understanding her rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

But more than this - her **life outlook was getting better**. Anxieties around her housing situation had made existing health issues worse, but Gemma was now **looking after her physical health**, and feeling **able to crack on with college work**. She was also completing various other courses around independent living and healthy relationships.

Feeling in a **much better place**, Gemma was able to begin exploring hobbies. She was then **successful in getting a job** at a nursery. Gemma moved into her own accommodation, equipped with the skills and tools to maintain her tenancy, and to **live a happier and healthier life**.

**Jim'**

*"I spent years under the stars, I got used to it. I was sleeping out in one place for quite a long time, the owners got used to me too.  
**I was the unpaid night watchman.***

*Drugs, drinking, they help you block things out, they distract you.  
**It can be hard to see a way out.***

*I've known lots of services over the years, some have been a life line. But it's hard to break out. I had a flat before, but it ended up a homeless hostel.  
**It was still the same life.***

*An Outreach Worker came to speak to me. At first I'd wondered what her agenda was. We spoke about Prestatyn, where I was born and bred. We talked about memories. We got on. I realised she had no agenda, she just wanted to help me.  
**And I was ready to bite the bullet.***

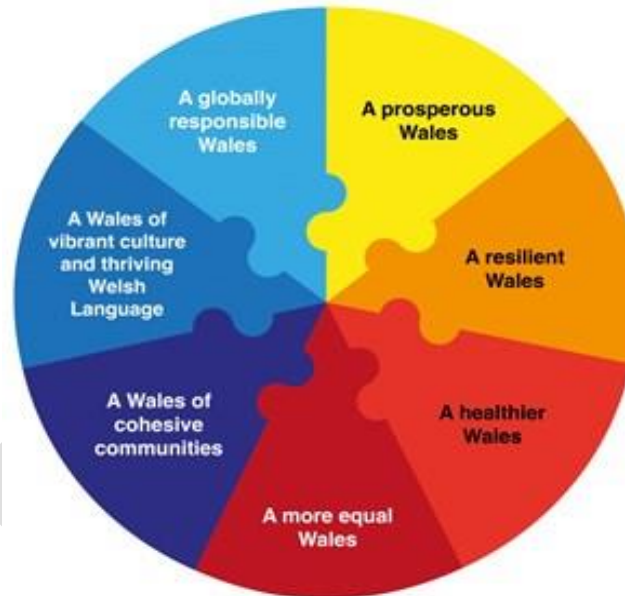
*She doesn't let me down, and I don't want to let her down. But she's also patient when I have a wobble.  
**There is trust, which means everything.***

*I used to sail, and I do miss seeing the world. **But I'm really enjoying the quiet life.** 'Normal' things, putting electric on the meter, going food shopping. I've even started watching soaps.*

*It's a big adjustment. It's been hard work. But my Outreach Worker's helped me with getting used to these things, being in four walls.  
**I feel I've a new lease on life."***

## **7. Wellbeing Impact Assessment (WIA)**

A WIA is a tool we use to help us evaluate the impact of a new idea, policy, report or project. It helps us to consider ways to strengthen the contribution we can make to the wellbeing of future generations, looking at the 7 wellbeing goals identified in the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:



A WIA for the draft Supporting People/Homelessness Prevention Plan 2018/19 was completed 18/04/2017. It scored the Plan 22 points out of 24 in terms of its sustainability, and identified that it made a positive contribution to all of the 7 wellbeing goals (with strategies identified to address any unintended negative consequences). The WIA was reviewed following the close of the Plan's formal consultation period (27/06/2017 – 22/08/2017), and no changes were required.

**8. Denbighshire Supporting People Grant Spend Plan 2018/19**

To be inserted once confirmed by WG.

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# Supporting People Plan 2018/19

## Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of a proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

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| Assessment Number:                   | 226                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Brief description:                   | This Plan updates on Supporting People's commissioning intentions for the next financial year, following on from the broader three year 2016-19 Local Commissioning Plan. It details Denbighshire Supporting People's strategic priorities, need and supply analysis, priorities for development, and areas of service development. |
| Date Completed:                      | Version: 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Completed By:                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Responsible Service:                 | Community Support Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Localities affected by the proposal: | Whole County,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

# IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

## Score for the sustainability of the approach

Could some small changes in your thinking produce a better result?

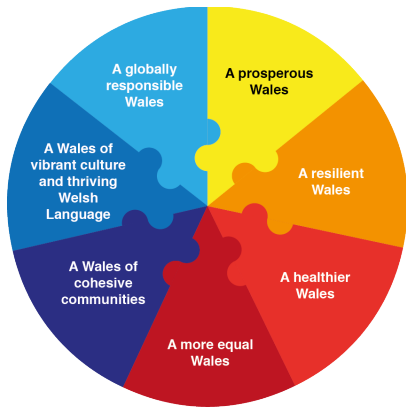
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Actual score: 22/ 24.

## Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



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| A prosperous Denbighshire                                     | Positive |
| A resilient Denbighshire                                      | Positive |
| A healthier Denbighshire                                      | Positive |
| A more equal Denbighshire                                     | Positive |
| A Denbighshire of cohesive communities                        | Positive |
| A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language | Positive |
| A globally responsible Denbighshire                           | Positive |

## Main conclusions

# THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

## A prosperous Denbighshire

|                           |          |
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| Overall Impact:           | Positive |
| Justification for Impact: |          |

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Reviewing the ways we commission is a key priority set out in the Plan, which includes consideration of merging contracts where possible. Having less contracts would result in greater efficiencies, which we could reasonably expect would have a positive impact on reducing energy/fuel consumption.

Education, employment, volunteering and training are key areas for development outlined in the Plan - contributing to the development and promotion of work experience opportunities will be a key priority for us over the coming year. Our Service User Involvement Officer will also continue to work with projects to identify and challenge barriers in this area, and encourage links with employment support services, e.g. Communities for Work, OPUS, Sova etc. Developing community support models may also provide opportunities for communities to contribute and develop their local economy. Finally, offering larger (merged) contracts may encourage greater market interest and investment.

As above, education, training, employment and volunteering are continuing key priorities for SP for 2018/19, which includes the promotion and development of work experience placements. Offering larger (merged) contracts should also offer more sustainability, as well as increase opportunities for community benefits.

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The Plan sets out how we will need to forge greater links with transport agencies (particularly third sector), particularly in the context of facilitating models of community support. Rural community transport is to be explored in the development of DCC's next Corporate Plan, which the SP Plan will be informed by, and will help to deliver.

We will continue to ensure that SP support is available to all, including people with children - SP's support does not necessitate childcare. In supporting people to achieve outcomes in education, employment, volunteering and training, we will be working closely with other Tackling Poverty Partners to ensure that child care schemes can be utilised.

### **Unintended negative consequences identified:**

With merging any contracts there is the possibility of redundancies.

### **Mitigating actions:**

In terms of the possibility of redundancies, as with any contract which goes out to tender, we will adhere to TUPE regulations.

## A resilient Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact:           | Positive |
| Justification for Impact: |          |

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We will be working closely with DCC Enforcement (and Housing Solutions) to ensure that accommodation is safe and of a good standard. Along with Housing Solutions, SP would be key in responding to any flood crisis, supporting displaced households.

### **Unintended negative consequences identified:**

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### **Mitigating actions:**

In relation to the possibility of losing current supported housing properties, we will consider this carefully in any tender processes, and ensure that best use is made of existing properties wherever possible. We will liaise with Housing Strategy where needed to investigate opportunities for sustainable development, and be informed by the Local Development Plan.



## A healthier Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact:           | Positive |
| Justification for Impact: |          |

### Positive consequences identified:

Developing psychologically informed environments is a key priority set out in the Plan. These focus on helping people to understand where behaviours come from, allowing people to work more creatively and effectively. This means thinking not only about what our physical environments look like, but how we communicate; respond to challenging situations, and assess and meet need. Supporting People and Housing Solutions attended complex trauma training in 2017 – which is an important starting point for developing PIEs. Over the coming year, PIE ideas will be considered within our tender processes, and we will plan further ways to encourage their development, e.g. through staff training. More generally speaking, SP support has a clear focus on improving wellbeing, which looks both at a person's physical needs (e.g. shelter, food, warmth, general health), and their social environment (e.g. by supporting people to develop their own support networks, and encouraging cohesion with neighbours, families etc.). SP's aims, as set out in the Plan, are heavily influenced by the Social Services and Wellbeing Act, and Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. SP will also continue to contribute to the 2025 movement, established to end avoidable health inequalities in North Wales. Additionally, a lot of work was carried out in 2016/17, looking into whether 'wet' provision (support services where people accessing are able to drink on-site) is needed in Denbighshire. We have continued to explore different options in this area, including visiting wet services in other areas, and we are currently considering whether there may be opportunities to remodel existing services, e.g. developing safe drinking rooms within projects.

All SP projects support people in matters such as menu planning, cooking well on a budget etc. We will also continue to work closely with our Tackling Poverty partners to address poverty in Denbighshire, including food poverty.

One of our priorities is developing models of community support, and as part of this we are also looking to forge greater links with transport agencies to support community participation.

The Plan sets out how we will continue to strengthen links with mental health services (e.g. via contributing to the Mental Health Planning Group, and Mental Health Rehabilitation and Accommodation Group) to ensure that best use of Supporting People projects is made, especially for people being discharged from hospital who might not have suitable accommodation to return to. We will also be looking at the remits of our mental health projects – considering whether these could be more flexible, to ensure that people are able to access the support they need (e.g. regardless of whether they have a diagnosis). We will also be contributing to work to gather data on dementia, via our ABBA (Aros Byw Bod Adref) project.

Citizens leading a healthy and active lifestyle is one of the outcomes SP projects are required to report on (as part of the National Outcomes Framework). Citizens are frequently supported by SP services to access healthcare, e.g. their GP. Additionally, as above, SP will continue to work to strengthen links with mental health services. SP will also continue to contribute to the 2025, established to end avoidable health inequalities in North Wales.

### Unintended negative consequences identified:

### Mitigating actions:

## A more equal Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact:           | Positive |
| Justification for Impact: |          |

### Positive consequences identified:

SP's planning is heavily influenced by the Strategic Equality Plan. Links between poverty (and homelessness) and certain protected characteristics are well established; as a Tackling Poverty partner, along with our close alignment with Housing Solutions, we have a clear focus on tackling homelessness and its underlying causes. More specifically, our proposed move to more generic support may reduce limitations or remove barriers to access which are currently imposed by specific eligibility criteria.

SP will continue to contribute to the 2025 movement, established to end avoidable health inequalities in North Wales. Much of what is set out in the Plan focusses on removing barriers which are presented by more traditional service arrangements, e.g. development of wet services, psychologically informed environments, payment by results (linked to complex/high needs) and a true Housing First offer for rough sleepers (which we will be seeking to implement in partnership with Health).

Tackling poverty is a key strategic priority set out in the Plan. Supporting People is a Tackling Poverty programme, partnered with Communities First, Families First, and Flying Start. This means we have a shared focus on tackling the causes and effects of poverty. We will continue to work with our Tackling Poverty partners to strengthen the support delivered, and reduce duplication. Further opportunities for working together and joint-commissioning will be explored over the next year, through groups such as the Corporate Anti-Poverty Group, and Tackling Poverty Strategic and Operational Groups. We will also be focussing on the affordability of our supported housing. There is certainly no rule that people in work cannot access support housing. While projects work hard to support however, for some (especially when working full-time) it can become difficult to make supported housing sustainable. This is because when a person is not claiming housing benefit, they have to cover the whole cost of the core rent plus the 'eligible charges' (for things like furniture, maintenance etc.). The introduction of the Local Housing Allowance cap, due in 2019, may offer opportunities to improve the situation; however, at this point, we really don't know enough to plan around this. We must therefore continue to discuss and shine a light on such cases, encourage ideas, and ensure that individuals affected receive the right advice.

### Unintended negative consequences identified:

### Mitigating actions:

## A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

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| Overall Impact:           | Positive |
| Justification for Impact: |          |

### Positive consequences identified:

All SP projects support the safety of individuals and others (this is a specific area captured in the SP outcomes framework). Homelessness/risk of homelessness unquestionably increases people's vulnerability. Safeguarding is a primary consideration, and SP will continue to work closely with DCC Enforcement and Housing Solutions, to ensure that accommodation is safe and of a good standard. We also work closely with Criminal Justice, including the Police and Probation service, to ensure a joined up and holistic approach to managing ASB and offending behaviour, ensuring that any supported housing placement is appropriate, considering the safety of the individual and wider community. As part of this, we will work with Housing Solutions and the criminal justice system to ensure that the Prisoner Pathway works much more effectively, resulting in a more coordinated approach and better support for people leaving custody. We will continue to attend the North Wales Prisoner Resettlement Steering Group, as well as take learning from the offender services research via the RCC, and monitor demand for our projects to support offenders. Additionally, we have been developing a 'positive pathway' model for young people since 2016, which has involved working very closely with Housing Solutions, Social Services, Youth Justice, and other partners. Welsh Government have also strategically adopted this positive pathway approach, as has DCC corporately. We have a shared goal of ensuring the needs of young people, who may be homeless or at risk of homelessness, are met effectively and appropriately – through 1) providing information and advice; 2) early intervention; 3) prevention; 4) support, and 5) a range of housing options. This has already involved significant service remodels, some of which is still ongoing in 2018/19 (the remodel of Y Dyfodol). We have made sure that young people and other partners have been involved in shaping these developments, but must continue to develop our learning - also looking to relevant research and strategies, including the Welsh Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, and the Welsh Government's Child Poverty Strategy. We are also currently working towards a fully risk-based approach to our project reviewing. This involves project risks being identified and measured, which informs when and how we review. For example, where projects are assessed as lower risk, a lighter-touch review may take place - and as a general rule, higher risk projects would be reviewed first. The Plan is influenced by the citizen engagement policy; there is also a joint Service User Involvement Officer across SP and Housing Solutions. The formulation of the Plan itself also involves active encouragement and facilitation of community participation - this includes formal consultation, including as part of service reviews and decommissioning decisions; at our annual Supporting People day, and an 8 week consultation for each annual Supporting People Plan. We also look at evidence from other sources, for example, the domestic abuse survivor consultation, "Are you listening and am I being heard?". Citizens' views are also encouraged throughout the year, with our Service User Involvement Officer working closely with projects to make sure that people not only have their voices heard, but can play an active role in shaping the support they receive. Additionally, much of what is set out in the Plan focusses on removing barriers to participation which may be presented by more traditional service arrangements, e.g. development of wet services, psychologically informed environments, payment by results (linked to complex/high needs) and a true Housing First offer for rough sleepers. Our priority around building psychologically informed environments may require some physical development, e.g. building improvements, decorating etc.

### Unintended negative consequences identified:

With the possible merging of contracts, it may be that certain properties (for supported housing) cannot be retained, therefore new developments may be necessary. It is therefore possible that some buildings could become dis-used.

**Mitigating actions:**

In relation to the possibility of losing current supported housing properties, we will consider this carefully in any tender processes, and ensure that best use is made of existing properties wherever possible. We will liaise with Housing Strategy where needed to investigate opportunities for sustainable development, and be informed by the Local Development Plan.

## A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

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| Overall Impact:           | Positive |
| Justification for Impact: |          |

### **Positive consequences identified:**

SP has adopted the 'active offer' and Denbighshire Welsh Language Standards. The Plan, as well as all public information, will be available in both Welsh and English.

As above.

The Plan will support the Denbighshire Housing Strategy and Development Plan. SP have also provided opportunities for people to access activities in the community via the Personal Budget project(s).

### **Unintended negative consequences identified:**

### **Mitigating actions:**

## A globally responsible Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact:           | Positive |
| Justification for Impact: |          |

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Having larger (merged) contracts would mean increased opportunities for contracts to incorporate significant community benefits.

The provision of quality accommodation and support naturally sits within the upholding of human rights - everyone has a fundamental human right to housing, which ensures access to a safe, secure, habitable, and affordable home with freedom from forced eviction. Our development of a true Housing First offer is one such example captured in the Plan, with the model being founded on the principle of housing being a basic human right.

Partnership working is fundamental to the Plan, and the focus on prevention means that the burden on statutory services (e.g. Housing Solutions and criminal justice) in particular will be reduced. Additionally, the Plan sets out how we will be working to make sure that we are gathering the right need and demand information to inform our commissioning (locally and regionally), including reviewing our 'Needs Mapping' system, and developing information gathering within our Single Pathway (referrals) Team. We will also continue to contribute to meeting the priorities of the Regional Development Plan. This will include supporting the development of regional working and projects, as identified by the group throughout the year.

### **Unintended negative consequences identified:**

It is possible that offering larger contracts may exclude some smaller suppliers from the market.

### **Mitigating actions:**

In relation to the possibility of smaller suppliers being excluded, where contracts are merged we will be encouraging consortium bids where possible, and will also ensure compliance with TUPE.

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| <b>Adroddiad i'r:</b>               | <b>Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau</b>                                                         |
| <b>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:</b>          | <b>2 Tachwedd 2017</b>                                                                           |
| <b>Swyddog Arweiniol:</b>           | <b>Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Cymunedau<br/>(Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Statudol)</b> |
| <b>Awdur yr Adroddiad:</b>          | <b>Rheolwr Prosiect, Tîm Cydweithio Rhanbarthol</b>                                              |
| <b>Teitl:<br/>Adroddiad Cynnydd</b> | <b>Cyllidebau Cyfun (Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol) -</b>                                          |

## 1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Darparu diweddariad arall i aelodau'r Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau ar waith sy'n datblygu i sefydlu Cyllidebau Cyfun ar draws Gogledd Cymru fel sy'n ofynnol o fewn Rhan 9 Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014. Er mwyn gosod y camau gweithredu y bydd Gogledd Cymru yn eu cymryd rhwng partneriaid er mwyn sefydlu cyllidebau cyfun ar gyfer y meysydd a nodir yn Neddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014 fel y nodwyd gan y Gweinidog Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol ac Iechyd Y Cyhoedd, erbyn diwedd Medi 2017.

## 2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Bydd Aelodau yn ymwybodol fod gweithgor Cyllidebau Cyfun Rhanbarthol wedi ei sefydlu a bod y grŵp wedi bod yn cwrdd ers dechrau'r flwyddyn. Barn y grŵp hwn yw a Chyfarwyddwyr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yw bod cyllidebau cyfun yn arf i gefnogi'r daith tuag at integreiddio yn hytrach na dull o integreiddio yn ei hunan. Roeddynt yn cytuno ar y meysydd canlynol o safbwynt ymchwilio i integreiddio a chyllidebau cyfun:

- Gwasanaethau Cefnogi Teuluoedd Integredig
- Cyllid Cyflawni Trawsnewid
- Y Gronfa Gofal Ganolraddol
- Plant gydag anghenion cymhleth
- Grant Gofalwyr
- Diogelu Rhanbarthol
- Storfeydd offer anabled (datblygu beth sydd eisoes yn ei le, mewn gwirionedd)
- Elfennau gofal nyrsio a ariennir o'r gyllideb cartrefi gofal

Roedd awgrym hefyd y gallai rhai ardaloedd dreialu cyfuno cyllidebau cartrefi gofal lle'r oedd gwasanaethau eisoes wedi eu hintegreiddio fel Ffordd Gwynedd.

### 3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Bod y Pwyllgor yn:

- 3.1 cadarnhau ei fod wedi darllen, deall ac ystyried yr Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Les (Atodiad 1) fel rhan o'i ystyriaethau;
- 3.2 Nodi na fyddwn fel rhanbarth yn cyflawni cyfuno cyllidebau ar gyfer Cartrefi Gofal erbyn Ebrill 2018, er bod gwaith sylweddol eisoes yn cael ei wneud ar draws y rhanbarth i ddatblygu gwaith sy'n ymwneud ag integreiddio a chyllidebau cyfun
- 3.3 Ystyried y gofyniad am adnoddau er mwyn cwblhau'r uchod o fewn yr amserlen a nodir yn y Ddeddf a chostau posib a ffynonellau cyllido er mwyn ei gyflawni.

### 4. Manylion yr adroddiad

Mae gwaith pellach wedi ei wneud gan y grŵp Cyllideb Gyfun Ranbarthol a'r cyfeiriad yr ydym wedi ei gymryd ar draws partneriaid yw:

- 4.1 Datblygu Cytundeb Integreiddio rhanbarthol y bydd pob partner yn ei arwyddo, mae'n nodi ymrwymiad partneriaid i gydweithio ac i integreiddio gwasanaethau. Bydd pob cytundeb partneriaeth neu gytundeb adran 33 fydd yn cael ei ddatblygu ar draws y rhanbarth a'r rhai sydd eisoes yn bodoli yn eistedd o dan y cytundeb hwn. Bydd partneriaid yn cytuno ar y Cytundeb Integreiddio hwn ac yn ei arwyddo erbyn diwedd Hydref 2017.
- 4.2 Datblygu cytundeb partneriaeth ar gyfer y Gronfa Gofal Integredig (fel y nodir yn y canllawiau statudol) - bydd hwn yn cael ei arwyddo gan bartneriaid erbyn diwedd Hydref 2017.
- 4.3 Datblygu cytundeb partneriaeth ar gyfer Cronfa Gofal Integredig y Gofalwr (fel y nodir yn y canllawiau statudol) - bydd hwn yn cael ei arwyddo gan bartneriaid erbyn diwedd Hydref 2017. 2017 / 18 yw blwyddyn olaf y ffrwd Arian Grant yma. Mae gwaith yn mynd rhagddo er mwyn mapio'r gwasanaethau sy'n cael eu darparu i Ofalwyr ar draws y rhanbarth gan bartneriaid. Unwaith bydd y gwaith hwn wedi ei gwblhau bydd angen cynnal trafodaethau pellach er mwyn cytuno ar ffrydiau cyllid ar gyfer y dyfodol a chyfuno cyllidebau lle bo'n briodol.
- 4.4 Treialu amrywiaeth o feysydd cyllideb gyfun ar draws y rhanbarth lle tybir mai dyma'r cam naturiol nesaf ar y daith i integreiddio. Y meysydd sydd wedi eu cadarnhau fel rhai i'w datblygu fel cyllidebau cyfun fydd:

#### - **Plant gydag anghenion cymhleth**

Mae'r maes hwn eisoes wedi ei nodi fel maes blaenoriaeth i'w integreiddio gan y BPRhGC. Nid yw'r BPRhGC eto wedi cymeradwyo'r Cynllun Cwmpas a Chyflawni a Sgôp ar gyfer y ffrwd waith hon. Nes bod y cynllun cwmpas a chyflawni wedi ei gwblhau a'i gytuno arno, does dim cynnydd nac amserlen ar gael ar gyfer y gyllideb gyfun hon.



- **Gwasanaethau Cefnogi Teuluoedd Integredig**

Mae hwn yn ofyniad yn y Ddeddf, mae Gwasanaethau Cefnogaeth Integredig I Deuluoedd yn faes blaenoriaeth ar gyfer integreiddio i'r BPRhGC. Mae Gwasanaeth Integredig Cymorth i Deuluoedd yn wasanaeth sefydledig ac mae trefniadau partneriaeth isranbarthol ar gyfer y Dwyrain a'r Gorllewin. Mae angen gwneud gwaith er mwyn sicrhau bod Gwasanaeth Integredig Cymorth i Deuluoedd yn cwrdd y gofynion sydd yn Rhan 9 y Canllawiau Statudol, a bod y trefniadau partneriaeth yn cwrdd disgwyliadau Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae gwaith yn mynd rhagddo ar draws Sir Ddinbych a Chonwy, ac ar hyn o bryd mae'r gwasanaeth wedi ei sefydlu ar wahân, fodd bynnag o fewn cyddestun ehangach Gwasanaethau Plant. Bydd angen datblygu dull gweithredu er mwyn cwrdd gofynion Gwasanaethau Integredig Cymorth i Deuluoedd o fewn y Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant. Os bydd gofyniad yn codi i sefydlu cyllideb gyfun ranbarthol bydd angen i bartneriaid Gwasanaethau Integredig Cymorth i Deuluoedd gytuno ar awdurdod cynnal ar gyfer hyn, fodd bynnag, o ystyried maint a chwmpas y Gwasanaethau Integredig Cymorth i Deuluoedd ni fyddai hyn yn ychwanegu gwerth at y gwasanaeth a ni fyddai'n golygu canlyniadau ychwanegol i'r rhai sy'n derbyn y gwasanaeth.

- **Gwasanaethau Cymunedol – Cartrefi Gofal a gofal cartref – Ffordd Gwynedd**

Mae Cyngor Gwynedd a'r Bwrdd Iechyd wedi penderfynu treialu cyllideb gyfun yn ardal Tywyn. Mae'r ardal yn cynnwys pedair adran etholiadol a bydd yn cynnwys y darpariaethau canlynol (x1 Ysbyty Cymuned, x2 Cartref Nyrsio, x3 Cartref Preswyl Preifat a 1x Cartref Preswyl y mae'r Awdurdod Lleol yn berchen arno.) Fel man cychwyn, mae Grŵp Gweithredol wedi ei sefydlu er mwyn casglu a gwirio data ariannol gan yr Awdurdod Lleol a'r Bwrdd Iechyd. Mae casglu a gwirio data wedi digwydd dros yr haf ac mae'r Grŵp Gweithredol wedi cwrdd eto ar yr 13 Medi. Yn y man cyntaf byddant yn canolbwyntio ar Gartrefi Gofal yn hytrach nac ar wasanaethau cymunedol eraill e.e. Gofal Cartref

- **Lleoliadau cartrefi gofal adran 117**

Yng nghyfarfod y Cyllidebau Cyfun Rhanbarthol ar 27 Mehefin 2017 cynigiodd cynrychiolydd Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr y gellid sefydlu cyllideb gyfun o ran lleoliadau Adran 117 a chytunodd Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy i ddatblygu hyn gyda'r Bwrdd Iechyd. Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod cychwynnol ar 24 Gorffennaf 2017 ond yn anffodus ni wnaeth cynrychiolydd y Bwrdd Iechyd fynychu'r cyfarfod. Nid oes cynnydd pellach wedi bod ac mae angen i Fwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr egluro ei safle o safbwynt datblygu'r gyllideb gyfun hon.

- **Capasiti gofal cartref Sir y Fflint**

Yn Sir y Fflint, mae blaenoriaeth glir i gryfhau'r sector gofal cartref, oherwydd y pwysau cenedlaethol a lleol yn y maes yma. Felly mae Cyngor Sir Y Fflint a Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr wedi cytuno i gydweithio er mwyn datblygu dull gweithredu ar y cyd gyda chyllideb gyfun er mwyn cynyddu capasiti gofal cartref yn ardal De Sir y Fflint,. Bydd y dull gweithredu arloesol hwn yn cryfhau capasiti gofal cartref mewnol a gofal canolraddol gan gefnogi'r 3 prif ysbyty, gan wasanaethu Sir y Fflint ac Ysbyty Maelor Wrecsam yn benodol.

Bydd hyn yn golygu dwyn cyllidebau cyfalaf a refeniw ynghyd er mwyn cynyddu'r ddarpariaeth o ofal o safon a llacio'r pwysau yn y system iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol.

- 4.5 O safbwynt Cyflawni Cyllid Trawsnewid, dyma'r cyllid y bydd y 6 Awdurdodau Lleol yn ei ddwyn ynghyd er mwyn ariannu'r gweithgarwch rhanbarthol yng Ngogledd Cymru – bydd hyn yn amodol ar gytundeb partneriaeth rhwng y 6 Awdurdod Lleol ac mae'r cytundeb yn cael ei orffen ar hyn o bryd. Bydd y cytundeb hwn yn cael ei gwblhau fis Hydref 2017.
- 4.6 Gan fod y cyfraniadau cyllid o ran Diogelu Rhanbarthol yn cael ei nodi yn y Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant, ni ystyrir fod symud ymlaen gyda datblygiad cyllideb gyfun yn angenrheidiol ar hyn o bryd, byddwn yn ystyried yr angen am gytundeb partneriaeth maes o law.
- 4.7 Cynllun Rhanbarthol ar gyfer y Gweinidog.  
Rydym wedi cyflwyno cynllun rhanbarthol i Weinidog y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol ac Iechyd y Cyhoedd; Rebecca Evans, fel y gofynnodd yn ei llythyr at Gadeiryddion y Byrddau Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol, yn gofyn i bob rhanbarth ysgrifennu ati erbyn diwedd mis Medi yn nodi'r camau sy'n cael eu cymryd ymysg y partneriaid i sefydlu cyllidebau cyfun o ran arfer swyddogaethau llety cartrefi gofal (atodiad 2)

## 5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Mae Rheoliadau Trefniadau Partneriaeth yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i sefydlu cronfeydd cyfun mewn perthynas â:

- Arfer swyddogaethau llety cartref gofal;
- Arfer swyddogaethau cymorth i deuluoedd;
- Swyddogaethau a fydd yn cael eu harfer ar y cyd o ganlyniad i'r asesiad a gyflawnir dan Adran 14 o'r Ddeddf, neu unrhyw gynllun a baratowyd dan adran 14A.

Daeth y dyletswyddau hyn i rym o Ebrill 2016, ar wahân i'r ddyletswydd i sefydlu cyllidebau cyfun o ran swyddogaethau llety cartrefi gofal, sy'n dod i rym ar 6 Ebrill 2018.

## 6. Faint fydd yn ei gostio a sut fydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

Mae'r cyllid Trawsnewid Cyflawni y mae'r 6 Awdurdod Lleol wedi eu cyfuno i gefnogi gwaith rhanbarthol bellach yn cyllido cynhwysedd rheoli prosiectau a Swyddog Cyfreithiol i gefnogi gwaith y grŵp hwn. Mae adnodd AD bellach wedi ymuno â'r grŵp Cyllidebau Cyfun Rhanbarthol ers Mehefin 2017.

## 7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Les?

Dyma'r ail asesiad effaith a gynhaliwyd a thra'n bod yn dal yng nghramau cyntaf y prosiect, mae cynnydd sylweddol wedi ei wneud ar ffurf cytundeb integredig sy'n nodi'r fframwaith ar gyfer partneriaid ar draws y rhanbarth i symud integreiddio a chyfuno cyllidebau ymlaen.

Bydd angen adolygu a diwygio'r asesiad o effaith yn barhaol fel mae'r prosiect yn datblygu a bydd hefyd angen ystyried cwblhau asesiadau effaith unigol ar

gyfer pob integreiddiad / peilot cyllidebau cyfun sy'n llifo o'r cytundeb integreiddio ei hun.

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau a gynhaliwyd gydag Archwilio ac eraill?

Bydd aelodau yn ymwybodol o Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014 a byddant wedi derbyn gwybodaeth am Ran 9 y Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a datblygiad y Byrddau Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol.

Bydd ymgynghoriad ffurfiol yn cael ei gynnal o safbwynt meysydd penodol o gyfuno cyllidebau.

9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

Mae datblygu cyllidebau cyfun yn broses gymhleth.

Mae rhai o'r risgiau a'r problemau sydd angen eu goresgyn wedi eu nodi yn Adran 10 isod.

Ar draws y rhanbarth, mae'r agenda cydweithio wedi symud ymlaen ar na fydd yn cwrdd y gofyniad statudol i gyfuno cyllidebau cartrefi gofal yn llawn am y rhesymau a eglurir yn yr adroddiad hwn. Byddai cyfanswm cyllid cyllideb gyfun o'r fath yn fwy na £120 miliwn ond byddai'n agosach at £200 miliwn pe byddai meysydd eraill darpariaeth gofal yn cael eu cyfuno hefyd. Mae felly'n hanfodol bod y trefniadau llywodraethu a'r achos busnes yn cael eu hystyried yn ofalus. Mae nifer o faterion cyllido hir dymor y mae'n rhaid eu datrys yn llwyr cyn integreiddio cyllidebau yn llawn ar draws y rhanbarth.

10. Pa risgiau sydd yna ac oes yna unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

Mae risgiau neu faterion sydd angen mynd i'r afael â nhw mewn dyfnder wrth gychwyn ar gytundeb cyllideb gyfun:

Ymdrin â gorwariant / tanwariant cyllideb

Buddion yn cael eu hennill gan un partner ar draul y partner arall

Colli neu ragweld colli atebolrwydd dros y cyllidebau

Croes gymorthdal gwasanaethau

Toriadau cyllideb neu dwf gwasanaeth

Canolbwyntio ar bwy ariannodd

beth yn hytrach na chanlyniadau

Gwahanol gyfundrefnau TAW (yn gyffredinol mae awdurdodau lleol yn codi ac yn adennill TAW lle nad yw'r GIG yn gwneud hynny)

Gweithdrefnau cyllido a chodi tâl gwahanol

Diffyg ystyriaeth o'r effaith ar wasanaethau corfforaethol e.e. cyllid ac / neu lywodraethu i reoli cyllidebau cyfun

Atebolrwydd yswiriant a chostau

Trefniadau archwiliad

Trefniadau pensiwn  
Costau a etifeddir os yw'r cytundeb yn dirwyn i ben  
Pwysau na ragwelwyd ar y system e.e. newidiadau gwleidyddol lleol yn y  
cyngor, gorfodaethau gwleidyddol cenedlaethol yn y GIG  
Newid arweinyddiaeth yn y bartneriaeth  
Diffyg aliniad diwylliant a gwerthoedd

11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad
- Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles (Cymru) 2014, Rhan 9
  - Mae pwerau'r Pwyllgor Archwilio mewn perthynas â'r mater hwn wedi'u gosod yn Adran 7.3, 7.4.1 a 7.15.2 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.

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Annwyl Weinidog,

Diolch am eich llythyr dyddiedig 2 Awst 2017 ac rwy'n falch o ddarparu gwybodaeth i chi o ran Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru.

Fel Cadeirydd Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru rwy'n hynod o falch gyda'r cynnydd mae partneriaid ar draws y rhanbarth yn ei wneud gyda datblygiad trefniadau cyllidebau cyfun a chomisiynu. Mae datblygiad y Cytundeb Integreiddio Rhanbarthol yn garreg filltir sylweddol i'r rhanbarth o ran dangos eu hymrwymiad i gydweithio yn y dyfodol. O ystyried maint daearyddol a natur Gogledd Cymru a'r nifer o bartneriaid sy'n rhan o hyn, rydym yn ofalus o beidio colli golwg o beth sy'n bwysig i'n poblogaeth ar lefel leol; sydd yn unol â chanfyddiadau cychwynol yr adolygiad Seneddol o Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol yng Nghymru. Fel Bwrdd rydym yn herio ein hunain yn gyson i wirio bod ein camau gweithredu a'n bwriadau ar gyfer y dyfodol yn cael effaith gadarnhaol ar ein poblogaeth.

I'r perwyl hwn, mae ein cyflawniadau hyd yma yn unol â'n taith o integreiddio fel partneriaid. Rydym yn credu y gall cyllidebau cyfun fod yn rhan allweddol o ddull system gyfan o drin iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol ond rhaid iddo gael ei wneud ar y cam iawn yn natblygiad gwasanaethau integredig. Mae ein timau integredig yn lleol iawn o ran natur ac un her sydd gennym fel Bwrdd yw deall sut gall gwasanaethau integredig lleol o'r fath weithio'n effeithiol gyda chyllideb gyfun ranbarthol. Mae'n debygol ar gyfer y rhan hon o'n taith, y byddai trefniadau lleol neu isranbarthol ar gyfer cyfuno cyllid yn fwy effeithiol.

Y dull rydym wedi cytuno arno yw adeiladu ar y cydweithredu rhagorol sy'n digwydd yn y rhanbarth a pheilota amrywiaeth o wahanol fodelau a fydd yn profi'r egwyddorion a'r trefniadau ar gyfer cyllidebau cyfun fel a restrir isod.

## Grŵp Cyllidebau Cyfun Rhanbarthol

Rydym wedi sefydlu grŵp Cyllidebau Cyfun rhanbarthol; mae hwn yn grŵp technegol/arbenigol a chaiff ei Gadeirio gan Nicola Stubbins, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol. Mae cynrychiolwyr ar y grŵp hwnnw yn cynnwys swyddogion cyfreithiol, arbenigedd AD, Swyddogion Cyllid Adran 151 yn ogystal â swyddogion o'r gwasanaethau gofal cymdeithasol ac iechyd. Mae'r grŵp cyllidebau cyfun hwn wedi bod yn cydweithio i ddeall natur ac amrywiaeth trefniadau cyllidebau cyfun ac mae'n glir bod cyllidebau cyfun yn ffordd weinyddol o gefnogi canlyniad neu amcan a ddymunir a'u bod yn fodd o gyrraedd nod, yn hytrach na'r nod ei hun. Mae'n cydnabod y gall cyfuno cyllidebau fod yn rhwystr sylweddol i integreiddio llwyddiannus neu arafu cyflymder gweithredu. Mae hefyd wedi dod i'r casgliad nad oes tystiolaeth i awgrymu y bydd cyfuno cyllidebau ar ei ben ei hun yn mynd i'r afael â'r pwysau ariannol sylweddol a'r heriau demograffig sy'n wynebu gwasanaethau gofal cymdeithasol ac iechyd. Gall cyllidebau cyfun alluogi integreiddio, fodd bynnag, dim ond un cam ar y daith integreiddio yw hyn.

Mae'r grŵp cyllidebau cyfun hefyd wedi nodi risgiau a materion bydd angen i bartneriaid roi sylw manwl iddynt cyn mynd i mewn i gytundeb cyllidebau cyfun:

- Trin gorwariant/tanwariant cyllideb
- Buddion a geir gan un partner ar draul partner arall
- Colli neu gollu canfyddedig o ran atebolrwydd dros gyllidebau
- Cymhorthdal ar draws gwasanaethau ar draws ffiniau awdurdodau lleol
- Gweithredu toriadau cyllideb neu dwf gwasanaethau
- Canolbwyntio ar bwy wnaeth ariannu beth, yn hytrach na chanlyniadau
- Trefnau TAW gwahanol (yn gyffredinol mae awdurdodau lleol yn codi ac adennill TAW ond nid yw'r GIG yn gwneud hyn)
- Trefnau cyllido a chodi tâl gwahanol
- Diffyg ystyriaeth i effaith ar wasanaethau corfforaethol, e.e. cyllid a/neu lywodraethu i reoli cyllid cyfun
- Atebolrwydd a chostau yswiriant
- Trefniadau a chostau archwilio
- Trefniadau pensiwn
- Costau etifeddiaeth os bydd y cytundeb yn datod
- Pwysau anrhagweledig ar y system, e.e. newidiadau gwleidyddol lleol yn y cyngor, rheidrwydd gwleidyddol cenedlaethol yn y GIG
- Newid arweinyddiaeth yn y bartneriaeth
- Diffyg aliniad rhwng diwylliant a gwerthoedd

Mae Swyddogion Cyllid Adran 151 yr Awdurdodau Lleol sydd ar y cyfarfod cyllidebau cyfun rhanbarthol wedi cyfarfod gyda Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru i drafod goblygiadau archwilio sy'n ymwneud â chyllidebau cyfun a chaiff trafodaethau pellach eu trefnu. Hoffem dynnu eich sylw i adroddiad dyddiedig 8 Chwefror 2017 gan y Swyddfa Archwilio Genedlaethol – "Health and Social Care Integration" – yr Adran Iechyd a'r Adran Cymunedau a Llywodraeth Leol a GIG Lloegr sy'n amlygu profiadau integreiddio a chyllidebau cyfun yn Lloegr ac, fel rhanbarth, rydym yn awyddus i ddysgu o'r profiadau hyn i sicrhau bod unrhyw gyllidebau

cyfun ar draws Gogledd Cymru yn llwyddiannus. Mae'r cwestiynau a godir yn y Papur Gwyn "Diwygio Llywodraeth Leol: Cadernid ac Adnewyddiad" dyddiedig 31 Ionawr 2007 yn codi set o gwestiynau am natur, heriau a chyfleoedd gweithio rhanbarthol ac mae'r rhain yn gwestiynau yr un mor berthnasol i'w codi wrth roi ystyriaeth i gyllidebau cyfun. I'r perwyl hwn, rydym wedi datblygu templed arfarniad opsiynau (Atodiad 1) y bydd partneriaid yn ei ddefnyddio wrth integreiddio gwasanaethau ac ystyried cyfuno cyllidebau. Mae Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru wedi cymeradwyo'r templed arfarnu opsiynau hwn i'w ddefnyddio gan bartneriaid wrth roi ystyriaeth i integreiddio a chyfuno cyllidebau.

Oherwydd ffactorau a nodir uchod, mae'r Bwrdd yn cymryd dull gochelgar a gofalus i gyfuno cyllidebau ac mae'n glir bod datblygiad cyllidebau cyfun yn cael ei arwain gan arweinwyr gofal cymdeithasol ac iechyd yn hytrach na chael ei arwain gan gyllid.

### Cytundeb Integreiddio Rhanbarthol

Ym mis Mehefin 2017 gwnaeth Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru gymeradwyo datblygiad Cytundeb Integreiddio Rhanbarthol. Mae hwn yn gytundeb trosfwaol y mae pob partner yn cytuno iddo sy'n cofnodi'r sail y bydd y partneriaid yn cydweithredu â'i gilydd arno ac mae'n nodi:

- Y prif amcanion
- Egwyddorion cydweithredu
- Strwythurau llywodraethu mae'r partïon wedi eu rhoi ar waith (adrodd i Fwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru)
- Rolau a chyfrifoldebau'r partïon

Bydd unrhyw drefniant cyllideb gyfun a ddatblygir ar draws Gogledd Cymru p'un a yw'n rhanbarthol neu isranbarthol o ran natur yn eistedd fel atodlen i'r cytundeb trosfwaol hwn. Mae'r dull hwn yn darparu hyblygrwydd i gytundebau Adran 33 presennol gael eu dwyn dan y cytundeb hwn. Mae Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru wedi cymeradwyo'r Cytundeb Integreiddio Rhanbarthol a ddatblygwyd ac rydym yn falch o adrodd bydd hyn yn datblygu drwy strwythurau gwleidyddol/llywodraethu partneriaid i gael ei lofnodi. Mae hyn yn ddatblygiad a chyflawniad sylweddol i Fwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru.

Er ein bod yn cymryd dull gofalus o ran cyfuno cyllidebau fel rhanbarth, gan sicrhau eu bod yn cael eu sbarduno gan wasanaethau a dilyn taith integreiddio yn naturiol, rydym wedi bod yn datblygu meysydd peilot ar gyfer cyfuno cyllidebau:

### Cronfa Gofal Integredig

Mae cytundeb partneriaeth drafft wedi'i ddatblygu ar gyfer y Gronfa Gofal Integredig. Mae'r dull hwn yn unol â pharagraff 62 yn y Canllawiau Statudol Rhan 9 a Chanllawiau'r Gronfa Gofal Integredig. Mae'r dull hwn wedi'i gymeradwyo gan Fwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru a byddwn yn symud ymlaen i gwblhau'r cytundeb hwn a'i lofnodi.

### Grant Cyllid Trawsnewidiol Gofalwyr

Mae cytundeb partneriaeth drafft wedi'i ddatblygu, eto mae'r dull hwn yn unol â pharagraff 62 yn y Canllawiau Statudol Rhan 9, wrth aros am drafodaethau pellach gyda'r Bwrdd Iechyd, gwnaeth Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru gymeradwyo'r dull hwn a bydd y cytundeb yn cael ei gwblhau i'w lofnodi.

### Gwasanaethau Integredig Cymorth i Deuluoedd (IFSS)

Fel rhanbarth, mae'r gwasanaeth IFSS wedi'i sefydlu yng Ngogledd Cymru. Mae trefniadau partneriaeth isranbarthol a sefydlwyd pan ddaeth yr IFSS i fodolaeth. Oherwydd natur gynnil iawn y gwasanaeth IFSS, mae Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru wedi cymeradwyo bod y dull isranbarthol presennol yn cael ei gynnal, fodd bynnag, gellir ei adolygu yn ddiweddarach pan geir eglurder oddi wrth Lywodraeth Cymru o ran a yw'n ofyniad bod ag un gronfa ranbarthol. Nodir, fodd bynnag, na fydd creu un gyllideb gyfun ranbarthol ar gyfer IFSS yn dod ag unrhyw werth ychwanegol i'r gwasanaeth ac ni fydd yn dod ag unrhyw ganlyniadau pellach i'r rhai sy'n cael y gwasanaeth.

### Gwasanaethau Cymunedol – Ffordd Gwynedd

Bydd Cyngor Gwynedd a'r Bwrdd Iechyd yn peilota cyllideb gyfun yn ardal Tywyn y Sir. Mae'r ardal yn cynnwys pedair adran etholiadol a bydd yn cynnwys y darpariaethau a ganlyn – 1 Ysbyty Cymunedol; 2 Cartrefi Nyrsio; 3 Cartrefi Preswyl Preifat ac un Cartref Preswyl sy'n eiddo i'r Awdurdod Lleol. Mae datblygiadau presennol yn cynnwys casglu a gwirio data ac mae grŵp gweithredol lleol wedi'i sefydlu i symud y datblygiad hwn yn ei flaen. Mae Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru wedi cymeradwyo cynnig y bydd y gyllideb gyfun beilot hon yn datblygu ac adrodd yn ôl i Fwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru ymhen 6 mis oherwydd bydd hyn yn darparu dysgu gwerthfawr i'r rhanbarth drwy ddatblygu cyllideb gyfun mewn ardal gynnil lle mae'r daith integreiddio eisoes wedi datblygu yn sylweddol.

### Capasiti Cartrefi Gofal Sir y Fflint

Fel sir, mae gan Sir y Fflint flaenoriaeth glir i gryfhau'r sector cartrefi gofal oherwydd pwysau cenedlaethol a lleol. Mae Cyngor Sir y Fflint a'r Bwrdd Iechyd wedi cytuno i gydweithio i ddatblygu dull ar y cyd gyda chyllideb gyfun i gynyddu capasiti cartrefi gofal yn ardal de Sir y Fflint. Bydd y dull arloesol hwn yn cryfhau capasiti cartrefi gofal mewnol a chapasiti gofal canolraddol sy'n cefnogi'r 3 phrif ysbyty sy'n gwasanaethu Sir y Fflint ac yn enwedig Ysbyty Maelor Wrecsam. Bydd hyn yn cynnwys cyfuno cyllidebau cyfalaf a refeniw i gynyddu darpariaeth gofal o safon a lleihau pwysau yn y system iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol. Gwnaeth Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru gymeradwyo bod y peilot hwn yn datblygu a bod cynnydd yn cael ei adrodd ymhen 6 mis oherwydd eto, bydd hyn yn ddysgu gwerthfawr i'r rhanbarth.



## Lleoliadau cartref gofal adran 117

Cafwyd cynnig gan y Bwrdd Iechyd i beilota cyfuno cyllidebau ar gyfer lleoliadau cartref gofal Adran 117 ac mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy wedi cytuno i weithio gyda'r Bwrdd Iechyd ar hyn. Wrth aros am eglurder gan y Bwrdd Iechyd ar y peilot hwn, mae Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru wedi cymeradwyo ei ddechrau gydag adroddiad pellach ar gynnydd ymhen 6 mis.

## Plant gydag anghenion cymhleth

Mae hwn yn faes blaenoriaeth ar gyfer integreiddio yn y Ddeddf ac ar gyfer Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru. Caiff rhagor o waith ei wneud gan is-grŵp Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru i nodi meysydd integreiddio a allai arwain at gyllideb gyfun yn y dyfodol.

Byddwch yn ymwybodol, yn ogystal â chyfuno cyllidebau, mae Rhan 9 y Ddeddf yn gofyn i ni fel rhanbarth gynnal nifer o weithgareddau eraill sy'n ymwneud â chomisiynu. I roi darlun llawn i chi o'r gwaith yn y rhanbarth, rwyf wedi cymryd y cyfle i roi trosolwg i chi o sut rydym yn datblygu yn erbyn y gofynion:

## **Comisiynu Rhanbarthol**

Bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn ymwybodol bod gan bartneriaid yng Ngogledd Cymru hanes hirsefydlog o gydweithio i gomisiynu gwasanaethau; fel rhanbarth, yn 2012, gwnaethom sefydlu canolfan gomisiynu rhanbarthol a ariannwyd gan y 6 Awdurdod Lleol a'r Bwrdd Iechyd. Cylch gwaith y ganolfan oedd comisiynu a chanfod lleoliadau cost uchel, maint isel i bartneriaid. Roedd hyn yn cynnwys datblygu fframweithiau ar gyfer lleoliadau preswyl i blant ac oedolion. Cynhaliwyd adolygiad annibynnol o'r model hwn yn 2014 ac arweiniodd hyn at ail-lunio natur y gwaith comisiynu sy'n cael ei wneud yn rhanbarthol, eto wedi'i ariannu gan y 7 partner. Mae'r pwyslais ers hyn wedi bod ar gomisiynu strategol ac mae gwaith sylweddol yn digwydd yn rhanbarthol o gwmpas cartrefi gofal a chomisiynu gofal cartref ar draws y partneriaid. Fel rhanbarth, rydym wedi arwain ar nifer o fentrau cenedlaethol ar ran y Bwrdd Comisiynu Cenedlaethol, er enghraifft, y dadansoddiad marchnad cartrefi gofal a gafodd ei gyflwyno wedyn ar draws gweddill Cymru. Fel partneriaid, rydym yn credu bod buddion mwy i'w cyflawni drwy gomisiynu integredig neu gomisiynu ar y cyd a dulliau rhanbarthol cyffredin a ddarperir yn lleol, nag y byddem yn eu cyflawni drwy gyfuno cyllidebau ar hyn o bryd. Bydd y gwaith rydym yn ei wneud dan ein trefniadau Partneriaeth Comisiynu Strategol ar draws partneriaid yn dod â chanlyniadau gwell sylweddol i ddinasyddion mewn marchnad wedi'i chomisiynu sy'n gynaliadwy ac addas i'r diben.

## **Cynnal asesiad anghenion poblogaeth a dadansoddiad o'r farchnad gan gynnwys anghenion hunan-arianwyr**

Fel rhanbarth, gwnaeth partneriaid Gogledd Cymru gwblhau a chyhoeddi eu Hasesiad Anghenion Poblogaeth ar 30 Mawrth 2017 fel oedd yn ofynnol. Mae'r Asesiad ar gael mewn amrywiaeth o fformatau a gellir ei weld drwy [www.cydweithredfagogleddcymru.cymru](http://www.cydweithredfagogleddcymru.cymru).

Mae gwaith yn mynd rhagddo bellach gyda phartneriaid i gwblhau ein Cynllun Ardal ac rydym yn ymgynghori ar y cynllun drafft ar hyn o bryd.

Fel rhanbarth, gwnaeth Gogledd Cymru beilota creu a chwblhau'r Dadansoddiad Marchnad Cartrefi Gofal, gan gydweithio gyda'r Bwrdd Comisiynu Cenedlaethol ar y peilot hwn.

### **Cytuno ar ddatganiad sefyllfa'r farchnad integredig a strategaeth comisiynu**

Fel rhanbarth rydym wedi bod yn gweithio ar y cyd drwy ein Bwrdd Comisiynu Rhanbarthol ar ddatblygiad ein "Datganiad sefyllfa'r farchnad/Datganiad Llunio'r Farchnad Cartrefi Gofal". Mae gennym ddatganiad drafft aeddfed wedi'i gwblhau a gaiff ei gwblhau a'i gymeradwyo gan bartneriaid erbyn diwedd y flwyddyn. Mae'r Datganiad Sefyllfa'r Farchnad hwn yn cynnwys gwybodaeth ar gyfer pob partner o ran eu bwriad comisiynu, felly nid oes angen strategaeth gomisiynu ar wahân.

### **Cytuno ar gontract a manyleb cyffredin**

Fel rhanbarth mae Gogledd Cymru wedi datblygu cytundeb cyn-lleoliad rhanbarthol ar gyfer cartrefi gofal. Mae hwn yn gytundeb tair ffordd rhwng yr Awdurdod Lleol, y Bwrdd Iechyd a Darparwyr. Mae'r dull hwn wedi bodoli ers peth amser. Mae pryder yn dod i'r amlwg fodd bynnag, bod y Bwrdd Iechyd yn cael gwybod am yr angen iddynt dendro am ddarpariaeth Cartrefi Gofal gan eu bod yn gweithio y tu allan i'w rheoliadau ariannol/caffael a ganiateir ar hyn o bryd. Os bydd y Bwrdd Iechyd yn parhau i dendro, bydd hyn yn arwain at dynnu o'r contract cyffredin presennol. Bydd angen trafodaethau pellach ar draws partneriaid o ran y cyfeiriad hwn.

### **Dull integredig o gytuno ar ffioedd gyda darparwyr**

Mae Awdurdodau Lleol Gogledd Cymru wedi gweithio ar y cyd ers nifer o flynyddoedd o ran ffioedd gofal. Mae gennym fethodoleg a ddefnyddir gan y 6 Awdurdod Lleol fodd bynnag, oherwydd gwanhaol rymoedd y farchnad, darpariaeth cartrefi gofal ar draws y rhanbarth a ffactorau lleol fel lefelau staffio, natur marchnad y darparwr a fforddiadwyedd, nid yw'n bosibl cytuno ar un ffi gofal rhanbarthol ar draws y rhanbarth.

O ran Gofal Iechyd Parhaus, mae'r Bwrdd Iechyd yn gweithio ar ddatblygu methodoleg ffioedd ar gyfer cytuno ar y gyfradd Gofal Iechyd Parhaus ar gyfer cartrefi Gofal sydd wedi'i alinio i angen clinigol y boblogaeth hon a'r gwasanaeth sy'n ofynnol i ddiwallu anghenion

unigolion. Ni fydd y ffi hon yn y dyfodol wedi'i halinio i'r fethodoleg gosod ffioedd rhanbarthol a ddefnyddir gan Awdurdodau Lleol. Yn dilyn dyfarniad diweddar y goruchaf lys, bydd y gyfradd Gofal Nyrsio a Ariennir yn destun adolygiad blynyddol a chaiff dull cenedlaethol ei fabwysiadu i osod y gyfradd.

### Dull integredig i sicrhau ansawdd

Fel rhanbarth, mae partneriaid yn cydweithio i gynnal adroddiad sicrhau ansawdd cartrefi misol. Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn darparu gwybodaeth am gartrefi o ran pryderon ansawdd. Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn cofnodi gwybodaeth am ddwysau pryderon sy'n cynyddu neu sy'n ffurfiol, themâu allweddol a beth rydym yn ei wneud ar y cyd i ymateb i'r rhain. Mae hyn hefyd yn casglu gwybodaeth am gapasiti gwelyau; cofnodi cynnydd neu leihad dros amser o ran gwelyau cofrestredig.

Mewn dwy ardal Awdurdod Lleol rydym yn peilota adnodd monitro ansawdd yn seiliedig ar y fframwaith canlyniadau cenedlaethol a chyferwerth ar gyfer safonau gofal iechyd. Mae hyn hefyd wedi'i rannu ar draws pob un o'r Awdurdodau Lleol yng Ngogledd Cymru. Cynhelir cyfarfod i ystyried gwersi a ddysgwyd ac i edrych ar sut gall yr adnodd ac arfer wella. Rydym yn ceisio fel rhanbarth bod ag un adnodd cynhwysfawr sengl (Adnodd Monitro Ansawdd). Byddai hyn yn cynnwys holiaduron i bobl sy'n cael eu cefnogi a'u teuluoedd, cynrychiolwyr, staff a rheolwyr cartrefi gofal a gweithwyr proffesiynol eraill. Bydd gofyn i gartrefi gofal gwblhau hunanasesiad hefyd.

Yn ogystal, fel rhanbarth rydym wedi adolygu'r gweithdrefnau Dwysau Pryderon a datblygu adnodd rheoli ansawdd, darparu polisi a gweithdrefn beth sy'n bwysig sy'n dechrau o bwynt monitro ac sy'n nodi sut rydym yn ymateb i bryderon ansawdd. Mae'r gwaith hwn wedi'i ddatblygu gan weithio gyda chydweithwyr diogelu a chydweithwyr rheoli contract.

Yn eich llythyr, rydych hefyd yn gofyn i ni gynnwys manylion am sut mae'r rhanbarth yn cynnwys tai yn ei waith. Mae Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru wedi sefydlu cyswllt cadarn gyda'r Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Cefnogi Pobl yn y Gogledd nawr a bydd y Cadeirydd yn mynychu cyfarfodydd Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru bob 6 mis. Mae gan nifer o'r Cyfarwyddwyr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol gyfrifoldebau strategol hefyd ar gyfer eu gwasanaethau tai eu hunain ac yn fwy lleol mae partneriaethau tai y mae partneriaid arnynt. Bydd Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru yn ceisio nodi cynrychiolydd rhanbarthol o'r partneriaethau tai neu'r sefydliad ambarél fodd bynnag ar gyfer y Landlordiaid Cymdeithasol Cofrestredig a llunio cyswllt ar sail debyg i'r un ar gyfer Cefnogi Pobl. Bydd hyn yn ogystal â'r cyfraniad tai fel a nodir ar hyn o bryd, a bydd hyn yn digwydd mewn meysydd blaenoriaeth gwaith unigol Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru.

Gobeithiaf fod yr ymateb hwn yn rhoi sicrwydd i chi ein bod ni fel rhanbarth yn datblygu'n dda ar amrywiaeth o drefniadau cydweithredol a phartneriaeth. Yng nghanol popeth rydym yn ei wneud fel Bwrdd mae gwneud gwahaniaeth cadarnhaol i'n poblogaeth yng Ngogledd Cymru. Rwy'n siŵr y byddwch yn cytuno bod y dystiolaeth a gyflwynir yn y llythyr hwn yn dangos hyn ar waith.

Os bydd angen rhagor o wybodaeth arnoch, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â mi a byddaf yn falch o gyfarfod i drafod ymhellach.

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# Pooled Budgets for Health and Social Care

## Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of a proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

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| Assessment Number: | 304 |
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| Brief description:                   | <p>A Regional Pooled Budgets group has been established and is Chaired by Nicola Stubbins, Director of Social Services on behalf of partners. This group has been meeting since the beginning of the year and it is the view of this group and Directors of Social Services that integration and pooled budgets should not be finance-led and that social care and health leaders need to propose areas for integration. In its highlight report in January 2017 the group highlighted areas that could be explored further in relation to integration and pooled budgets which were: - IFSS - Delivering Transformation funding - ICF - Children with complex needs - Carers grant - Regional Safeguarding - Disability equipment stores (essentially developing what's already in place) - Funded Nursing care element of care homes budget There was also a suggestion that some localities may be able to pilot the pooling of care home budgets where services were already integrated such as Ffordd Gwynedd. 4.2 Further work undertaken by the Regional Pooled Budgets group and in its report to the NWRPB in June 2017 it was reported that the group were developing a regional Integration Agreement which would be signed by the 6 Local Authorities and the Health Board with individual schedules developed for each area of integration and pooled budgets which would sit beneath this agreement. The areas confirmed as those to be developed as pooled budgets would be: - Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) – It has been a requirement of the grant to have a Memorandum of Understanding in place however, a Partnership Agreement would strengthen the arrangements in place (and this is what WG is specifying in the Part 9 Guidance) - Carer's grant/services – to initially start with putting a Partnership Agreement around the grant and then look to incorporate other carer's services from April 2018 - Children with complex needs – this area has already been identified as a priority area for integration by the NWRPB - Integrated Family Support Services – this is a requirement in the Act - Community services – Care homes and Domiciliary care – Ffordd Gwynedd</p> |
| Date Completed:                      | 19/10/2017 10:43:35 Version: 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Responsible Service:                 | Community Support Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Localities affected by the proposal: | Whole County,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

# IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

## Score for the sustainability of the approach

Could some small changes in your thinking produce a better result?

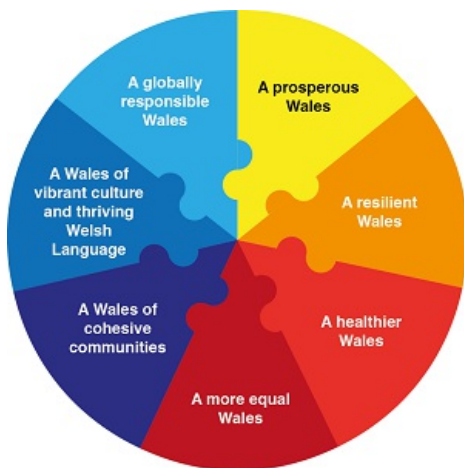


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Actual score : 20 / 24.

## Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



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| A prosperous Denbighshire                                     | Neutral  |
| A resilient Denbighshire                                      | Neutral  |
| A healthier Denbighshire                                      | Positive |
| A more equal Denbighshire                                     | Positive |
| A Denbighshire of cohesive communities                        | Positive |
| A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language | Positive |
| A globally responsible Denbighshire                           | Positive |

## Main conclusions

This is the second impact assessment undertaken and whilst the project remains at an early stage, significant progress has taken shape in the form of an integration agreement which sets out the framework for partners across the region to take integration and pooling of budgets forward. The impact assessment will need to be continually reviewed and revised as the project develops but consideration will also need to be given to completing individual impact assessments for each integration / pooled budgets pilot flowing from the integration agreement itself.

# THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

## A prosperous Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact           | Neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Justification for impact | A vision is set out in our Integration Agreement stating our intentions to integrate services and improve outcomes for individuals across the region, however the pilots for pooled budgets that will sit under this agreement have not progressed sufficiently to evaluate the overall impact at this time. The learning from these will shape further development around integration of services and pooled budgets. |

### Positive consequences identified:

Until the pilots for pooled budgets have progressed further this is unknown at present

Development may result in opportunities for community resilience initiatives

It is unclear as the development of integration and pooled budgets is at an early stage. There will be some pilot developments in localities across North Wales and learning from these will provide a clearer understanding.

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### Unintended negative consequences identified:

Until the pilots for pooled budgets have progressed further this is unknown at present

Integrating services across Health and Social Care could result in negative impact on current employee terms and conditions

### Mitigating actions:

Once the pooled budget pilots have progressed further this impact assessment will be revisited

## A resilient Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact           | Neutral                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Justification for impact | Currently we are not clear about the impact in relation to resilience however we would strive to ensure that any integration and pooling of budgets strengthens community resilience |

### Positive consequences identified:

It is unclear as the development of integration and pooled budgets remains at an early stage. The pilot developments in localities across North Wales will inform learning and provide a clearer understanding



## Unintended negative consequences identified:

Regional working may incur longer travelling times

## Mitigating actions:

Unknown at present time

## A healthier Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                  |
| Justification for impact | To improve outcomes and health and well-being and provide person centred care and support |

## Positive consequences identified:

The focus of the Social Services and Well-being Act is improving outcomes for citizens to include integration of services for all parts of the populations which includes social and physical environments  
Community resilience / early intervention initiatives could include luncheon clubs for the elderly and provision of meals for vulnerable people, however it will depend on which services are agreed to fall within scope

Community resilience / early intervention initiatives could include accessing leisure facilities for different groups in the population - however it will depend on which services are agreed to fall within scope

Improve care and support, ensuring older people with more complex needs and long term conditions, and that citizens who are in need of care and support have voice, choice and control

Integration of health and social care services including the pooling of budgets will provide a mechanism for delivering this

## Unintended negative consequences identified:

## Mitigating actions:

Having agreed to enter into an Integration Agreement the partners have expressed commitment to regional integrated working including the pooling of budgets as mandated by law and where it will benefit service users. Consultation with service users and staff so that we deliver the outcome that is right for them.

## A more equal Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                                                          |
| Justification for impact | To improve care and support, ensuring people have more say and control by providing co-ordinated, person centred care and support |

## Positive consequences identified:

We deliver integrated services for Children with complex needs, Older people with complex needs, people with learning disabilities and carers. There may be further opportunities to integrate services and pool budgets to improve the well-being of a wider group of people with protected characteristics however they are not currently in scope

As this is integration of health and social care services, health inequalities for areas within scope

should be improved

Using the What Matters within service delivery across Health and Social Care should improve this aspect for individuals

**Unintended negative consequences identified:**

**Mitigating actions:**

Ensuring equity of service position across the region

**A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Justification for impact | Integration should only be undertaken with citizens at the heart of service delivery and integration of services should only be undertaken where there is evidence of better outcomes for citizens. |

**Positive consequences identified:**

Within health and social care services the safeguarding of individuals remains the paramount concern regardless of integration of pooling of budgets

This is a fundamental aspect in providing services within the spirit and ethos of the Act

**Unintended negative consequences identified:**

**Mitigating actions:**

An options appraisal toolkit has been developed regionally to ensure that integration has citizens at the heart of service delivery.

**A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language**

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                  |
| Justification for impact | People who prefer to receive services in Welsh will do so |

**Positive consequences identified:**

Mwy Na Geiriau requires health and social care services to be delivered in the service users language of choice

Services will be promoted on a bilingual basis, some of the regions business language is Welsh

Utilise events across the region to promote the Welsh culture within health and social care services

**Unintended negative consequences identified:**

**Mitigating actions:**

This may cause issues for staff that are not currently Welsh speakers

## A globally responsible Denbighshire

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| Overall Impact           | Positive                                                                    |
| Justification for impact | Utilise local businesses so that they continue to thrive within communities |

### **Positive consequences identified:**

There are a number of independent third sector providers locally based within the region who need support to continue to thrive

This is managed within contractual and employment terms and conditions

Providers may have to revisit objectives when we move to a region based approach

### **Unintended negative consequences identified:**

### **Mitigating actions:**

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

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| <b>Adroddiad i'r:</b>      | <b>Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau</b> |
| <b>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:</b> | <b>2 Tachwedd 2017</b>                   |
| <b>Swyddog Arweiniol:</b>  | <b>Cydlynnydd Archwilio</b>              |
| <b>Awdur yr Adroddiad:</b> | <b>Cydlynnydd Archwilio</b>              |
| <b>Teitl:</b>              | <b>Rhaglen Waith Archwilio</b>           |

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## **1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?**

Mae'r adroddiad yn cyflwyno drafft rhaglen waith i'r dyfodol y Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau i'r aelodau ei hystyried.

## **2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?**

Gofyn i'r Pwyllgor adolygu a chytuno ar ei raglen waith i'r dyfodol, a rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i aelodau ar faterion perthnasol.

## **3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?**

Bod y Pwyllgor yn:

- 3.1 ystyried yr wybodaeth a ddarparwyd ac yn cymeradwyo, diwygio neu'n newid ei raglen gwaith i'r dyfodol fel y gwêl yn briodol; ac
- 3.2 yn penodi cynrychiolydd i wasanaethu ar y Grŵp Monitro Safonau Ysgolion.

## **4. Manylion am yr adroddiad.**

- 4.1 Mae Adran 7 o Gyfansoddiad Cyngor Sir Ddinbych yn nodi cylch gorchwyl, swyddogaethau ac aelodaeth pob Pwyllgor Archwilio. Mae'r Adran hon hefyd yn cynnwys rheolau gweithdrefnau a thrafodaeth ar gyfer cyfarfodydd pwyllgorau.
- 4.2 Mae'r Cyfansoddiad yn amodi bod yn rhaid i bwyllgorau archwilio'r Cyngor baratoi ac adolygu rhaglen ar gyfer eu gwaith i'r dyfodol. Drwy adolygu a blaenoriaethu materion mae modd i aelodau sicrhau fod y rhaglen waith yn cyflwyno rhaglen dan arweiniad yr aelodau.
- 4.3 Arfer sydd wedi'i fabwysiadu yn Sir Ddinbych ers nifer o flynyddoedd yw bod pwyllgorau archwilio'n cyfyngu ar nifer yr adroddiadau a ystyrir mewn unrhyw gyfarfod i uchafswm o bedwar, yn ogystal ag adroddiad rhaglen waith y Pwyllgor ei hun. Nod y dull hwn yw hwyluso cael trafodaeth fanwl ac effeithiol ar bob pwnc.

- 4.4 Yn y blynyddoedd diweddar mae Llywodraeth Cymru a Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru wedi tynnu sylw at yr angen i gryfhau rôl archwilio ar draws llywodraeth leol a gwasanaethau cyhoeddus yng Nghymru, gan gynnwys defnyddio archwilio fel modd o ymgysylltu â phreswylwyr a defnyddwyr gwasanaeth. O hyn ymlaen disgwylir i archwilio ymgysylltu'n well ac yn amlach â'r cyhoedd gyda golwg ar sicrhau penderfyniadau gwell a fydd yn y pen draw yn arwain at well canlyniadau i ddinasyddion. Bydd Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru yn mesur effeithiolrwydd archwilio wrth gyflawni'r disgwyliadau hyn.
- 4.5 Gan ystyried y weledigaeth genedlaethol ar gyfer archwilio ac ar yr un pryd ganolbwyntio ar flaenoriaethau lleol, argymhellodd y Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion Archwilio (GCIGA) y dylai pwyllgorau archwilio'r Cyngor, wrth benderfynu ar eu rhaglenni gwaith, ganolbwyntio ar y meysydd allweddol canlynol:
- arbedion ar y gyllideb;
  - cyflawni amcanion y Cynllun Corfforaethol (gyda phwyslais arbennig ar y modd o'u cyflawni yn ystod cyfnod o galedi ariannol);
  - unrhyw eitemau eraill a gytunwyd gan y Pwyllgor Archwilio (neu'r GCIGA) fel blaenoriaeth uchel (yn seiliedig ar y meini prawf profion 'PAPER' - gweler ochr gefn y 'ffurflen gynnig aelodau' yn Atodiad 2 ) a;
  - Materion brys, materion na ellir eu rhagweld neu faterion â blaenoriaeth uchel

#### Ffurflenni Cynnig ar gyfer Archwilio

- 4.6 Fel y crybwyllwyd ym mharagraff 4.2 uchod, mae Cyfansoddiad y Cyngor yn gofyn i bwyllgorau archwilio baratoi ac adolygu rhaglen ar gyfer eu gwaith i'r dyfodol. Er mwyn cynorthwyo'r broses o flaenoriaethu adroddiadau, os yw'r swyddogion o'r farn fod pwnc yn haeddu'r amser i gael ei drafod ar agenda fusnes y Pwyllgor, mae'n rhaid iddynt wneud cais ffurfiol i'r Pwyllgor i ystyried derbyn adroddiad ar y pwnc hwnnw. Gwneir hyn trwy gyflwyno 'ffurflen gynnig' sy'n egluro pwrpas, pwysigrwydd a chanlyniadau posibl y pynciau a awgrymir. Nid oes ffurflen gynnig wedi dod i law oddi wrth swyddog i'w ystyried yn y cyfarfod cyfredol.
- 4.7 Er mwyn gwneud gwell defnydd o amser archwilio drwy ganolbwyntio adnoddau pwyllgorau i archwilio testunau'n fanwl, gan ychwanegu gwerth drwy'r broses o wneud penderfyniadau a sicrhau gwell canlyniadau ar gyfer preswylwyr, penderfynodd y GCIGA y dylai'r aelodau, yn ogystal â swyddogion, gwblhau 'ffurflenni cynnig ar gyfer archwilio' yn amlinellu pam eu bod yn credu y byddai'r testun yn elwa o fewnbwn archwilio. Gellir gweld copi o 'ffurflen gynnig' yn Atodiad 2. Mae ochr gefn y ffurflen hon yn cynnwys siart lif sy'n rhestru'r cwestiynau y dylai aelodau eu hystyried wrth baratoi i gynnig eitem ar gyfer archwilio, ac y dylai pwyllgorau eu gofyn wrth benderfynu ar addasrwydd testun arfaethedig i'w gynnwys ar raglen gwaith i'r dyfodol archwilio. Os, ar ôl

chwblhau'r broses hon, y penderfynir nad yw'r testun yn addas i'w archwilio'n ffurfiol gan bwyllgor archwilio, yna gellir ystyried dulliau eraill o rannu'r wybodaeth neu archwilio'r mater e.e. darparu 'adroddiad gwybodaeth', neu os yw'r mater yn un o natur leol gellir ei archwilio gan y Grŵp Aelodau Ardal (GAA) perthnasol. Ni ddylai unrhyw eitemau gael eu cynnwys ar raglen gwaith i'r dyfodol heb i 'ffurflen gynnig ar gyfer archwilio' gael ei chwblhau, ac i'r testun gael ei gymeradwyo i'w gynnwys ar y rhaglen gan un ai'r Pwyllgor neu'r GCIGA. Mae cymorth ar gael i lenwi'r ffurflenni gan y Cydlynnydd Archwilio.

#### Cynllun Lles Drafft

- 4.8 Roedd y Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Lleol i fod i gyflwyno ei Gynllun Lles drafft ar gyfer siroedd Conwy a Ddinbych i'r Pwyllgor yn y cyfarfod hwn. Ond, yn dilyn derbyn cais gan swyddogionar i'r cyflwyniad gael ei oedi tan gyfarfod mis Rhagfyr, cytunodd y Cadeirydd i'w ohirio. Sail y cais i ohirio oedd y dylai sylwadau Uwch Dîm Rheoli'r Cyngor a'r Cabinet ar y Cynllun drafft gael eu ceisio cyn iddo gael ei gyflwyno i'r Pwyllgor Archwilio yn unol â'r broses ymgynghori statudol ar y Cynllun. O ganlyniad mae'r eitem hon wedi ei hamesrlennu ar gyfer cyfarfod y Pwyllgor ym mis Rhagfyr, gweler Atodiad 1.

#### Rhaglen Waith i'r Dyfodol y Cabinet

- 4.9 Wrth benderfynu ar eu rhaglen waith i'r dyfodol mae'n bwysig fod pwyllgorau archwilio yn ystyried amserlen rhaglen waith y Cabinet. Ar gyfer y diben hwn, mae rhaglen waith y Cabinet wedi ei chynnwys yn Atodiad 3.

#### Datblygiad Penderfyniadau'r Pwyllgor

- 4.10 Yn Atodiad 4 mae tabl yn crynhoi penderfyniadau diweddar y Pwyllgor ac yn cynghori aelodau am eu gweithrediad.

### **5. Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-Gadeiryddion Archwilio**

Dan drefniadau archwilio'r Cyngor mae'r Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-Gadeiryddion Archwilio (GCIGA) yn gweithredu fel pwyllgor cydlynu. Cyfarfu'r Grŵp ar 12 Hydref 2017. Ni chyfeiriwyd unrhyw bynciau i'r Pwyllgor hwn eu hystyried.

### **6. Penodiadau ar Fyrddau a Grwpiau'r Cyngor**

- 6.1 Mae'r Cyngor yn gweithredu amrywiol Fyrddau a Grwpiau i oruchwylio meysydd gwaith neu berfformiad gwasanaethau penodol. Mae Aelodaeth y byrddau/grwpiau hyn yn cynnwys cynghorwyr a swyddogion. Mae Cynghorwyr sy'n gynrychiolwyr arnynt naill ai yno yn rhinwedd eu swydd ar y Cabinet neu trwy benodiad gan y pwyllgorau maent yn gwasanaethu arnynt.
- 6.2 Yn y cyfarfod cyfredol gofynnir i'r Pwyllgor benodi cynrychiolydd i wasanaethu ar y Grŵp Monitro Safonau Ysgolion. Mae cylch gwaith y Grŵp hwn yn cael ei adolygu ar hyn o bryd. Er hynny, mae'n ofynnol i'r

Pwyllgor i benodi cynrychiolydd i wasanaethu arno. Er gwybodaeth mae copi o'r cylch gwaith blaenorol wedi ei atodi i'r adroddiad hwn fel Atodiad 5.

**7. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?**

Bydd archwilio effeithiol yn gymorth i'r Cyngor gynnal y blaenoriaethau corfforaethol yn unol ag anghenion cymunedau a dymuniadau trigolion. Bydd datblygu ac adolygu'r rhaglen waith gydlynol yn barhaus yn cynorthwyo'r Cyngor i ddarparu ei flaenoriaethau corfforaethol, i wella canlyniadau i breswylwyr tra hefyd yn dygymod â thoriadau llym yn y gyllideb.

**8. Faint fydd hyn yn costio a sut bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?**

Mae'n bosib y bydd yn rhaid i wasanaethau neilltuo amser swyddog i gynorthwyo'r Pwyllgor gyda'r eitemau a nodwyd yn y rhaglen waith a chydag unrhyw gam gweithredu yn dilyn ystyried yr eitemau hynny.

**9. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Les? Gellir lawrlwytho'r adroddiad Asesiad o Effaith ar Les o'r [wefan](#) a dylai gael ei gynnwys fel atodiad i'r adroddiad hwn**

Nid oes Asesiad o Effaith ar Les wedi ei wneud mewn perthynas â phwrpas neu gynnwys yr adroddiad hwn. Ond bydd y Pwyllgor Archwilio, drwy ei waith yn archwilio darpariaeth gwasanaethau, polisïau, gweithdrefnau ac argymhellion, yn ystyried eu heffaith neu eu heffaith posib ar yr egwyddor o ddatblygu cynaliadwy a'r amcanion o ran lles a nodir yn Neddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) 2015.

**10. Pa ymgynghori sydd wedi digwydd?**

Does dim angen cynnal ymgynghoriad ar yr adroddiad hwn. Fodd bynnag, mae'r adroddiad ei hun a'r ystyriaeth a roir gan y Pwyllgor i'w raglen waith ar gyfer y dyfodol yn gyfystyr ag ymgynghoriad gyda'r Pwyllgor o ran ei raglen waith.

**11. Pa risgiau sy'n bodoli ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?**

Nid oes risg wedi ei ganfod o ran y Pwyllgor yn ystyried ei raglen waith. Fodd bynnag, wrth adolygu ei raglen waith yn rheolaidd gall y Pwyllgor sicrhau bod meysydd sy'n peri pryder yn cael eu hystyried a'u harchwilio fel y maent yn dod i'r amlwg a bod argymhellion yn cael eu gwneud er mwyn mynd i'r afael â nhw.

**12. Grym i wneud Penderfyniad**



Mae Adran 7.11 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor yn amodi fod y pwyllgorau Archwilio a/neu Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-Gadeiryddion Archwilio yn gyfrifol am osod eu rhaglenni gwaith ac y dylent, pan yn penderfynu ar eu rhaglenni roi ystyriaeth i ddymuniadau yr Aelodau hynny o'r Pwyllgor nad ydynt yn aelodau o'r grŵp gwleidyddol mwyaf ar y Cyngor.

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| Meeting     | Lead Member(s)            | Item (description / title)       | Purpose of report                                                                                                                                                                                               | Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Author                          | Date Entered                                    |
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| 14 December | <b>Cllr. Bobby Feeley</b> | 1. Carers Strategy               | An update on the progress made to date in implementing the Carers Strategy Action Plan 2016-19 and in complying with the duties laid out in the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014 as they relate to carers | The provision of sufficient information and support to Denbighshire's carers to improve their quality of life and to ensure that the county's vulnerable residents are supported to live independently                 | Carys Williams/Phil Gilroy      | June 2017                                       |
|             | <b>Cllr. Bobby Feeley</b> | 2. Single Point of Access (SPoA) | To detail progress to date in developing the service, the findings of a recent review, identifying any areas of concern and funding streams                                                                     | Supporting seamless joint working with a view to increasing prevention activities to protect and support vulnerable people to live independently and safely within their communities and enhance their quality of life | Phil Gilroy/Cathy Curtis-Nelson | April 2016 (rescheduled March 2017 & Sept 2017) |

| Meeting                 | Lead Member(s)         | Item (description / title) |                       | Purpose of report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                      | Author                   | Date Entered                           |
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|                         | <b>Leader</b>          | 3.                         | Draft Well-being Plan | To consider the Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board's (PSB) draft Well-being Plan for both county areas                                                                                                                                         | As part of the consultation exercise on the draft Plan to provide comments and observations and fulfil the Committee's statutory duties in relation to the Plan                        | Nicola Kneale            | August 2017 (rescheduled October 2017) |
| Monday, 22 January 2018 |                        |                            |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |                                        |
| 1 March                 |                        |                            |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |                                        |
| 3 May                   |                        |                            |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |                                        |
| 28 June 2018            | <b>Cllr Mark Young</b> | 1.                         | CCTV Partnership      | To report on the progress made in establishing new arrangements between the Denbighshire CCTV Partnership and Cheshire West and Chester Council and their effectiveness in delivering a CCTV service for the north Denbighshire area and any potential | Securing effective arrangements which deliver a viable CCTV service that supports the delivery of the Council's priorities of developing the local economy, clean and tidy streets and | Emlyn Jones/Graham Boase | June 2017                              |

| Meeting      | Lead Member(s)            | Item (description / title)                                                     | Purpose of report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Author                                 | Date Entered   |
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|              |                           |                                                                                | options for extending the service to other areas of the county                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | protecting vulnerable people                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                        |                |
| 13 September | <b>Cllr. Bobby Feeley</b> | 1. Protection of Vulnerable Adults Annual Report 2017/18                       | To consider the POVA annual report, and information in place to meet the statutory requirements of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 and an evaluation of the financial and resource impact of the Supreme Court's 2014 Judgement on deprivation of liberty on the Service and its work | An evaluation of whether the Authority is meeting its statutory duty with respect to adult safeguarding and has sufficient resources to undertake this work along with the additional work in the wake of the Supreme Court's judgement | Phil Gilroy/Alaw Pierce/Nerys Tompsett | September 2017 |
|              | <b>Cllr. Mark Young</b>   | 2. Community Safety Partnership <b>[Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee]</b> | To detail the Partnership's achievement in delivering its 2017/18 action plan and its progress to date in delivering its action plan for 2018/19. The report to include financial sources and the progress made in spending the allocated funding.                                                | Effective monitoring of the CSP's delivery of its action plan for 2017/18 and its progress to date in delivering its plan for 2018/19 will ensure that the CSP delivers the services which the Council and local residents require      | Alan Smith/Nicola Kneale/Sian Taylor   | September 2017 |

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| 8 November   |                |                            |                   |                   |        |              |
| 20 December  |                |                            |                   |                   |        |              |
| Jan/Feb 2019 |                |                            |                   |                   |        |              |

**Future Issues**

| Item (description / title)                                                                                                                | Purpose of report                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                     | Author                       | Date Entered          |
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| HASCAS Report on Tawelfan (Summer 2017 date tbc dependent upon the report's publication)                                                  | To consider HASCAS' findings with respect to the failings in care and treatment of patients on the ward                                                                                                                       | The identification of lessons learnt from what happened at Tawelfan for the purpose of safeguarding the Council and residents against such failings in care in future | HASCAS/BCUHB/Nicola Stubbins | By SCVCG October 2015 |
| Update following conclusion of inquiry undertaken by the National Crime Agency in to historic abuse in North Wales Children's' Care Homes | To update the Committee of the outcome of the National Crime Agency (NCA) investigation in to the abuse of children in the care of the former Clwyd County Council, and to determine whether any procedures require revision. | Determination of whether any of the Council's safeguarding policies and procedures need to be revised in light of the NCA's findings                                  | Nicola Stubbins              | November 2012         |

**For future years**

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**Information/Consultation Reports**

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**Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines**

| Meeting     | Deadline           | Meeting         | Deadline              | Meeting | Deadline           |
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| 14 December | <b>30 November</b> | 22 January 2018 | <b>8 January 2018</b> | 1 March | <b>15 February</b> |

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| <b>Ffurflen Gynnig ar gyfer Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol Archwilio</b>                                                                                                 |                    |
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| <b>ENW'R PWYLLGOR ARCHWILIO</b>                                                                                                                                      |                    |
| <b>AMSERLEN I'W HYSTYRIED</b>                                                                                                                                        |                    |
| <b>TESTUN</b>                                                                                                                                                        |                    |
| <b>Beth sydd angen ei graffu arno (a pham)?</b>                                                                                                                      |                    |
| <b>Ydi'r mater yn un o bwys i drigolion/busnesau lleol?</b>                                                                                                          | <b>YDI/NAC YDI</b> |
| <b>Ydi craffu yn gallu dylanwadu ar bethau a'u newid?</b><br>(Os 'ydi' nodwch sut rydych chi'n meddwl y gall craffu ddylanwadu neu newid pethau)                     | <b>YDI/NAC YDI</b> |
| <b>Ydi'r mater yn ymwneud â gwasanaeth neu faes sy'n tanberfformio?</b>                                                                                              | <b>YDI/NAC YDI</b> |
| <b>Ydi'r mater yn effeithio ar nifer fawr o drigolion neu ardal fawr o'r Sir?</b><br>(Os 'ydi', rhowch syniad o faint y grŵp neu'r ardal yr effeithir arni)          | <b>YDI/NAC YDI</b> |
| <b>Ydi'r mater yn gysylltiedig â blaenoriaethau corfforaethol y Cyngor?</b><br>(Os 'ydi' nodwch pa flaenoriaethau)                                                   | <b>YDI/NAC YDI</b> |
| <b>Hyd y gwyddoch, oes yna rywun arall yn edrych ar y mater hwn?</b><br>(Os 'oes', nodwch pwy sy'n edrych arno)                                                      | <b>OES/NAC OES</b> |
| <b>Os derbynnir y testun ar gyfer craffu, pwy fyddai arnoch chi eisiau eu gwahodd e.e. Aelod Arweiniol, swyddogion, arbenigwyr allanol, defnyddwyr y gwasanaeth?</b> |                    |
| <b>Enw'r Cynghorydd/Aelod Cyfetholedig</b>                                                                                                                           |                    |
| <b>Dyddiad</b>                                                                                                                                                       |                    |

## Ystyried addasrwydd pwnc ar gyfer craffu

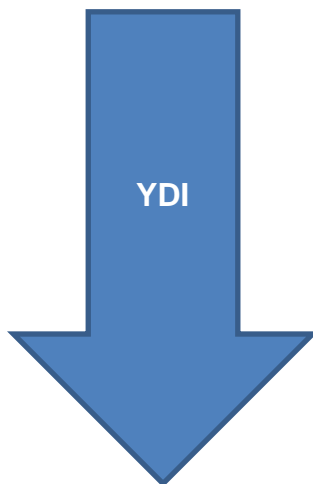
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### Ydi o'n bodloni'r gofynion canlynol?

- **Diddordeb Cyhoeddus** – ydi'r mater o bwys i drigolion?
- **Effaith**– fedr craffu yn gael effaith ar bethau a'u newid?
- **Perfformiad** – ydi o'n wasanaeth neu faes sy'n tanberfformio?
- **Graddfa** – ydi o'n effeithio ar nifer o drigolion neu ardal ddaearyddol fawr?
- **Ailadrodd** – ydi'r mater yn destun craffu/ymchwiliad gan berson neu gorff arall?



Dim gweithredu pellach gan y Pwyllgor Archwilio. Gellir ei gyfeirio at gorff arall neu ofyn am adroddiad er gwybodaeth.

- Penderfynu ar y canlyniadau a ddymunir
- Penderfynu ar gwmpas a swmp y gwaith craffu sydd ei angen a'r dull mwyaf priodol o graffu (h.y. adroddiad pwyllgor, ymchwiliad grŵp tasg a gorffen neu aelod cyswllt ac ati)
- Os penderfynir sefydlu grŵp tasg a gorffen, dylid penderfynu ar amserlen yr ymchwiliad, pwy fydd yn rhan o'r ymchwiliad, beth yw'r gofynion ymchwilio, a oes angen cyngor arbenigol a thystion, a beth yw'r trefniadau adrodd ac ati.

## Cabinet Forward Work Plan

| Meeting       | Item (description / title) |                                                                                      | Purpose of report                                                                                                                    | Cabinet Decision required (yes/no) | Author – Lead member and contact officer                           |
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| <b>21 Nov</b> | 1                          | Eisteddfod yr Urdd                                                                   | To agree investment in the county's presence on the Eisteddfod Maes                                                                  | Yes                                | Councillor Richard Mainon / Gareth Watson                          |
|               | 2                          | Rhyl Town Centre Masterplan and TRIP (Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme)    | For Cabinet to agree the broad principles within the Masterplan as a means of bidding for WG Regeneration funding 2018/19 and beyond | Yes                                | Councillor Hugh Evans / Graham Boase                               |
|               | 3                          | Denbighshire Learning Disability Community Living – Extensions to existing contracts | To award 17 contracts to existing providers pending the completion of a regional tender for the procurement of domiciliary care      | Yes                                | Councillor Bobby Feeley / Phil Gilroy / Alison Heaton / Katie Newe |
|               | 4                          | Economic Development Approach Across Denbighshire                                    | tbc                                                                                                                                  | tbc                                | tbc                                                                |
|               | 5                          | Finance Report                                                                       | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council                                                                   | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh                    |
|               | 6                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees                                                       | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention                                                                    | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                                               |
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| <b>12 Dec</b> | 1                          | DCC Homelessness Strategy 2017-21                             | To approve the Homelessness Strategy                                                                                                                   | Yes                                | Councillor Bobby Feeley / Liana Duffy                          |
|               | 2                          | Supporting People/Homelessness Prevention Plan 2018/19        | To approve the annual plan.                                                                                                                            | Yes                                | Councillor Bobby Feeley / Liana Duffy                          |
|               | 3                          | Finance Report                                                | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council                                                                                     | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh                |
|               | 4                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees                                | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention                                                                                      | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                                           |
| <b>23 Jan</b> | 1                          | Housing Rent Increase / Housing Revenue Account Business Plan | To seek approval for the proposed rent increase for council housing and to approve the Housing Revenue Account Capital and Revenue Budgets for 2018/19 | Yes                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh / Geoff Davies |
|               | 2                          | Finance Report                                                | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council                                                                                     | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh                |

## Cabinet Forward Work Plan

| Meeting       | Item (description / title) |                                                   | Purpose of report                                                  | Cabinet Decision required (yes/no) | Author – Lead member and contact officer        |
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|               | 3                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees                    | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention  | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                            |
| <b>27 Feb</b> | 1                          | Finance Report                                    | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh |
|               | 2                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees                    | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention  | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                            |
| <b>20 Mar</b> | 1                          | Finance Report                                    | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh |
|               | 2                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees                    |                                                                    | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                            |
| <b>24 Apr</b> | 1                          | Finance Report                                    | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh |
|               | 2                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees                    | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention  | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                            |
| <b>22 May</b> | 1                          | Rhyl and Prestatyn Business Improvement Districts | To consider the full business case relating to the                 | Yes                                | Councillor Hugh Evans / Mike Horrocks           |

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|         |                            |                                | establishment of business improvement districts                    |                                    |                                                 |
|         | 2                          | Finance Report                 | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh |
|         | 3                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention  | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                            |
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Note for officers – Cabinet Report Deadlines

| <i>Meeting</i>  | <i>Deadline</i>   | <i>Meeting</i>  | <i>Deadline</i>    | <i>Meeting</i> | <i>Deadline</i>  |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                 |                   |                 |                    |                |                  |
| <b>November</b> | <b>7 November</b> | <b>December</b> | <b>28 November</b> | <b>January</b> | <b>9 January</b> |

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## Progress with Committee Resolutions

| Date of Meeting   | Item number and title                                                                | Resolution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Progress                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 14 September 2017 | 6. Community Safety Partnership's Annual Update for 2016-17                          | <b>RESOLVED</b> that subject to the above observations, to commend the Community Safety Partnership's activities and performance in tackling crime and disorder in Denbighshire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Lead Member and officers advised of the Committee's recommendation and the Partnership's next Annual Report has been placed on the Committee's forward work programme for its meeting in September 2018 |
|                   | 7. Annual Report on Safeguarding Adults in Denbighshire 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017 | <b>RESOLVED</b> subject to the above observations to –<br><br>(i) receive the report on the Council's performance in Safeguarding Adults in Denbighshire between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017; and<br><br>(ii) acknowledge the important nature of a corporate approach to the safeguarding of adults at risk and the responsibility of the Council to view this as a key priority area and to place it alongside the commitment and significance given by Denbighshire to Child Protection. | Lead Member and officers informed of the Committee's recommendations. The next annual report has been scheduled into the Committee's forward work programme for its meeting in September 2018           |

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|  | <b>8. Timely Hospital Discharge</b> | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> subject to the above observations, to:</p> <p><i>(i) congratulate both Health and Social Care Services on the work undertaken to date to support timely discharges from hospital; and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) support future plans and pilots, within hospitals and the community, which were aimed at improving outcomes for individuals</i></p>                                                                       | <p>Lead Member and Health and Social Care officers informed of the Committee's observations and recommendations</p> |
|  | <b>9. Pooled Budgets</b>            | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to receive the information provided in relation to the establishment and operation of current 'pooled budget' arrangements between Social Services and the Health Service, including the lessons learnt from those experiences as the Council prepared to enter into future mandatory 'pooled budget' arrangements in accordance with the requirements of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.</p> | <p>Lead Member and relevant personnel informed of the Committee's comments</p>                                      |



## **Schools Standards Monitoring Group**

### **Terms of Reference**

Denbighshire's School Standards Monitoring Group was set up in October 2007 to support the improvement of school standards. The Group gives headteachers and Chairs of governors the opportunity to discuss the performance and standards of a school with Councillors and senior officers in a non-public forum.

#### **Membership of the Group:**

Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Education  
Deputy Lead Member for Education  
Chair of Resources Scrutiny  
Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny  
Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Member  
Corporate Director – Resources  
Head of School Improvement  
Head of Partnership and Inclusion  
Appropriate School Improvement Officer – depending on school in attendance  
Head of Planning and Performance (Lifelong Learning)  
Policy and Performance Manager (Administration of the Group)  
Senior Performance Officer (Administration of the Group)


The Group will:

Monitor the performance of every school on a 3 yearly basis or more frequently as the Group deems appropriate.

1. Consider the following information:
  - Key stage results
  - Other attainment information
  - Attendance
  - Exclusions rate
  - School context
2. Receive a verbal presentation from the Headteacher on the context of the school and school standards.
3. Question the Headteacher and Chair of Governors in relation to school standards
4. Identify areas of good practice and support its dissemination.
5. Identify areas and actions for improvement
6. Provide Headteachers and Chairs of Governors the opportunity to comment on the support received from the Council.

Each school who is invited to attend SSMG will be asked to complete a proforma containing information on their school.

Following the meeting, notes and action points from the meeting will be circulated to all members of the Group. The appropriate School Improvement Officer will



visit the school to go through the action points. The School Improvement Officer will then attend the next SSMG to update the Group on how the actions have / will progress.

Issues raised through SSMG will be included as part of the Quarterly Performance Report taken to Lifelong Learning Scrutiny. The Leader will provide verbal reports to Cabinet, DMT and the Modernising Education Board as appropriate.