

To: Members of the County Council

Date: 22 February 2023

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **COUNTY COUNCIL** to be held at **10.00 am** on **TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2023** in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

Yours sincerely

G Williams  
Monitoring Officer

## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1 - THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PART OF THE MEETING**

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Pages 5 - 6)**

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

#### **3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

#### **4 CHAIRMAN'S DIARY (Pages 7 - 8)**

To note the civic engagements undertaken by the Chairman of the Council (copy attached).

- 5 MINUTES** (Pages 9 - 14)  
To receive the minutes of the meeting of County Council held on 31 January 2023 (copy attached).
- 6 COUNCIL TAX 23/24 AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS** (Pages 15 - 30)  
To consider a report by the Head of Finance and Property (copy attached).
- 7 CAPITAL PLAN 2022/23 - 2025/26 AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUDGET BOARD - CAPITAL** (Pages 31 - 150)  
To consider a report by the Head of Finance and Property (copy attached).
- 8 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT (TMSS) 2023/24 AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2023/24 TO 2025/26 (APPENDIX 1)** (Pages 151 - 188)  
To consider a report by the Head of Finance and Property (copy attached).
- 9 CONWY AND DENBIGHSHIRE PSB WELL-BEING PLAN 2023 TO 2028** (Pages 189 - 252)  
To consider a report by the Strategic Planning and Performance Team Leader (copy attached).
- 10 COUNTY COUNCIL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 253 - 258)  
To consider the Council's forward work programme (copy enclosed).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Councillors**

Councillor Arwel Roberts (Chair)

Michelle Blakeley-Walker  
Joan Butterfield  
Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones  
Ellie Chard  
Kelly Clewett  
Ann Davies  
Karen Edwards  
Pauline Edwards  
Gwyneth Ellis  
James Elson  
Chris Evans  
Hugh Evans  
Justine Evans

Councillor Pete Prendergast (Vice-Chair)

Delyth Jones  
Paul Keddie  
Diane King  
Geraint Lloyd-Williams  
Julie Matthews  
Jason McLellan  
Barry Mellor  
Terry Mendies  
Raj Metri  
Win Mullen-James  
Merfyn Parry  
Gareth Sandilands  
Peter Scott

Bobby Feeley  
Gill German  
Jon Harland  
Elen Heaton  
Huw Hilditch-Roberts  
Martyn Hogg  
Carol Holliday  
Alan Hughes  
Hugh Irving  
Alan James

Rhys Thomas  
Andrea Tomlin  
Cheryl Williams  
David Williams  
Elfed Williams  
Eryl Williams  
Huw Williams  
Emrys Wynne  
Mark Young

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

### Code of Conduct for Members

### DISCLOSURE AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS

I, *(name)*

a \*member/co-opted member of

*(\*please delete as appropriate)*

**Denbighshire County Council**

**CONFIRM** that I have declared a **\*personal / personal and prejudicial** interest not previously declared in accordance with the provisions of Part III of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members, in respect of the following:-

*(\*please delete as appropriate)*

Date of Disclosure:

Committee *(please specify)*:

Agenda Item No.

Subject Matter:

Nature of Interest:

*(See the note below)\**

Signed

Date

\*Note: Please provide sufficient detail e.g. 'I am the owner of land adjacent to the application for planning permission made by Mr Jones', or 'My husband / wife is an employee of the company which has made an application for financial assistance'.

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# Agenda Item 4

## DIGWYDDIADAU WEDI’U MYNYCHU GAN Y CADERYDD/

### EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE CHAIRMAN

DYDDIAD/DATE      DIGWYDDIAD/EVENT      LLEOLIAD/LOCATON

#### RHAGFYR/DECEMBER

01.12.22	Noson Wobrwyo – Cynllun Cydnabod Cyflogwyr – Gwobr Aur Presentation Evening - Employers Recognition Scheme - Gold Award Caerdydd/Cardiff	
01.12.22	Digwyddiad Codi Banner – Dinas Llanelwy City of St Asaph Flag Flying Event	Llanelwy/St Asaph
06.12.22	Lansiad Cystadleuaeth Arlunio Sir Ddinbych/NSPCC – ‘LLES – Beth sydd yn eich gwneud chi’n hapus’ Launch of Denbighshire/NSPCC Art Competition – WELLNESS – What makes you happy’	
07.12.22	Gwasanaeth Carolau Sir Ddinbych Denbighshire Carol Service	Rhuddlan

#### IONAWR/JANUARY 2023

30.01.23	Cyflwyno tystysgrifau I Enillwyr Cystadleuaeth ‘Cardiau Post o’r dyfodol’ Presentation of Certificates to the winners of the Postcards from the Future Competition	Ysgol Tir Morfa
31.01.23	Cyfarfod y Cyngor/Council Meeting	Rhuthun/Ruthin

#### CHWEFROR/FEBRUARY

03.02.23	Cyflwyno tystysgrifau I Enillwyr Cystadleuaeth ‘Cardiau Post o’r dyfodol’ Presentation of Certificates to the winners of the Postcards from the Future Competition	Ysgol Carreg Emlyn
04.02.23	Cyngerdd Ukrainian Concert	Gadeirlan Llanelwy/St Asaph Cathedral
06.02.23	Cyflwyno tystysgrifau I Enillwyr Cystadleuaeth ‘Cardiau Post o’r dyfodol’ Presentation of Certificates to the winners of the Postcards from the Future Competition	Ysgol Caer Drewyn
07.02.23	Cyflwyno tystysgrifau I Enillwyr Cystadleuaeth ‘Cardiau Post o’r dyfodol’ Presentation of Certificates to the winners of the Postcards from the Future Competition	Ysgol Uwchradd Prestatyn High School

11.02.23	Cystadleuaeth Bowlio Rhyngwladol International Bowls Competition	Prestatyn
12.02.23	Gwasanaeth Dinesig Maer Rhuddlan Mayor of Rhuddlan's Civic Service	Rhuddlan
13.02.23	Gwobrwyo Enillwyr Cystadleuaeth Arlunio Sir Ddinbych/NSPCC – 'LLES – Beth sydd yn eich gwneud chi'n hapus' Presentation to the Winners of Denbighshire/NSPCC Art Competition - WELLNESS – What makes you happy'	Ysgol Twm o'r Nant Ysgol Uwchradd Dinbych Ysgol Bodnant Ysgol Melyd Ysgol Christchurch
17.02.23	Cinio Elusennol Maer Prestatyn Mayor of Prestatyn's Charity Dinner	The Beaches, Prestatyn
17.02.23	Ymweliad I NSPCC Prestatyn – Iansiad naid awyr Ann Lloyd Visit to NSPCC Prestatyn – launch of Ann Lloyd's Air Jump	
17.02.23	Ymweliad I Warchodfa Natur Rhuddlan Visit to Rhuddlan Nature Reserve	Rhuddlan
28.02.23	Gwobrwyo Enillydd Cystadleuaeth Arlunio Sir Ddinbych/NSPCC – 'LLES – Beth sydd yn eich gwneud chi'n hapus' Presentation to the Winner of Denbighshire/NSPCC Art Competition – WELLNESS – What makes you happy'	Rhuthun/Ruthin
28.02.23	Enwi Enillwyr Cystadleuaeth 'Cardiau Post o'r dyfodol' Announcing the winners of the Postcards from the Future Competition	Rhuthun/Ruthin



## COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the County Council held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Ruthin and by video conference on Tuesday, 31 January 2023 at 10.00 am.

### PRESENT

Councillors Michelle Blakeley-Walker, Joan Butterfield, Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones, Ellie Chard, Kelly Clewett, Ann Davies, Karen Edwards, Pauline Edwards, Gwyneth Ellis, James Elson, Hugh Evans, Justine Evans, Bobby Feeley, Gill German, Jon Harland, Elen Heaton, Huw Hilditch-Roberts, Martyn Hogg, Carol Holliday, Alan Hughes, Hugh Irving, Alan James, Delyth Jones, Paul Keddie, Diane King, Geraint Lloyd-Williams, Julie Matthews, Jason McLellan, Barry Mellor, Terry Mendies, Win Mullen-James, Merfyn Parry, Pete Prendergast (Vice-Chair), Arwel Roberts (Chair), Gareth Sandilands, Peter Scott, Rhys Thomas, Andrea Tomlin, Cheryl Williams, David Williams, Elfed Williams, Huw Williams, Emrys Wynne and Mark Young

### ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive (GB); Corporate Director: Governance and Business (GW); Corporate Director: Communities (NS); Corporate Director: Economy and Environment (TW); Head of Finance and Property (SG); Democratic Services Manager (SP); Webcaster and Zoom Host (RTJ) and Committee Administrator (SLW)

### 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Evans and Raj Metri

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

No urgent matters.

At this juncture, the Chair and members offered condolences to Councillor Chris Evans on the loss of his mother recently.

Condolences were offered to the First Minister, Mark Drakeford on the sudden loss of his wife, Clare Drakeford.

Condolences were also offered to the family of the former Councillor Alice Jones. The Chair and Group Leaders paid tribute to the late Alice Jones for all her work for the Council and other Groups.

The Chair stated he had attended Ysgol Tir Morfa on Monday 30 January together with Councillor Barry Mellor. Pupils had been extremely interested in climate change and were grateful for the books provided by the Council and Councillor Mellor.

The judging of the Denbighshire Schools Art Competition “Beth Syn Eich Gwneud Chi'n Hapus” “What Makes You Happy”, had taken place on Monday 30 January, the results of which would be announced in due course. The Chair offered his gratitude to Sarah Dixon for all her hard work and also to all the children who had entered the competition.

#### **4 MINUTES**

The minutes of Full Council held on 6 December, 2022 were submitted.

***RESOLVED** that the minutes of Full Council held on 6 December 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.*

#### **5 BUDGET 2023/24 - FINAL PROPOSALS**

The Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets, Councillor Gwyneth Ellis, introduced the Budget 2023/24 – Final Proposals Report (previously circulated).

The report set out the implications of the Local Government Settlement 2023/24 and proposals to finalise the budget for 2023/24.

The Council was legally required to set a balanced and deliverable budget before the start of each financial year and to set the resulting level of Council Tax to allow bills to be sent to residents.

An overview of the budget process was provided and the impact of the Local Government Settlement. Approval of the budget 2023/24 was sought including the level of Council Tax.

The Draft Local Government Settlement for 2023/24 had been received by the council on 14<sup>th</sup> December which had resulted in a positive settlement of 8.2%, compared to the Welsh average of 7.9%. The Final Settlement was expected in early March but Welsh Government had indicated there should be few changes.

The draft settlement included a slightly increased indicative average settlement increase of 3.0% for 2024/25. Although the increase had be welcomes, difficult decisions would be required over the coming years.

The final proposals to balance the 2023/24 budget were shown in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) in Appendix 1 to the report.

The pressures identified within the final proposals amounted to £25.116m. A draft settlement of around 14.5% would have been required in order to fund all the

pressures. The net +8.2% settlement generated £14.231m additional revenue leaving a funding gap of £10.885m.

The following were included in the proposals to bridge the funding gap –

- Savings in the Capital Financing Budget amounted to £1.067m.
- Corporate contingencies relating to the unused element of the covid contingency put aside as part of the previous year's budget process amounted to £1.200m.
- The impact of the triennial actuarial review of the Clwyd Pension Fund meant that the Council had a small surplus rather than a significant deficit which resulted in a saving of £3.828m.
- The savings from bringing the Revenues and Benefits Service back in house had been confirmed and a further £300k could be released.
- Services had been asked to identify 1% savings/efficiencies which identified £961k of savings (included in full in Appendix 3 of the report).
- Fees and Charges Income Budgets had been inflated in line with agreed Fees and Charges Policy which increased external income by £423k
- Savings involving some element of service change amounted to £371k.
- Technical budget reductions which had no impact on service delivery amounted to £167k
- Schools had also been asked to plan for 1% efficiencies which amounted to £816k.
- It was recommended that Council Tax increased by 3.8% which, along with minor changes to the Council Tax Base, would generate £2.713m additional revenue. This level was at the lower end of indicative increases across Wales. It was also lower than the average of 4.35% over the last four years.

Following discussions members thanked the Lead Member and Officers for all their work in providing a balanced budget which had been a difficult process.

Councillor Gwyneth Ellis proposed the approval of the Budget report, seconded by Councillor Barry Mellor.

Following a vote, the results were –

Approval of the Budget Report – 38

Abstain – 1

Against – 3

Therefore, it was

**RESOLVED** that Full Council:

- *Note the impact of the Draft Local Government Settlement 2023/24*
- *Supports the proposals outlined in Appendix 1, and detailed in Section 4, and finalise the budget for 2023/24*
- *Approve the average Council Tax rise of 3.8% proposed*
- *Delegate authority to the Head of Finance and Property in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance to adjust the use of cash included in the budget proposals by up to £500k if there is movement between the draft and*

*final settlement figures in order to allow the setting of Council Tax in a timely manner.*

**AT THIS JUNCTURE (11.20 A.M.) THERE WAS A 15 MINUTE BREAK.  
THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11.35 A.M.**

## **6 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2023/24**

The Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets, Councillor Gwyneth Ellis, introduced the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/24 Report (previously circulated).

During discussions it was confirmed that under 4.3 of the report, this would include refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and Ukraine.

Councillor Gwyneth Ellis proposed to accept the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/24, seconded by Councillor Mark Young.

Following a vote, the results were –

Approval of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/2024 – 40

Abstain – 0

Against – 0

Therefore, it was

**RESOLVED** that –

- *Members adopt the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013 and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme)(Wales)(Amendment) Regulations 2023 in respect of the 2023/24 financial year.*
- *Members approve the discretionary elements of the scheme shown in section 4.4, for 2023/2024 financial year.*

## **7 SURVEY OF MEMBERS ON THE TIMING OF MEETINGS**

The Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy and Equalities, Councillor Julie Matthews, introduced the Survey of Members on the Timings of Meetings Report (previously circulated).

The report outlined statutory requirements under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 in respect of surveying elected members on the timing of Council meetings. A survey of elected members had taken place during December 2022 and January 2023.

At the time of writing the report 34 responses (72% of the membership) had been received. The results of the survey were attached in Appendix 2 and summarised herewith –

- The majority of members preferred morning meetings.

- The majority of members did not want to see the timings of meetings rotated.
- Members cited evening meetings as being the most difficult for them to attend.

The Council held many of its meetings as hybrid meetings. Hybrid meetings developed from the virtual meetings introduced as a necessity during the COVID-19 pandemic and were subsequently made permanent for certain meetings under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

The Council's policy for holding meetings had been developed by a member working group and reviewed by the Democratic Services Committee prior to adoption by full Council in December 2021.

Members took the opportunity to thank the Democratic Services Manager and his team for their work they had undertaken on setting up the hybrid meetings.

Councillor Julie Matthews proposed the approval of the Survey of Members on the Timings of Meetings Report, seconded by Councillor Paul Keddie.

It was unanimously agreed by a show of hands to approve the report.

***RESOLVED*** that Members approve and confirm the arrangements for the timing of Council, Committee and other member meetings.

## **8 COUNTY COUNCIL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Corporate Director – Business and Governance, introduced the Council Forward Work Programme together with the Council Workshop Forward Work Programme (previously circulated).

The next Council meetings were scheduled to take place on 28 February and 9 May (Annual Council).

The next Council Workshop meeting was due to take place on 14 February.

***RESOLVED*** that the Council and Council Workshop Forward Work Programme be approved and noted.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.10 P.M.**

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<b>Report to</b>	County Council
<b>Date of meeting</b>	28 February 2023
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	Councillor Gwyneth Ellis, Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets
<b>Report author</b>	Steve Gadd, Head of Finance and Property
<b>Title</b>	Council Tax 23/24 and Associated Matters

## 1. What is the report about?

In adopting the resolutions of the Council budget meeting of the 31 January 2023 it is necessary for the Council to pass further resolutions in a particular form to ensure that the Council Tax and its associated matters are legally valid.

## 2. What is the reason for making this report?

A decision is required to set the levels of Council Tax for 2023/24.

## 3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1. It is necessary for the County Council, as the Billing Authority, to consider the precepts received from the Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales and the Town/Community Councils and declare the Council Tax levels for the 2023/24 financial year.
- 3.2. It is recommended that the amounts calculated by the Council for the 2023/24 financial year, in accordance with Sections 32 to 34 (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) and Alteration of Requisite Calculations (Wales) Regulations 2008 be as Appendix A section 3.
- 3.3. It is recommended that the amounts calculated by the Council for the 2023/24 financial year, in accordance with Sections 34 (2) to 36 (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) be as Appendix A section 4.

- 3.4. That the amounts of Council Tax for the 2023/24 financial year for each of the categories of dwellings be as shown in Appendix C.
- 3.5. That the level of discount for Class A, B, and C as prescribed under the Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwellings) (Wales) Regulations 2004 be set at zero for the financial year 2023/24 with the caveat that this is dependent on no changes to legislation or local conditions.

#### **4. Report details**

Due to the requirement to approve the resolution and recommendations in the prescribed manner Appendix A contains the report details.

#### **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

If the recommendations are not approved the Authority will be unable to raise Council Tax demands, therefore income required to fund Corporate Priorities will not be available.

#### **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

The cost of raising and distributing Council Tax demands is met from within existing resources.

#### **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

A wellbeing assessment for the Council Tax rise has been undertaken as part of the budget process and formed part of the budget papers presented to Full Council on 31 January 2023.

#### **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

The level of Council Tax forms part of the budget set by the Council. In addition to regular reports to the Corporate Governance Committee, the budget process has been considered by SLT, Cabinet Briefing, Group Leaders and Council Briefing meetings. The School Budget Forum have been included in the proposals throughout the year. Trade Unions have been consulted through Local Joint Consultative Committee.



## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

The Council has a legal obligation to set a Council Tax. The regulations are prescriptive as to how this is to be done and this report meets those requirements.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

The financial risk of being unable to collect Council Tax income. Collection rates are high and are monitored closely throughout the year.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

The Local Government Finance Act 1992 and Alteration of Requisite Calculations (Wales) Regulations 2008.

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## Appendix A

### 1.0 SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2023/24

#### 1.1 Background.

At the Council meeting on the 31 January 2023 members considered and approved Cabinet's budget proposals and resulting impact on Council Tax for next financial year.

The main features of the proposal included:

- A positive settlement of +8.2% in the Council's Local Government revenue from Welsh Government.
- A reduction in Welsh Government general capital funding of 9.6%.
- The provision of additional resources for the impact of inflationary pressures.
  - Pay pressures (including net impact of decrease in National Insurance) of £3.269m
  - Price and energy inflation of £2.897m
  - Fire Service Charge of £535k
  - Allowance for increase in Council Tax Reduction Scheme of £350k
  - Increase in insurance costs relating to impact of inflation of £150k
- An increase in funding to schools of £4.246m.
- The provision of £8.187m to recognise demand pressures and forecasts in Community Support Services as part of the council's long term strategy to manage care budgets as well as recognising the agenda to ensure all care staff are paid the Real Living Wage.
- £2.700m to recognise existing pressures in Education and Children's Services relating to Out of County Placements and Recoupment.
- Further pressures of £1.000m within School Transport have been recognised.
- Investment in priorities amounting to £0.500m:
  - Further investment in Carbon Zero Project of £0.134m
  - £0.235m increase to the Capital Finance Budget to support increased investment in the Highways Capital Programme
  - £0.131m to start to fund capital projects in year (e.g. those that were brought forward by the Horizon Scanning exercise or that came out of the new Capital Plan)
- Service non-strategic pressures of £1.282m
- The following savings were also agreed in order to help bridge the funding gap:
  - There are savings in the Capital Financing Budget and Corporate Contingencies amounting to £2.267m.
  - Savings relating to the impact of the triennial actuarial review of the Clwyd Pension Fund of £3.828m.

- The savings from bringing the Revenues and Benefits Service back in house are now confirmed and a further £300k can be released.
- Services were asked to identify 1% savings/efficiencies and were able to identify £961k of savings.
- Schools were also asked to plan for 1% efficiencies which amount to £816k.
- Council Tax increase of 3.8% was proposed and agreed
- Council also delegated authority to the Head of Finance and Property in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance to adjust the use of cash included in the budget proposals by up to £500k if there is movement between the draft and final settlement figures in order to allow the setting of Council Tax in a timely manner.

## 1.2 Section 151 Officer's statement

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003 the observations of the Section 151 Officer on the budget for 2023/24 are required to be presented to members.

### a) Robustness of Budget Estimates

The budget proposals for 2023/24 contain a level of financial estimates. This is due to the uncertainty around the future impact upon the Council of current economic events. A considered view has been taken on the level of funding that services require and on the amount and timing of efficiency savings.

I consider the budget proposals for 2023/24 to be sensible and robust.

### b) Adequacy of Reserves

The level of general balances is stable and I consider they are broadly appropriate given the financial risks that the council faces. Adequate general balances are vital to protect the Council from unforeseen problems or in-year emergencies.

**In adopting the resolutions of the Council meeting of the 31 January 2023 it will be necessary for the Council to pass certain further resolutions in a particular form so as to ensure that the Council Tax and its associated matters are legally valid. I attach a copy of the required resolutions and request that these be approved.**

1.3 The average increase for Council Tax bills (based on Band D) payable is:

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Increase %
Denbighshire County Council	1,479.16	1,535.35	3.80
Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales	316.80	333.09	5.14
Town/Community Councils (Average)	57.49	59.40	3.33
Total	1,853.45	1,927.84	4.01

## 2.0 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

It is necessary for the County Council, as the Billing Authority, to consider the precepts received from the Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales and the Town/Community Councils and declare the Council Tax levels for the 2023/24 financial year.

### 2.1 TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCILS – PRECEPTS

The following precepts have been received:-

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £
Aberwheeler	3,750	4,500
Betws Gwerfil Goch	3,112	3,132
Bodelwyddan	40,000	45,000
Bodfari	7,400	8,500
Bryneglwys	6,255	6,195
Cefn Meiriadog	6,720	7,104
Clocaenog	6,320	6,320
Corwen	100,463	118,300
Cyffylliog	12,270	12,270
Cynwyd	4,986	4,986
Denbigh	230,208	233,442
Derwen	6,000	7,170
Dyserth	48,500	48,500
Efenechtyd	7,626	7,626
Gwyddelwern	4,050	3,584
Henllan	16,128	16,422
Llanarmon yn Ial	22,440	22,440
Llanbedr D C	20,160	20,160
Llandegla	9,984	9,984
Llandrillo	6,613	7,945
Llandyrnog	11,222	11,784
Llanelidan	6,048	6,048
Llanfair D C	30,000	30,000
Llanferres	18,500	19,250
Llangollen Town	149,900	155,677
Llangynhafal	6,500	5,000

Llanrhaeadr Y C	15,840	17,490
Llantysilio	10,929	11,640
Llanynys	8,856	9,000
Nantglyn	6,138	6,483
Prestatyn	494,622	497,299
Rhuddlan	169,280	183,039
Rhyl	552,383	555,954
Ruthin	160,132	164,775
St. Asaph	109,736	139,902
Trefnant	5,255	5,255
Tremeirchion/Cwm/Waen	18,000	18,500
Total	2,336,326	2,430,676

### 3.0 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL/TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

It is recommended that the amounts calculated by the Council for the 2023/24 financial year, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) and Alteration of Requisite Calculations (Wales) Regulations 2008 be as follows:-

	£
(a) The aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act.	356,367,678
(b) The aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act.	103,297,002
(c) The amount by which the aggregate of Section 32 (2) above, exceeds the aggregate of Section 32 (3) above, calculated in accordance with Section 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.	253,070,676
(d) The aggregate amount which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant less cost of discretionary non-domestic rate reliefs.	187,811,457
(e) The amount at (c) above less the amount at (d) above, divided by council tax base for the year, 40,642.01, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33 (1) of the Act, (i.e. basic amount Council Tax).	1,594.75
(f) The aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act (Town/Community Council Precepts).	2,430,676

- (g) The amount at (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (f) above by the council tax base, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relate. 1,535.35

#### 4.0 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL/TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS - COUNCIL TAX

It is recommended that the amounts calculated by the Council for the 2023/24 financial year, in accordance with Sections 34 (2) to 36 (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) be as follows:-

- (a) the amounts calculated in accordance with Sections 34 (2) and (3) of the Act as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in part of the Council's area:-

#### COUNCIL TAX 2023/24 BAND 'D'

<u>Community</u>	<u>County Council</u>	<u>Community Precept</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
Aberwheeler	1,535.35	25.14	1,560.49
Betws G G	1,535.35	19.95	1,555.30
Bodelwyddan	1,535.35	52.82	1,588.17
Bodfari	1,535.35	40.48	1,575.83
Bryneglwys	1,535.35	35.00	1,570.35
Cefn Meiriadog	1,535.35	35.00	1,570.35
Clocaenog	1,535.35	50.97	1,586.32
Corwen	1,535.35	117.13	1,652.48
Cyffylliog	1,535.35	51.99	1,587.34
Cynwyd	1,535.35	17.13	1,552.48
Denbigh	1,535.35	66.00	1,601.35
Derwen	1,535.35	30.00	1,565.35
Dyserth	1,535.35	41.92	1,577.27
Efenechtyd	1,535.35	26.12	1,561.47
Gwyddelwern	1,535.35	16.00	1,551.35
Henllan	1,535.35	42.00	1,577.35
Llanarmon yn Ial	1,535.35	37.84	1,573.19
Llanbedr D C	1,535.35	40.08	1,575.43
Llandegla	1,535.35	31.50	1,566.85
Llandrillo	1,535.35	24.83	1,560.18
Llandyrnog	1,535.35	22.45	1,557.80
Llanelidan	1,535.35	35.79	1,571.14
Llanfair D C	1,535.35	46.66	1,582.01
Llanferres	1,535.35	46.95	1,582.30

Llangollen Town	1,535.35	83.16	1,618.51
Llangynhafal	1,535.35	14.37	1,549.72
Llanrhaeadr Y C	1,535.35	33.00	1,568.35
Llantysilio	1,535.35	46.01	1,581.36
Llanynys	1,535.35	24.59	1,559.94
Nantglyn	1,535.35	38.82	1,574.17
Prestatyn	1,535.35	63.74	1,599.09
Rhuddlan	1,535.35	106.48	1,641.83
Rhyl	1,535.35	57.85	1,593.20
Ruthin	1,535.35	65.65	1,601.00
St. Asaph	1,535.35	90.26	1,625.61
Trefnant	1,535.35	6.94	1,542.29
Tremeirchion/ Cwm/Waen	1,535.35	27.33	1,562.68

- (b) The amounts calculated in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of dwellings listed in different valuation bands. (Appendix B)

## 5.0 Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales - PRECEPT

The precept for the Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales for 2023/24 is £13,630,439.

In accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, it is noted that the amounts applicable for the year in respect of dwellings listed in different valuation bands are as follows :-

### Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
222.06	259.07	296.08	333.09	407.11	481.13	555.15	666.18	777.21

## 6.0 AGGREGATE COUNCIL TAX – 2023/24 (including Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales)

Having calculated the aggregates in each case of the amounts at 4.0 and 5.0 above in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, it is

### **RECOMMENDED**

That the amounts of Council Tax for the 2023/24 financial year for each of the categories of dwellings be as shown in Appendix C.



**7.0 PRESCRIBED CLASS OF DWELLINGS - THE COUNCIL TAX  
(PRESCRIBED CLASS OF DWELLINGS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 1998 - SI  
1998/105  
AS AMENDED BY PRESCRIBED CLASS OF DWELLINGS - THE  
COUNCIL TAX (PRESCRIBED CLASS OF DWELLINGS) (WALES)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2004**

7.1 In Wales, Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 creates a special class of property (prescribed class of dwellings) which allows a local billing authority to use its discretion in determining the level of discount to be awarded. If a dwelling meets certain criteria, then a billing authority can set the level of discount at either 25% or zero (i.e. no discount) for classes A & B, 50% or zero for class C.

7.2 The Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwellings)(Wales) Regulations 1998 as amended 2004, has with effect from 1st April, 2004 designated three classes of prescribed dwellings.

The classes are:-

**Class A.**

- a. A dwelling which is not the sole or main residence of an individual.
- b. Dwelling which is furnished.
- c. Occupation of the dwelling is prohibited by law for a continuous period of at least 28 days in the relevant year.
- d. Dwelling is not a mooring occupied by a boat or pitch occupied by a caravan.
- e. Dwelling is unoccupied and is managed by a personal representative in relation to the administration of a deceased person.

**Class B**

- a. A dwelling which is not the sole or main residence of an individual.
- b. Dwelling which is furnished.
- c. Occupation of the dwelling is not prohibited by law for a continuous period of at least 28 days in the relevant year.
- d. Dwelling is not a mooring occupied by a boat or pitch occupied by a caravan.
- e. Dwelling is unoccupied and is managed by a personal representative in relation to the administration of a deceased person.

**Class C**

- a. A dwelling which is unoccupied.
- b. A dwelling which is substantially unfurnished.

7.3 The difference between the classes A and B is the fact Class B has unrestricted occupation throughout 365 days a year whereas Class A is restricted to a maximum of 11 months occupation in a year. E.g. planning restriction as commonly applied to holiday chalets.

7.4 The main type of property covered by these regulations relate to furnished dwellings and not someone's sole or main residence e.g. second homes.

7.5 Class C was introduced to end the Council Tax discount for chargeable dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for periods greater than 6 months.

This allows the Authority to levy a full charge once the initial 6 month exemption period expires; this benefits Denbighshire residents in that

a. The property owner would be contributing a full charge  
b. There is a financial incentive to the owner to occupy the property leading to.

- The potential of increasing accommodation availability
- The reduction in the number of empty properties in communities

7.6 In the year 2009/2010 the Council resolved not to award a discount to Class A, B or C for the remaining term of the Council with the caveat that this was dependant on, no changes to Legislation or local conditions. The purpose of this resolution enabled consistency in the calculation of the Tax Base, a shorter report and the reduction in the volumes of paper produced.

### **Council Tax Premium**

Section 139 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 allows for the Council to charge a premium of up to 300%.

It was decided to introduce a 50% premium at Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Therefore, unless there are exceptions to be applied in accordance with The Council Tax (Exceptions to Higher Amounts) (Wales) Regulations 2015, Council Tax shall be charged at a premium rate of 50% above the standard charge for properties defined as a 'Second Homes' or 'Long Term Empty' which has been empty for a continuous period of one year.

### **7.7 IT IS RECOMMENDED**

That the level of discount for Class A, B, and C as prescribed under the Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwellings) (Wales) Regulations 2004 be set at zero for the financial year 2023/24 being the term of this Council with the caveat that this is dependent on, no changes to Legislation or local conditions.

The Council Tax Premium continue for 2023/24 at a rate of 50% for both Long Term Empty properties and Second Homes.

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**Appendix B**

	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>BAND A</u>	<u>BAND B</u>	<u>BAND C</u>	<u>BAND D</u>	<u>BAND E</u>	<u>BAND F</u>	<u>BAND G</u>	<u>BAND H</u>	<u>BAND I</u>
	<u>PRECEPT</u>	<u>PRECEPT</u>										
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ABERWHEELER	1,535.35	25.14	1,560.49	1,040.33	1,213.71	1,387.10	1,560.49	1,907.27	2,254.04	2,600.82	3,120.98	3,641.14
BETWS G G	1,535.35	19.95	1,555.30	1,036.87	1,209.68	1,382.49	1,555.30	1,900.92	2,246.54	2,592.17	3,110.60	3,629.03
BODELWYDDAN	1,535.35	52.82	1,588.17	1,058.78	1,235.24	1,411.71	1,588.17	1,941.10	2,294.02	2,646.95	3,176.34	3,705.73
BODFARI	1,535.35	40.48	1,575.83	1,050.55	1,225.65	1,400.74	1,575.83	1,926.01	2,276.20	2,626.38	3,151.66	3,676.94
BRYNEGLWYS	1,535.35	35.00	1,570.35	1,046.90	1,221.38	1,395.87	1,570.35	1,919.32	2,268.28	2,617.25	3,140.70	3,664.15
CEFN MEIRIADOG	1,535.35	35.00	1,570.35	1,046.90	1,221.38	1,395.87	1,570.35	1,919.32	2,268.28	2,617.25	3,140.70	3,664.15
CLOCAENOG	1,535.35	50.97	1,586.32	1,057.55	1,233.80	1,410.06	1,586.32	1,938.84	2,291.35	2,643.87	3,172.64	3,701.41
CORWEN	1,535.35	117.13	1,652.48	1,101.65	1,285.26	1,468.87	1,652.48	2,019.70	2,386.92	2,754.13	3,304.96	3,855.79
CYFYLLIOG	1,535.35	51.99	1,587.34	1,058.23	1,234.60	1,410.97	1,587.34	1,940.08	2,292.82	2,645.57	3,174.68	3,703.79
CYNWYD	1,535.35	17.13	1,552.48	1,034.99	1,207.48	1,379.98	1,552.48	1,897.48	2,242.47	2,587.47	3,104.96	3,622.45
DENBIGH	1,535.35	66.00	1,601.35	1,067.57	1,245.49	1,423.42	1,601.35	1,957.21	2,313.06	2,668.92	3,202.70	3,736.48
DERWEN	1,535.35	30.00	1,565.35	1,043.57	1,217.49	1,391.42	1,565.35	1,913.21	2,261.06	2,608.92	3,130.70	3,652.48
DYSERTH	1,535.35	41.92	1,577.27	1,051.51	1,226.77	1,402.02	1,577.27	1,927.77	2,278.28	2,628.78	3,154.54	3,680.30
EFENECHTYD	1,535.35	26.12	1,561.47	1,040.98	1,214.48	1,387.97	1,561.47	1,908.46	2,255.46	2,602.45	3,122.94	3,643.43
GWYDDELWERN	1,535.35	16.00	1,551.35	1,034.23	1,206.61	1,378.98	1,551.35	1,896.09	2,240.84	2,585.58	3,102.70	3,619.82
HENLLAN	1,535.35	42.00	1,577.35	1,051.57	1,226.83	1,402.09	1,577.35	1,927.87	2,278.39	2,628.92	3,154.70	3,680.48
LLANARMON YN IAL	1,535.35	37.84	1,573.19	1,048.79	1,223.59	1,398.39	1,573.19	1,922.79	2,272.39	2,621.98	3,146.38	3,670.78
LLANBEDR D C	1,535.35	40.08	1,575.43	1,050.29	1,225.33	1,400.38	1,575.43	1,925.53	2,275.62	2,625.72	3,150.86	3,676.00
LLANDEGLA	1,535.35	31.50	1,566.85	1,044.57	1,218.66	1,392.76	1,566.85	1,915.04	2,263.23	2,611.42	3,133.70	3,655.98
LLANDRILLO	1,535.35	24.83	1,560.18	1,040.12	1,213.47	1,386.83	1,560.18	1,906.89	2,253.59	2,600.30	3,120.36	3,640.42
LLANDYRNOG	1,535.35	22.45	1,557.80	1,038.53	1,211.62	1,384.71	1,557.80	1,903.98	2,250.16	2,596.33	3,115.60	3,634.87
LLANELIDAN	1,535.35	35.79	1,571.14	1,047.43	1,222.00	1,396.57	1,571.14	1,920.28	2,269.42	2,618.57	3,142.28	3,665.99
LLANFAIR DC	1,535.35	46.66	1,582.01	1,054.67	1,230.45	1,406.23	1,582.01	1,933.57	2,285.13	2,636.68	3,164.02	3,691.36
LLANFERRES	1,535.35	46.95	1,582.30	1,054.87	1,230.68	1,406.49	1,582.30	1,933.92	2,285.54	2,637.17	3,164.60	3,692.03
LLANGOLLEN TOWN	1,535.35	83.16	1,618.51	1,079.01	1,258.84	1,438.68	1,618.51	1,978.18	2,337.85	2,697.52	3,237.02	3,776.52
LLANGYNHAFAL	1,535.35	14.37	1,549.72	1,033.15	1,205.34	1,377.53	1,549.72	1,894.10	2,238.48	2,582.87	3,099.44	3,616.01
LLANRHAADR Y C	1,535.35	33.00	1,568.35	1,045.57	1,219.83	1,394.09	1,568.35	1,916.87	2,265.39	2,613.92	3,136.70	3,659.48
LLANTYSILIO	1,535.35	46.01	1,581.36	1,054.24	1,229.95	1,405.65	1,581.36	1,932.77	2,284.19	2,635.60	3,162.72	3,689.84
LLANYNYS	1,535.35	24.59	1,559.94	1,039.96	1,213.29	1,386.61	1,559.94	1,906.59	2,253.25	2,599.90	3,119.88	3,639.86
NANTGLYN	1,535.35	38.82	1,574.17	1,049.45	1,224.35	1,399.26	1,574.17	1,923.99	2,273.80	2,623.62	3,148.34	3,673.06
PRESTATYN	1,535.35	63.74	1,599.09	1,066.06	1,243.74	1,421.41	1,599.09	1,954.44	2,309.80	2,665.15	3,198.18	3,731.21
RHUDDLAN	1,535.35	106.48	1,641.83	1,094.55	1,276.98	1,459.40	1,641.83	2,006.68	2,371.53	2,736.38	3,283.66	3,830.94
RHYL	1,535.35	57.85	1,593.20	1,062.13	1,239.16	1,416.18	1,593.20	1,947.24	2,301.29	2,655.33	3,186.40	3,717.47
RUTHIN	1,535.35	65.65	1,601.00	1,067.33	1,245.22	1,423.11	1,601.00	1,956.78	2,312.56	2,668.33	3,202.00	3,735.67
ST ASAPH	1,535.35	90.26	1,625.61	1,083.74	1,264.36	1,444.99	1,625.61	1,986.86	2,348.10	2,709.35	3,251.22	3,793.09
TREFNANT	1,535.35	6.94	1,542.29	1,028.19	1,199.56	1,370.92	1,542.29	1,885.02	2,227.75	2,570.48	3,084.58	3,598.68
TREMEIRCHION	1,535.35	27.33	1,562.68	1,041.79	1,215.42	1,389.05	1,562.68	1,909.94	2,257.20	2,604.47	3,125.36	3,646.25

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## Appendix C

	<u>COUNTY</u> <u>PRECEPT</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u> <u>PRECEPT</u>	<u>POLICE</u> <u>PRECEPT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>BAND A</u>	<u>BAND B</u>	<u>BAND C</u>	<u>BAND D</u>	<u>BAND E</u>	<u>BAND F</u>	<u>BAND G</u>	<u>BAND H</u>	<u>BAND I</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ABERWHEELER	1,535.35	25.14	333.09	1,893.58	1,262.39	1,472.78	1,683.18	1,893.58	2,314.38	2,735.17	3,155.97	3,787.16	4,418.35
BETWS G G	1,535.35	19.95	333.09	1,888.39	1,258.93	1,468.75	1,678.57	1,888.39	2,308.03	2,727.67	3,147.32	3,776.78	4,406.24
BODELWYDDAN	1,535.35	52.82	333.09	1,921.26	1,280.84	1,494.31	1,707.79	1,921.26	2,348.21	2,775.15	3,202.10	3,842.52	4,482.94
BODFARI	1,535.35	40.48	333.09	1,908.92	1,272.61	1,484.72	1,696.82	1,908.92	2,333.12	2,757.33	3,181.53	3,817.84	4,454.15
BRYNEGLWYS	1,535.35	35.00	333.09	1,903.44	1,268.96	1,480.45	1,691.95	1,903.44	2,326.43	2,749.41	3,172.40	3,806.88	4,441.36
CEFN MEIRIADOG	1,535.35	35.00	333.09	1,903.44	1,268.96	1,480.45	1,691.95	1,903.44	2,326.43	2,749.41	3,172.40	3,806.88	4,441.36
CLOCAENOG	1,535.35	50.97	333.09	1,919.41	1,279.61	1,492.87	1,706.14	1,919.41	2,345.95	2,772.48	3,199.02	3,838.82	4,478.62
CORWEN	1,535.35	117.13	333.09	1,985.57	1,323.71	1,544.33	1,764.95	1,985.57	2,426.81	2,868.05	3,309.28	3,971.14	4,633.00
CYFYLLIOG	1,535.35	51.99	333.09	1,920.43	1,280.29	1,493.67	1,707.05	1,920.43	2,347.19	2,773.95	3,200.72	3,840.86	4,481.00
CYNWYD	1,535.35	17.13	333.09	1,885.57	1,257.05	1,466.55	1,676.06	1,885.57	2,304.59	2,723.60	3,142.62	3,771.14	4,399.66
DENBIGH	1,535.35	66.00	333.09	1,934.44	1,289.63	1,504.56	1,719.50	1,934.44	2,364.32	2,794.19	3,224.07	3,868.88	4,513.69
DERWEN	1,535.35	30.00	333.09	1,898.44	1,265.63	1,476.56	1,687.50	1,898.44	2,320.32	2,742.19	3,164.07	3,796.88	4,429.69
DYSERTH	1,535.35	41.92	333.09	1,910.36	1,273.57	1,485.84	1,698.10	1,910.36	2,334.88	2,759.41	3,183.93	3,820.72	4,457.51
EFENECHTYD	1,535.35	26.12	333.09	1,894.56	1,263.04	1,473.55	1,684.05	1,894.56	2,315.57	2,736.59	3,157.60	3,789.12	4,420.64
LLANWYDELWERN	1,535.35	16.00	333.09	1,884.44	1,256.29	1,465.68	1,675.06	1,884.44	2,303.20	2,721.97	3,140.73	3,768.88	4,397.03
LLANWYLLAN	1,535.35	42.00	333.09	1,910.44	1,273.63	1,485.90	1,698.17	1,910.44	2,334.98	2,759.52	3,184.07	3,820.88	4,457.69
LLANARMON YN IAL	1,535.35	37.84	333.09	1,906.28	1,270.85	1,482.66	1,694.47	1,906.28	2,329.90	2,753.52	3,177.13	3,812.56	4,447.99
LLANBEDR D C	1,535.35	40.08	333.09	1,908.52	1,272.35	1,484.40	1,696.46	1,908.52	2,332.64	2,756.75	3,180.87	3,817.04	4,453.21
LLANDEGLA	1,535.35	31.50	333.09	1,899.94	1,266.63	1,477.73	1,688.84	1,899.94	2,322.15	2,744.36	3,166.57	3,799.88	4,433.19
LLANDRILLO	1,535.35	24.83	333.09	1,893.27	1,262.18	1,472.54	1,682.91	1,893.27	2,314.00	2,734.72	3,155.45	3,786.54	4,417.63
LLANDYRNORG	1,535.35	22.45	333.09	1,890.89	1,260.59	1,470.69	1,680.79	1,890.89	2,311.09	2,731.29	3,151.48	3,781.78	4,412.08
LLANELIDAN	1,535.35	35.79	333.09	1,904.23	1,269.49	1,481.07	1,692.65	1,904.23	2,327.39	2,750.55	3,173.72	3,808.46	4,443.20
LLANFAIR DC	1,535.35	46.66	333.09	1,915.10	1,276.73	1,489.52	1,702.31	1,915.10	2,340.68	2,766.26	3,191.83	3,830.20	4,468.57
LLANFERRES	1,535.35	46.95	333.09	1,915.39	1,276.93	1,489.75	1,702.57	1,915.39	2,341.03	2,766.67	3,192.32	3,830.78	4,469.24
LLANGOLLEN TOWN	1,535.35	83.16	333.09	1,951.60	1,301.07	1,517.91	1,734.76	1,951.60	2,385.29	2,818.98	3,252.67	3,903.20	4,553.73
LLANGYNHAFAL	1,535.35	14.37	333.09	1,882.81	1,255.21	1,464.41	1,673.61	1,882.81	2,301.21	2,719.61	3,138.02	3,765.62	4,393.22
LLANRHAADR Y C	1,535.35	33.00	333.09	1,901.44	1,267.63	1,478.90	1,690.17	1,901.44	2,323.98	2,746.52	3,169.07	3,802.88	4,436.69
LLANTYSILIO	1,535.35	46.01	333.09	1,914.45	1,276.30	1,489.02	1,701.73	1,914.45	2,339.88	2,765.32	3,190.75	3,828.90	4,467.05
LLANYNYS	1,535.35	24.59	333.09	1,893.03	1,262.02	1,472.36	1,682.69	1,893.03	2,313.70	2,734.38	3,155.05	3,786.06	4,417.07
NANTGLYN	1,535.35	38.82	333.09	1,907.26	1,271.51	1,483.42	1,695.34	1,907.26	2,331.10	2,754.93	3,178.77	3,814.52	4,450.27
PRESTATYN	1,535.35	63.74	333.09	1,932.18	1,288.12	1,502.81	1,717.49	1,932.18	2,361.55	2,790.93	3,220.30	3,864.36	4,508.42
RHUDDLAN	1,535.35	106.48	333.09	1,974.92	1,316.61	1,536.05	1,755.48	1,974.92	2,413.79	2,852.66	3,291.53	3,949.84	4,608.15
RHYL	1,535.35	57.85	333.09	1,926.29	1,284.19	1,498.23	1,712.26	1,926.29	2,354.35	2,782.42	3,210.48	3,852.58	4,494.68
RUTHIN	1,535.35	65.65	333.09	1,934.09	1,289.39	1,504.29	1,719.19	1,934.09	2,363.89	2,793.69	3,223.48	3,868.18	4,512.88
ST ASAPH	1,535.35	90.26	333.09	1,958.70	1,305.80	1,523.43	1,741.07	1,958.70	2,393.97	2,829.23	3,264.50	3,917.40	4,570.30
TREFNANT	1,535.35	6.94	333.09	1,875.38	1,250.25	1,458.63	1,667.00	1,875.38	2,292.13	2,708.88	3,125.63	3,750.76	4,375.89
TREMEIRCHION	1,535.35	27.33	333.09	1,895.77	1,263.85	1,474.49	1,685.13	1,895.77	2,317.05	2,738.33	3,159.62	3,791.54	4,423.46

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<b>Report to</b>	Council
<b>Date of meeting</b>	28 February 2023
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	Councillor Gwyneth Ellis, Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets
<b>Report author</b>	Steve Gadd, Head of Finance and Property
<b>Title</b>	Capital Plan 2022/23 – 2025/26 and Recommendations of the Budget Board - Capital

## 1. What is the report about?

The report updates members on the 2022/23 element of the Capital Plan. Also attached are the recommendations of the Budget Board - Capital of Capital bids recommended for inclusion in the Capital Plan.

## 2. What is the reason for making this report?

To provide members with an updated Capital Plan including an update on major projects and the corporate plan. This report also includes the Capital Strategy Report for 2023/24. This provides a high level, concise and comprehensive overview to members of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of the Council's services. The following Appendices are included:

- Appendix 1: Summary capital plan funding
- Appendix 2: Summary capital plan by service
- Appendix 3: Details of scheme estimates
- Appendix 4: Major capital project updates
- Appendix 5: Details of recommendations by Budget Board - Capital
- Appendix 6: Capital Bids recommended for approval
- Appendix 7: Capital Strategy Report

- Appendix 8 – 15: Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report for each project considered by the Budget Board - Capital.

### **3. What are the Recommendations?**

- 3.1 That Members note the latest position on the 2022/23 element of the Capital Plan and the update on major projects.
- 3.2 Members support the recommendation of the Budget Board - Capital as detailed in Appendix 5 and summarised in Appendix 6.
- 3.3 Members approve the 2023/24 Capital Plan.
- 3.4 Members approve the Capital Strategy Report for 2023/24 as detailed in Appendix 7.

### **4. Report details**

#### **4.1 Capital Expenditure 2022/23**

The full Capital Plan was last reported to Council in February 2023. Monthly updates are presented to Cabinet. The Estimated Capital Plan is now £55.1m.

#### **4.2 Major Projects**

Appendix 4 provides an update on the following major projects:

- Rhyl Queens Market Redevelopment
- Waste Services Remodelling
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme – Band B

#### **4.3 Corporate Plan**

This new Corporate Plan is ambitious and will need a large amount of financial resources to succeed in full. However, it should be noted that most of the activities identified have already started, and will therefore have resources identified in order to help them be achieved. Examples of large commitments include the investment in our highways, flooding schemes, school buildings, and our Climate and Ecological Change Strategy.



Since the last Corporate Plan a robust budget process has been established, which along with a new approach to managing our capital spend will ensure that services can put forward requests for further funding as part of the annual budget process. This will help prevent funds being allocated before need, and help with prioritisation across the council.

It should also be noted, however, that the council is entering a very uncertain financial environment due to inflationary and demand pressures far exceeding the projected level of funding. This may impact the availability of funding. The proposed strategy will allow the council to identify resources as and when the need arises and within available funding restrictions.

#### 4.4 Capital Receipts

The Capital Plan is dependent for part of its funding on capital receipts generated by the sale of Council assets. The table below shows those gross receipts achieved in 2022/23. In addition, a number of potential disposals are also currently in development.

	<b>2022/23 £000</b>
<b>Hammerhead disposal at Colomendy Industrial Estate</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Geufron Bach Farm</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>518</b>

#### 4.5 Prudential Indicators 2022/23

Each year the Council sets Prudential Indicators that determine prudent limits on its borrowing. The Council's outstanding debt is currently £273.7m. This is within the Operational Boundary (£315m) and Authorised Limit (£320m) and is less than the forecast Capital Financing Requirement (£321.6m). This means the Council is adhering to the Prudential Code of Capital Finance and is not borrowing in excess of its capital needs.

The ratio of financing costs to the net revenue stream for 2022/23 is 6.83%. This ratio is an indicator of affordability and highlights the revenue implications of existing and proposed capital expenditure by identifying the proportion of the revenue budget required to meet borrowing costs.

#### **4.6 Recommendations of the Budget Board – Capital**

The Budget Board - Capital has reviewed capital bids and has made recommendations for inclusion in the Capital Plan from 2023/24 onwards. These are detailed in Appendix 5 and summarised in Appendix 6.

### **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

Projects have been reviewed to ensure that they satisfy the Council's corporate objectives.

### **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

#### **6.1 Cost Implications**

It is necessary to ensure that the Capital Plan is fully funded as any cost overruns above the total available funding have to be funded from revenue budgets.

#### **6.2 Staffing/ICT/Accommodation Implications**

Each new project is required to complete a Business Case form and any specific implications are discussed at that stage.

#### **6.3 Assessment of impact on Climate Change – Mitigation and Adaptation**

New capital projects are subject to scrutiny by the Budget Board – Capital (Capital Scrutiny Group from April). Each business case will show, where relevant, carbon tonne emission pre and post project, thus identifying whether the project is carbon emission positive, negative or neutral. In addition, it is necessary to ensure new capital projects are future proof and able to adapt to climate change.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

A full Impact Assessment has been completed for each capital bid reviewed by the Budget Board - Capital. These are included within Appendices 8 to 15.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

Projects are prepared and subsequently monitored in consultation with Heads of Service. The figures used in the reports are based upon the latest estimates available.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

No project should commence without being fully funded against a robust project plan and the project being discussed with the Budget Board - Capital.

Project Sponsors need to exercise tight control over their capital expenditure to ensure that the projects remain within budgets.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

10.1 Possible risks would include schemes not progressing, loss of grant and disruptions to services. The condition of assets would continue to deteriorate if investment is not made, and this may lead to the loss of important services.

10.2 No capital project is without risk. However all schemes are reviewed by the Budget Board – Capital and also subject to on-going monthly monitoring and reporting.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

Local Authorities are required under section 151 of the Local Government Act (1972) to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs.

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**Denbighshire County Council - Capital Plan 2022/23 - 2025/26**

**APPENDIX 1**

**Position to end JANUARY 2023**

	2022/23 ORIGINAL ESTIMATE £000s	2022/23 LATEST ESTIMATE £000s	2023/24 LATEST ESTIMATE £000s	2024/25 LATEST ESTIMATE £000s	2025/26 LATEST ESTIMATE £000s
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>					
Total Estimated Payments - Other	23,771	35,233	15,370	428	0
Total Estimated Payments - Major Projects:					
Housing Improvement Grants	1,200	1,565	0	0	0
Highways Maintenance	4,710	5,608	500	0	0
East Rhyl Coastal Defence Scheme	3,575	2,333	0	0	0
Central Prestatyn Coastal Defence Scheme	0		16,420	4,773	4,633
Central Rhyl Coastal Defence Scheme	0		35,051	22,187	8,787
Rhyl Queens Market Redevelopment	3,493	3,676	2,848	0	0
Waste Service Remodelling	11,428	5,873	8,787	0	0
Contingency	500	764			
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,677</b>	<b>55,052</b>	<b>78,976</b>	<b>27,388</b>	<b>13,420</b>
<b>Capital Financing</b>					
External Funding	19,399	35,424	13,941	78	0
Receipts and Reserves	7,944	3,905	1,924	0	0
Prudential Borrowing	21,334	15,723	63,111	27,310	13,420
Unallocated Funding	0	(0)	0	0	0
<b>Total Capital Financing</b>	<b>48,677</b>	<b>55,052</b>	<b>78,976</b>	<b>27,388</b>	<b>13,420</b>

Note: 2022-23 Original Estimate is the position as approved by Council on 22nd February 2022

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<b>HEAD OF SERVICE CAPITAL PROGRAMME SUMMARY</b>	<b>2022/23 Estimated Programme £000</b>	<b>2023/24 Estimated Programme £000</b>	<b>2024/25 Estimated Programme £000</b>	<b>2025/26 Estimated Programme £000</b>
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services	28			
Head of Finance and Property	10,373	3,961		
Head of Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services	4,594	3,327		
Head of Business Improvement and Modernisation	244	200	350	
Head of Community Support Services	1,498	240		
Head of Highways, Facilities and Environmental Services	23,290	64,170	27,038	13,420
Head of Education and Childrens Services	14,261	7,078		
Contingency	764			
<b>TOTAL HEAD OF SERVICE SUMMARY</b>	<b>55,052</b>	<b>78,976</b>	<b>27,388</b>	<b>13,420</b>

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## Position to January 2022

CAPITAL PROGRAMME DETAILS OF SCHEMES	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	Estimated Programme £000	Estimated Programme £000	Estimated Programme £000	Estimated Programme £000
<b>Legal, HR and Democratic Services</b>				
Relocation of Coroners Accommodation, County Hall, Ruthin	2			
Relocation of Registration Service to County Hall, Ruthin	26			
<b>Total Legal, HR and Democratic Services</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Finance and Property</b>				
Agricultural Estates	135	50		
Property, Capital Maintenance Works - Block Allocation	1,705	10		
Fire Risk Assessment Works - Public Buildings	137	331		
Asbestos	188	427		
Equalities	103			
Reduction in Carbon Emissions from Council Assets	390	257		
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - Public Charging Points	213			
Energy Efficiency/Reduction at Ysgol Dinas Bran	52			
Energy Efficiency/Reduction at Pavilion Theatre, Rhyl	616			
Energy Efficiency/Reduction at County Hall, Ruthin	209			
Corporate Fleet Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Phase 1	770			
Corporate Fleet Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Phase 2	759			
County Hall Improved Utilisation - Upgraded Building Management System	10			
County Hall Improved Utilisation - Relocation of Y Bont	2			
Corwen Pavilion Development		18		
Gypsy and Traveller Site Accommodation - feasibility		20		
Rhyl, Queen's Building Redevelopment	4,041	2,848		
West Rhyl Regeneration Area Ph 2 (3-23 Edward Henry Street)	932			
Rhyl former Post Office - Car Park				
Land acquisition at Glan Elwy	111			
<b>Total Finance and Property</b>	<b>10,373</b>	<b>3,961</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services</b>				
Housing Improvement Grants	1,564			
Enable 2022-23	200			
Town Centres Covid Response - Grant Assistance	38			
Rhyl Town Centre Gateway Ph 1 - Acquisition of 123-131 High Street	126			
Crown Hotel, Denbigh	42			
Traffic and Car Parks	504			
Local Transport Fund	239			
Active Travel Fund	500			
Woodland Creation on land owned by the Council phases 1 & 2	594			
Allotment Support Grant	56			
Clwyd South UK Gov Levelling Up Fund	731	3,327		
<b>Total Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services</b>	<b>4,594</b>	<b>3,327</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Business Improvement and Modernisation</b>				
ICT Strategy Phase 2	244	200	350	
<b>Total Business Improvement and Modernisation</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Community Support Services</b>				
Minor Adaptations, Community Equipment and Telecare	210	240		
Sub - Regional Children's Residential Assessment Centre. (Meadow Lodge)	1,288			
<b>Total Community Support Services</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Highways, Facilities and Environmental Services</b>				
Highways Maintenance	5,603			
Highways Maintenance - Capital Displacement	5	500		
Bridges	1,216	403		
Rights of Way	171			
Access Improvement Grant	64	78	78	
Rhyl Harbour/Marine Lake - Works to revetments	40			
Recovery from February 2020 Flooding	40			
Street Lighting	15			
Coastal Defence - Inspections and Essential Maintenance	188	200		
Prestatyn Coastal Defence - Outline Business Case	395			
Prestatyn Coastal Defence - Repairs to Open Stone Asphalt Revetment 2	4			
Prestatyn Coastal Defence - Construction Phase	267	16,420	4,773	4,633
Rhyl Central Coastal Defence - Outline Business Case	928			
Rhyl Central Coastal Defence - Construction Phase		35,052	22,187	8,787
East Rhyl Coastal Defence Scheme	2,333			
Flood Prevention Scheme - General	63	200		
Natural Flood Management in Denbighshire	947			

**Position to January 2022**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME DETAILS OF SCHEMES	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	Estimated Programme £000	Estimated Programme £000	Estimated Programme £000	Estimated Programme £000
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	1,000			
Electric Taxis Green Fleet Pilot/Ultra Low Emmissions Vehicles Transformation Fund	595			
Botanical Gardens,Rhyl - New Accommodation and Health & Safety Improvement Works	799	1,360		
Lon Parcwr Depot - Improvements to security and Depot Welfare	175			
Play Area Improvements - Year 1	166			
New Central Waste Depot, Denbigh	911			
Remodelling Waste Service	6,040	8,847		
Beach rake	58			
All Wales Play Accessibility	25			
Installation of Salt Barns at Corwen Depot	469	460		
Installation of Salt Barns at Lon Parcwr Depot	652	650		
Rhyl Green Infrastructure - Transforming Towns Funding	101			
Chewing gum removal machine	20			
<b>Total Highways, Facilities and Environmental Services</b>	<b>23,290</b>	<b>64,170</b>	<b>27,038</b>	<b>13,420</b>
<b>Education and Children's Services</b>				
Schools Capital Maintenance Block Allocation	5,648	2,327		
Universal Primary Free School Meals Phases 1 and 2	1,359	703		
School Workplace Transport	190	956		
Equalities	53	100		
Ysgol Emmanuel - Entrance Improvements	11	172		
Oaktree Centre - Expansion of 'Little Acorns' - WG Childcare Grant	978			
Ysgol Twm o'r Nant - Relocate Cylch Bodawen to Ysgol Twm o'r Nant - WG Childcare Grant	727	243		
Ysgol Dewi Sant - Relocation of 2 cylch groups - WG Childcare Grant	2	1,123		
Childcare Grants Small Grants Scheme	396			
Ysgol Penmorfa, Extension to Flying Start Accommodation	493			
21c Schools Band A - Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy - New Area School (Final Retention)	33			
21c Schools Band A - Rhos Street and Ysgol Penbarras - Additional school yard	42			
21c Schools Band A - Ysgol Llanfair - New School (Final Retention)	31			
21c Schools Band A - Ysgol Carreg Emlyn - New School (Final Retention)	9			
21c Schools Band A - Rhyl, Christ the Word - New School	339			
21c Schools Band B - Ysgol Bryn Collen/Gwernant	197			
21c Schools Band B - Ysgol Pendref	126			
21c Schools Band B - Denbigh High School	156			
21c Schools Band B - Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn	1,704	536		
Rhyl Youth Centre - Refurbishment Works	226			
Ysgol y Castell, Rhyl - Classroom Extension	2	479		
Community Focused Schools Grant	688			
Brookhouse s106 funding allocation	75			
Learners with Additional Learning Needs	522			
Hydrotherapy pool, Ysgol Tir Morfa	165	439		
Prestatyn High School Prudential Borrowing schemes	89			
<b>Total Education and Children's Services</b>	<b>14,261</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Contingency</b>	<b>764</b>			
<b>Total Capital Plan Services</b>	<b>55,052</b>	<b>78,976</b>	<b>27,388</b>	<b>13,420</b>

## Appendix 4 - Major Capital Projects Update – January 2023

<b>Rhyl Queens Market Redevelopment</b>	
Total Budget	£13.242m
Expenditure to date	£8.583m
Estimated remaining spend in 22/23	£1.800m
Future Years estimated spend	£2.859m
Funding	WG £8.060m DCC Asbestos £0.272m. DCC £4.910m
<b>Narrative:</b>	
<p>Construction commenced on Monday 15 August by Wynne Construction and is scheduled to finish July 2023.</p> <p>The procurement of an operator has stalled due to no tender submissions being received. A decision was made by the Project Board to go back out to the market. Aiming to go-live again in February.</p>	
Forecast In Year Expenditure 22/23	£4.225m

<b>Waste Service Re-modelling</b>	
Total Budget	£21.101m
Expenditure to date	£8.490m
Estimated remaining spend in 22/23	£3.528m
Future Years estimated spend	£9.083m
Funding	WG £11.132m, DCC £9.969m
<p><b>Narrative:</b></p> <p>A number of work streams are being taken forward including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is now underway on Phase 2 of the construction of the new waste transfer station (WTS) at the Colomendy Industrial Estate in Denbigh. It is anticipated works will be complete by autumn 2023. The precise dates for roll out of the new service from the new WTS to be confirmed in due course and is dependent on issue of a permit to operate the WTS from NRW.</li> <li>• Specification and procurement of the new fleet required to support the new model has been completed with delivery of this new fleet anticipated to commence ahead of the roll out of the new service to allow for commissioning and training on the new fleet before it goes operational.</li> <li>• Procurement of the new containers required for the new collections model are ongoing, with the main order for the trolley boxes for the recyclate awarded in October 2022. Further procurement of remaining containers required will continue during 2023.</li> <li>• A number of mobilisation and communication activities are ongoing to prepare for the service change and include developing the new collection routes; planning for any staffing changes/requirements and ongoing engagement and communication with stakeholders and residents.</li> </ul>	
Forecast In Year Expenditure 22/23	£6.564m

<b>Sustainable Communities for Learning – Band B</b>	
Total Budget	£51.9m
Expenditure to date	£0.6m
Estimated remaining spend in 22/23	
Future Years estimated spend	
Funding	WG £36.1m, DCC £15.8m
<b>Narrative:</b>	
<p>Progress continues to be made on the development of projects for Band B of the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme in partnership with Welsh Government.</p> <p>The Outline Business Case for the Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn project was approved by Welsh Government and the pre planning consultation with the community on the proposed design of the new school has now taken place. The consultants are now reviewing the findings from this consultation exercise. The statutory notice for the proposed extension in capacity was published on the 8<sup>th</sup> November and the period for objection ran until the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Two objections were received and these will be considered by Cabinet in February 2023.</p> <p>The feasibility works for options at Ysgol Bryn Collen / Ysgol Gwernant in Llangollen have been received and these will now be assessed to determine the shape of the project moving forward.</p> <p>Further discussions have taken place with local members regarding the options for Ysgol Pendref and feasibility works are now progressing on these options.</p> <p>The projects under Band B will be required to meet Net Carbon Zero requirements and Welsh Government have agreed to meet these additional costs to an agreed benchmark. Discussions have also taken place with Welsh Government regarding likely cost pressures for individual projects and how this will impact on the overall programme affordability.</p>	
Forecast In Year Expenditure 22/23	

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## Appendix 5

### Summary of Budget Board - Capital Recommendations (Capital Plan 2023/24)

#### 1.1 Report Details

1.1 The available funding for 2023/24 is shown below:

Source	Amount £000
General Capital Grant	3,105
Un-hypothecated Supported Borrowing	3,024
Prudential Borrowing – Highways	4,000
Contribution from capital reserves	2,056
2022/23 underspend not rolled forward	683
Unused contingency b/f	500
<b>Total Funds Available 2022/23</b>	<b>13,368</b>

1.2 The Capital Plan spends money on two types of project. Firstly there are one-off projects such as a new school; the second type is a 'block allocation'. These are on-going programmes of work that stretch over several years (and may never be complete) e.g. schools maintenance. Elements of this work may be paid for from repair and maintenance budgets but a significant part is funded through the Capital Plan.

#### Recommendations of the Budget Board - Capital

- 1.3 The Budget Board - Capital decided to invite bids in line with previously agreed block allocations for services. Services were asked to provide a business case to support their bids however, the requirement for Heads of Service to present bids to the Strategic Investment Group was waived.
- 1.4 Each bid was submitted with approval of the relevant Head of Service. The proposed allocations are detailed in Appendix 6 and in summary are as follows:

- An allocation of £240k is recommended for Minor Adaptations, Community Equipment and Telecare. This funding is targeted at enabling the elderly and disabled to remain in their own homes.
- It is proposed to allocate £1.5m in support of Private Sector Housing Assistance. The funding will be used in the main on the provision of Disabled Facilities Grants.
- Both the school and non-school capital maintenance bids include provision for essential maintenance such as Asbestos Removal, Fire Risk Assessment Work, Equalities etc. It is recommended that £4.006m be allocated to Schools Capital Maintenance Works. It is also proposed to allocate £1.368m to non-schools capital maintenance work. It is further recommended that the appropriate Heads of Service determine the precise allocations to works required, in order of priority. The full allocations proposed meet the highest priority works identified across the schools and non-schools estate.
- Council on 31 January 2023 approved £235k for Highways as part of the 2023/24 Investment in Priorities. This will allow £4.000m of capital expenditure.
- In addition to this, it is proposed to allocate £710k block allocation for structural and other repairs including highway maintenance, street lighting and bridges. Also included within this recommendation is a further £470k for repairs to bridge structures. This is the seventh year of a proposed ten year Highways Structure Backlog Project.
- An allocation of £324k is recommended to carry out road safety improvements.
- An allocation of £250k is recommended for the replacement of structurally unsafe lighting columns.
- The Budget Board – Capital recommends maintaining the allocation set aside for any contingencies at £0.5m, in line with 2022/23.



## 2023/24 Capital Bids - Proposed Block Allocations

APPENDIX 6

WIA Ref	Project Name	Head of Service	Capital Plan Requirement 2023/24 £000	P B Highways £000	Contribution from capital reserves £000	Council Funds £000	TOTAL 2023/24 £000	Brief Description
G01	Minor Adaptations; Community Equipment, Telecare	David Soley/Ann Lloyd	240			240	240	Minor Adaptations and Equipment
G02	Private Sector Housing Assistance	Emlyn Jones	1,500			1,500	1,500	Housing Improvement Works to Private Sector Dwellings
G03	Schools Capital Maintenance Works	Steve Gadd	4,006		2,056	1,950	4,006	Works to a range of work streams in schools.
G04	Non School Public Buildings Capital Maintenance Works	Steve Gadd	1,368			1,368	1,368	Works to a range of work streams for Public Buildings
G05/G06/G07	Highways works	Andy Clark	5,180	4,000		1,180	5,180	Improvements to roads and bridges. Coastal Protection
G08	Traffic Works	Emlyn Jones	324			324	324	Road Safety Improvement Schemes.
G09	Street Lighting	Andy Clark	250			250	250	Replacement of structurally unsafe lighting columns.
	Capital Contingency		500			500	500	
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>13,368</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>2,056</b>	<b>7,312</b>	<b>13,368</b>	

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**Denbighshire County Council**  
**Capital Strategy Report 2023/24 to 2025/26**

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# Capital Strategy Report 2023/24 to 2025/26

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This capital strategy gives a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local public services, along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability. It has been written in an accessible style to enhance members' understanding of these sometimes technical areas.

## 2 Capital Expenditure and Financing

- 2.1 Capital expenditure is where the Council spends money on assets, such as property or vehicles that will be used for more than one year. In local government, this includes spending on assets owned by other bodies, and loans and grants to other bodies enabling them to buy assets.

In 2023/24, the Council is planning capital expenditure of £119.68m as summarised below:

**Table 1: Prudential Indicator: Estimates of Capital Expenditure**

Capital Expenditure	2022/23 Approved £000	2022/23 Revised £000	2023/24 Estimate £000	2024/25 Estimate £000	2025/26 Estimate £000
Council Fund	48,677	55,052	78,976	27,388	13,420
Estimated New Projects	15,220	843	21,168	40,549	34,814
HRA	22,823	25,514	19,537	13,980	8,573
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,720</b>	<b>81,409</b>	<b>119,681</b>	<b>81,917</b>	<b>56,807</b>

- 2.2 For details of the capital projects please refer to Appendices 2-4 in the Capital Plan report. These give details of the capital plan by service, scheme estimates and major capital project updates. The estimated new projects include projects which are in the pipeline but have not been approved by Council, such as the Band B 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools project and the 2023/24 bids.
- 2.3 The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a ring-fenced account which ensures that council housing does not subsidise, or is itself not subsidised, by other local services. HRA capital expenditure is therefore recorded separately. Details of the Housing capital budgets can be found in the Housing Rent Setting and Housing Revenue and Capital Budgets Report to Cabinet on 13 December 2022.
- 2.4 **Governance:**

The Budget Board - Capital provides an independent review of all business case proposals for capital investment regardless of value and has delegated authority to approve bids to the value of £1 million. It will also recommend schemes to either Cabinet or the full Council if the value of the application is

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above £1m, or if for other reasons it is more appropriate for Cabinet or the full Council to approve.

Annually Budget Board invite bids from the Heads of Service and meet to review the bids and recommend the proposed allocation of the funding to Cabinet and Council. The recommendations for 2023/24 are included in Appendix 5 of the Capital Plan Report.

A Summary of the Council's Capital Plan is included in the monthly Finance Report to Cabinet. It shows the approved Capital Plan against spend to date. Also, an update on the major projects is included in the overall Capital Plan.

- 2.5 All capital expenditure must be financed, either from external sources (government grants and other contributions), the Council's own resources (revenue, reserves and capital receipts) or debt (borrowing, leasing). The planned financing of the above expenditure is as follows:

**Table 2: Capital Financing**

Capital Financing	2022/23 Approved £000	2022/23 Revised £000	2023/24 Estimate £000	2024/25 Estimate £000	2025/26 Estimate £000
<b>Council Fund</b>					
Capital Receipts	1,379	0	5,019	0	0
Grants & Contributions	7,018	21,284	8,923	78	0
Revenue Contributions & Reserves	6,565	3,904	1,923	0	0
Supported Borrowing	12,381	14,141	0	0	0
Prudential Borrowing	21,334	15,723	63,111	27,310	13,420
	<b>48,677</b>	<b>55,052</b>	<b>78,976</b>	<b>27,388</b>	<b>13,420</b>
<b>Estimated New Projects</b>					
Grants & Contributions	3,412	0	5,556	22,634	15,638
Revenue Contributions & Reserves	0	0	2,056	0	0
Supported Borrowing	0	0	3,024	3,024	3,024
Prudential Borrowing	11,808	843	10,532	14,891	16,152
	<b>15,220</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>21,168</b>	<b>40,549</b>	<b>34,814</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,897</b>	<b>55,895</b>	<b>100,144</b>	<b>67,937</b>	<b>48,234</b>
<b>HRA</b>					
Capital Receipts	1,270	70	895	0	0
Grants & Contributions	4,356	8,608	4,698	2,373	3,573
Revenue Contributions & Reserves	1,966	1,836	1,944	1,107	0
Prudential Borrowing	15,231	15,000	12,000	10,500	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,823</b>	<b>25,514</b>	<b>19,537</b>	<b>13,980</b>	<b>8,573</b>

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2.6 Debt is only a temporary source of finance, since loans and leases must be repaid, and this is therefore replaced over time by other financing, usually from revenue, which is known as the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP). Alternatively, proceeds from selling capital assets (known as capital receipts) may be used to replace debt finance. The Council's full MRP statement is included within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2023/24.

2.7 The Council's cumulative outstanding amount of debt finance is measured by the capital financing requirement (CFR). This increases with new debt-financed capital expenditure and reduces with MRP and capital receipts used to replace debt. The CFR is expected to increase by £75m during 2023/24. Based on the above figures for expenditure and financing, the Council's estimated CFR is as follows:

**Table 3: Prudential Indicator: Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement**

Capital Financing Requirement	2022/23 Approved £000	2022/23 Revised £000	2023/24 Estimate £000	2024/25 Estimate £000	2025/26 Estimate £000
Council Fund	254,051	238,940	306,082	338,837	357,274
HRA	88,083	82,622	90,958	97,495	98,140
<b>Total CFR</b>	<b>342,134</b>	<b>321,562</b>	<b>397,040</b>	<b>436,332</b>	<b>455,414</b>

2.8 **Asset management:** To ensure that capital assets continue to be of long-term use, the Council has an asset management strategy in place. The Asset Management Group (AMG) meets quarterly and its purpose is to provide strategic direction for all matters relating to the effective use of Council owned land and building assets within the County, including (but not exclusively):

Land and Property disposal

Land and property acquisition

Strategic property planning (including consideration of Asset Management Plans)

Innovative land and property usage / utilisation.

2.9 **Asset disposals:** When a capital asset is no longer needed, it may be sold so that the proceeds, known as capital receipts, can be spent on new assets or used to repay debt. The Council has received £517.5k of capital receipts to date in 2022/23 and has a programme of potential disposals which is reported to the Asset Management Group.

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### 3 Treasury Management

- 3.1 Treasury management is concerned with keeping sufficient but not excessive cash available to meet the Council's spending needs, while managing the risks. Surplus cash is invested until required, while a shortage of cash will be met by borrowing to avoid excessive credit balances or overdrafts in the bank current account. The Council is typically cash rich in the short-term as revenue income is received before it is spent, but cash poor in the long-term as capital expenditure is incurred before being financed. The revenue cash surpluses are offset against capital cash shortfalls to reduce overall borrowing.
- 3.2 Due to decisions taken in the past, the Council currently has £273.7m borrowing at an average interest rate of 4.08% and £45.5m treasury investments at an average rate of 3.44%.
- 3.3 **Borrowing strategy:** The Council's main objectives when borrowing are to achieve a low but certain cost of finance while retaining flexibility should plans change in future. These objectives are often conflicting, and the Council therefore seeks to strike a balance between cheap short-term loans (currently available at around 4.0%) and long-term fixed rate loans where the future cost is known but higher (currently 4.0 to 5.0%).

Projected levels of the Council's total outstanding debt are shown below, compared with the capital financing requirement (see above).

**Table 4: Prudential Indicator: Gross Debt and the Capital Financing Requirement**

Capital Financing Requirement	31/03/23 Approved £000	31/03/23 Revised £000	31/03/24 Estimate £000	31/03/25 Estimate £000	31/03/26 Estimate £000
CFR	342,134	321,562	397,040	436,332	455,414
Debt	282,142	271,476	292,084	312,604	333,687

- 3.4 Statutory guidance is that debt should remain below the capital financing requirement, except in the short-term. As can be seen from table 4, the Council expects to comply with this in the medium term.
- 3.5 **Affordable borrowing limit:** The Council is legally obliged to set an affordable borrowing limit (also termed the authorised limit for external debt) each year and to keep it under review. In line with statutory guidance, a lower "operational boundary" is also set as a warning level should debt approach the limit.

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**Table 5: Prudential Indicators: Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt**

	2022/23 Approved £000	2022/23 Revised £000	2023/24 Estimate £000	2024/25 Estimate £000	2025/26 Estimate £000
Authorised Limit	320,000	320,000	350,000	370,000	400,000
Operational Boundary	315,000	315,000	345,000	365,000	395,000

Further details on borrowing are included in the Treasury Management Strategy.

- 3.6 **Investment strategy:** Treasury investments arise from receiving cash before it is paid out again. Investments made for service reasons or for pure financial gain are not generally considered to be part of treasury management.
- 3.7 The Council's policy on treasury investments is to prioritise security and liquidity over yield, that is, to focus on minimising risk rather than maximising returns. Cash that is likely to be spent in the near term is invested securely, for example with the government, other local authorities or selected high-quality banks, to minimise the risk of loss.

**Table 6: Treasury Management Investments**

	31/03/22 Actual £000	31/03/23 Estimate £000	31/03/24 Estimate £000	31/03/25 Estimate £000	31/03/26 Estimate £000
Investments	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000

Further details on treasury investments are included in the Treasury Management Strategy.

- 3.8 **Governance:** Decisions on treasury management investment and borrowing are made daily and are therefore delegated to the Director of Finance and staff, who must act in line with the treasury management strategy approved by Council. Semi-annual reports on treasury management activity are presented to the Corporate Governance Committee. The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for scrutinising treasury management decisions.

## 4 Revenue Budget Implications

- 4.1 Although capital expenditure is not charged directly to the revenue budget, interest payable on loans and MRP are charged to revenue, offset by any investment income receivable. The net annual charge is known as financing costs; this is compared to the net revenue stream i.e. the amount funded from Council Tax, business rates and general government grants.



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**Table 7: Prudential Indicator: Proportion of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream**

Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream	2022/23 Approved £000	2022/23 Revised £000	2023/24 Estimate £000	2024/25 Estimate £000	2025/26 Estimate £000
Financing Costs	16,695	15,955	20,525	21,025	21,225
Net Revenue Stream	233,693	233,696	255,909	264,497	271,703
<b>Council Fund Ratio</b>	<b>7.14%</b>	<b>6.83%</b>	<b>8.02%</b>	<b>7.95%</b>	<b>7.81%</b>
Financing Costs	6,631	6,327	7,471	8,347	8,986
Net Revenue Stream	17,235	17,223	18,233	19,335	19,708
<b>HRA Ratio</b>	<b>38.47%</b>	<b>36.74%</b>	<b>40.98%</b>	<b>43.17%</b>	<b>45.60%</b>

Note: The coastal defence schemes in Rhyl and Prestatyn were approved in December and the Welsh Government will be increasing our RSG settlement by £5.27m each year from 2023-24 to cover our Prudential Borrowing costs.

- 4.2 **Sustainability:** Due to the very long-term nature of capital expenditure and financing, the revenue budget implications of expenditure incurred in the next few years will extend for up to 50 years into the future. The Head of Finance and Property / Section 151 Officer is satisfied that the proposed capital programme is prudent, affordable and sustainable.

## 5 Knowledge and Skills

- 5.1 The Council's approach to ensuring that the requisite knowledge and skills are held and demonstrated when making capital, borrowing and investment decisions is three fold.
- Employment of professionally qualified and experienced staff with responsibility for making decisions.
  - Continuous and extensive training for Council members to aid informed decision making and effective scrutiny.
  - Employment of treasury management advisors, Arlingclose, to provide specialist advice in requisite areas.

## 6 Medium Term Capital Strategy

- 6.1 Work is continuing to develop a medium term strategy for capital. This will help identify projects that we are planning to develop and invest in over a 5 to 10 year period, but have not yet gone through the approval process. This will impact on the level of borrowing that the Council will require to undertake over the coming years. To complement and aid this work a new capital approval process has been developed which was reviewed by the Governance and Audit Committee in November and approved by Cabinet in December. This includes

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setting up a new Capital Scrutiny Group, the papers of which will be available to all Members.

Capital Bid for Minor Adaptations and  
Equipment 2023 - 2024  
13th December 2022

Equality Impact Assessment

# Capital Bid for Minor Adaptations and Equipment

Contact: Jane Moore

Updated: 13.12.2022

## 1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

A strategic or service plan

## 2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

To bid for Capital allocation for 2023/24:  
To enable the continuation of the provision of minor adaptations up to the value of £1,000 ( Forecast requirement = £70,000)  
To enable the continued purchase of expensive mechanical community equipment such as easy-track hoists, used by disabled children and adults in Denbighshire following assessment by Occupational Therapists.(forecast requirement = £75,000)  
To fund the continued purchase of Telecare Equipment (forecast requirement = £95,000)

## 3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

*Please note: if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment **must** be undertaken*

No

These services all provide assistance to disabled people of all ages and an EQIA would only be necessary if the funding was withdrawn and the service fully reviewed with the possibility of the introduction of means testing.

## 4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

*(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)*

It is well established from previous discussions between Councillors and the Older People's Commissioner for Wales that minor adaptations are vitally important for promoting independence. There is regular discussion with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector and we

will continue to work closely with Care and Repair in the provision of the Minor Adaptation Service. There are also evaluative mechanisms in place for citizens.

- 5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?**  
*(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)*

Age and disability in particular but all assessments are person centred and would take into account needs arising from other protected characteristics.

- 6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?**

No

- 7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.**

No	Not applicable
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- 8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?**

No	Not applicable
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**9. Declaration**

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

Review Date:	13.12.2022
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Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment	Date
Jane Moore	13/12/2022

**Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.**

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## **Block capital bid for delivery of Housing Adaptation & Improvements: Well-being Impact Assessment Report**

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

**Assessment Number:** 1142

**Brief description:** Block capital bid for delivery of adaptations and improvements to private residential properties in Denbighshire. This is a statutory undertaking under Housing, Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996

**Date Completed:** 18/01/2023 09:43:17 Version: 1

**Completed by:** Andrea Fisher

**Responsible Service:** Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services

**Localities affected by the proposal:** Whole County,

**Who will be affected by the proposal?** Denbighshire residents

**Was this impact assessment completed as a group?** Yes

## **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**

**3 out of 4 stars**

**Actual score : 25 / 36.**

### **Summary for each Sustainable Development principle**

#### **Long term**

The main focus of the team is to provide adaptations to enable disabled and vulnerable persons to remain in their own home for as long as possible. Although adaptations are focussed on the citizen's condition in the short to medium term a long term view is taken as the property is adapted for subsequent users. Works are to private sector dwellings only but infrastructural resilience and energy efficiency is considered in terms of effects on water use, drainage, lighting etc.

#### **Prevention**

The proposal will deliver adaptations to private dwellings in Denbighshire to enable those most vulnerable are able to remain independent for as long as possible and mitigate over-reliance on existing services (NHS etc). As the works are within existing dwellings it should have a neutral impact on biodiversity

#### **Integration**

The delivery of disabled facilities grants and empty homes is both a Welsh Government public accountability measure and a corporate priority. Adaptations increase the number of adapted homes in the County which adds to the stock of these properties which are an identified need in the LDP. Adapting homes is also more sustainable than building new specialist housing all of which have a bearing on the LDP and overall housing requirement in the county.



## Collaboration

The bid is for yearly capital allocation to deliver housing adaptations and improvements to private dwellings in Denbighshire. It has been developed by our team with input from other teams (occupational therapists).

## Involvement

Prior to adaptation commencing, preferred proposal is discussed and agreed with the citizen and any concerns taken into consideration.

## Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
<a href="#">A prosperous Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A resilient Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A healthier Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A more equal Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of cohesive communities</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</a>	Neutral
<a href="#">A globally responsible Denbighshire</a>	Positive

## Main conclusions

The block capital bid is to allow the delivery of Disabled Facilities Grant for 23/24. This is a statutory undertaking as per the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.

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The delivery of DFGs allows vulnerable citizens of Denbighshire to continue to live independently within their own homes for as long as possible and thus reduce the reliance on other services, such as NHS, social services etc. and thus contribute to a resilient, healthier and more equal Denbighshire.

Working with colleagues from the Homelessness Team to identify and enable empty homes to be brought back into use will assist in helping Denbighshire to homelessness. It will also improve the amenity to the neighbourhood that the presence of empty homes can affect and thus contribute to a Denbighshire of cohesive communities.

Working with local contractors, where possible, will contribute to a more prosperous Denbighshire.

## **The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.**

### **A prosperous Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

Projects are awarded to local contractors who in turn use locals sub-contractors and local builders merchants. Resources are spent within the local community and local employment. Opportunities for new local employment and training.

Improvements to energy efficiency will reduce the carbon footprint of older dwellings through adaptations

#### **Further actions required**

All work carried out in accordance with Building Regulations and where possible energy efficiency of existing dwellings will be improved.

Local contractors are used to carry out the work. Local employment

Improvements to energy efficiency will reduce the carbon footprint of older dwellings through adaptations

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **A low carbon society**

All work carried out in accordance with Building Regulations and where possible energy efficiency of existing dwellings will be improved.

##### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

N/A as works to private dwellings

##### **Economic development**

## Block capital bid for delivery of Housing Adaptation & Improvements

Projects are awarded to local contractors who in turn use local sub-contractors and local builders merchants.

### **Quality skills for the long term**

Local contractors potential to opportunities for training, which in turn can create links to local colleges, apprenticeships etc.

### **Quality jobs for the long term**

Improved training and skills, enable workers to be more specialized and get higher paid employment in the longer term

### **Childcare**

Protects care providers for disabled children from injury by providing specialist equipment

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **A low carbon society**

Works are to mainly older dwellings with a higher carbon footprint.

#### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

No impacts identified

#### **Economic development**

No impacts identified

#### **Quality skills for the long term**

No impacts identified

#### **Quality jobs for the long term**

No impacts identified

## **Childcare**

No impacts identified

## **A resilient Denbighshire**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**

Properties that receive energy conservation financial assistance will be more energy efficient and therefore lower energy consumption and reduced energy usage

Energy conservation advice offered to householders via signposting to potential financial support for energy conservation measures

### **Further actions required**

Opportunities to include biodiversity enhancement measures when external building works required.  
Install bird and bat boxes etc

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **Biodiversity and the natural environment**

Improving energy efficiency may help reduce impacts of climate change which can impact negatively on biodiversity in an area.

#### **Biodiversity in the built environment**

Improving energy efficiency may help reduce impacts of climate change which can impact negatively on biodiversity in an area.

#### **Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

Most of the works are permanent but where possible recycling is undertaken - eg. recycling of stairlifts

**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

Where possible the energy efficiency of the dwelling will be enhanced by the works in line with Building Regulation requirements

**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

Signposting to energy efficiency financial assistance and advice available to householders

**Flood risk management**

Works primarily internal

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Biodiversity and the natural environment**

Some adaptations may require extensions which may reduce garden space.

**Biodiversity in the built environment**

Some adaptations may require extensions which may reduce garden space.

**Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

No impact identified

**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

No impact identified

**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

No impact identified

**Flood risk management**

No impact identified

## **A healthier Denbighshire**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**

Adaptation of dwellings for the benefit of the disabled occupants will provide an environment to promote independence.

Provision of improved access to and from the dwelling and to and from the garden encourages a healthier more active lifestyle.

Steps, paths and walls – trips hazards within homes are removed

Adaptation of dwellings for the benefit of the disabled occupants promotes independence in and around the home which will have a positive impact on the emotional and mental well-being of the occupants

### **Further actions required**

Keep abreast of good practice to ensure citizens of Denbighshire receive the best possible service.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

The work promotes independent living and therefore contributes to a healthier mental and physical life style

#### **Access to good quality, healthy food**

Improved access to gardens may give opportunities to grow own veg etc.

#### **People's emotional and mental well-being**

The work promotes independent living and therefore contributes to a healthier mental and physical life style for not only the vulnerable citizen but also immediate family / care givers.

#### **Access to healthcare**

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The work should ensure less reliance on healthcare - visits to hospitals from falls etc

### **Participation in leisure opportunities**

Removal of trip hazards / steps etc will allow citizens to access leisure opportunities

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

No impact identified

#### **Access to good quality, healthy food**

No impact identified

#### **People's emotional and mental well-being**

No impact identified

#### **Access to healthcare**

No impact identified

#### **Participation in leisure opportunities**

No impact identified

#### **A more equal Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

Financial assistance is prioritised to applicants with disabilities to adapt dwellings to assist the disabled occupants to access facilities in and around the home.



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Access to disabled facilities grants have had means testing restricted to large adaptations to ensure no discrimination to those who are equity rich but cash poor.

All other applications for financial assistance are means tested and awards are based on applicants ability to pay.

Applicants are referred to 3rd sector for benefits checks where appropriate in order to maximise income.

The new Empty Homes officer is working with Supporting Communities to find appropriate empty dwellings that could be brought back into use for homelessness team

### **Further actions required**

Keep abreast of good practice to ensure all citizens of Denbighshire receive the best possible service.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

Housing Renewal assistance helps to provide better quality of housing and living conditions for people in greatest need, which will include many people with one or more of the protected characteristics listed above

### **People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

Projects enable vulnerable people (due to age / disability) to live as independently as possible Provides assistance to Supporting Communities team tackling homelessness through finding potential empty homes for use

### **People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

Most DFGs are for medium adaptations. Means testing of these have been removed such that people who maybe classed as equity rich but cash poor can access necessary adaptations

### **Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

People in areas of disadvantage are more likely to have poorer health outcomes and therefore be in

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more need of adaptations. This is a positive project which will assist in reducing disadvantage by removing barriers within the home.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

No impact identified

### **People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

No impact identified

### **People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

No impact identified

### **Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

No impact identified

### **A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**

Assistance is offered to make dwellings safe and secure to benefit the occupants. Assistance is also available to elderly and / or disabled residents to help them improve / maintain their dwellings and therefore to remain living independently in their own homes for longer.

Assistance is provided to bring empty homes back into use. This can improve the visual amenity of an area and can prevent further potential deterioration of the visual impact in the community

### **Further actions required**

Ensure that adaptations are provided that can enable people to continue to live in an area that they have local connections to.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **Safe communities and individuals**

Assistance is offered to make dwellings safe and secure to benefit the occupants.

Bringing empty homes back into use helps to reduce anti-social behaviour and sense of threat within communities

#### **Community participation and resilience**

Financial assistance enables those most vulnerable to remain independently in their own home for as long as possible thus keeping the sense of community and resilience

#### **The attractiveness of the area**

Improvements to the visual amenity of an area will be achieved through bringing empty properties back into use as these properties can have a negative impact on an area

#### **Connected communities**

Adaptations can enable people to continue to live in an area that they have local connections to.

#### **Rural resilience**

Financial assistance enables those most vulnerable to remain independently in their own home for as long as possible thus keeping the sense of community and resilience

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **Safe communities and individuals**

No impacts identified

**Community participation and resilience**

No impacts identified

**The attractiveness of the area**

No impacts identified

**Connected communities**

No impacts identified

**Rural resilience**

No impacts identified

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

**Overall Impact**

Neutral

**Justification for impact**

Impact on Welsh language is neutral however improvements in promoting the Welsh language could be made through encouraging contractors to use bi-lingual signage, company stationary and their websites etc.

**Further actions required**

Improvements in promoting the Welsh language could be made through encouraging contractors to use bi-lingual signage, company stationary and their websites etc.

Encourage team members to learn / use the Welsh language

**Positive impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

We have a number of Welsh speakers within the team

### **Promoting the Welsh language**

All literature is bilingual

### **Culture and heritage**

May enable Welsh speakers to remain within their communities and thus continue to use Welsh and thus enhance Welsh culture and heritage.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **People using Welsh**

Not all of the team are Welsh speaking

### **Promoting the Welsh language**

Contractors may not be Welsh speaking

### **Culture and heritage**

No impact identified

### **A globally responsible Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

Advice and physical environmental improvements to properties and behaviours of residents are a key element in delivering housing adaptation and improvement projects

#### **Further actions required**

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Ensure that energy efficiency of dwellings is improved as part of the project to contribute towards having a positive impact on reducing climate change.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **Local, national, international supply chains**

Where possible, local contractors and supply chains are used to deliver projects

#### **Human rights**

People who are disadvantaged (older people, those with protected characteristics) are more likely to have poorer health outcomes and therefore be in more need of adaptations. This is a positive project which will assist in reducing disadvantage by removing barriers within the home and access to the community.

#### **Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

We are working with other local authorities to stream-line the service

#### **Reducing climate change**

Improving energy efficiency will have a positive impact on reducing climate change.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **Local, national, international supply chains**

No impact identified

#### **Human rights**

No impact identified

#### **Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

No impact identified

#### **Reducing climate change**

No impact identified

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## **Capital Investment - Essential H&S Works to Buildings 2023/24: Well-being Impact Assessment Report**

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

**Assessment Number:** 1165

**Brief description:** The maintenance program will ensure that Council buildings are safe, secure and energy efficient. The delivery of the programme of works will protect Denbighshire County Council's assets, workforce, school children and residents. Works identified on the programme may also lead to savings in future maintenance and running costs.

**Date Completed:** 07/02/2023 10:32:36 Version: 1

**Completed by:** Mark Cassidy

**Responsible Service:** Finance and Property Services

**Localities affected by the proposal:** Whole County,

**Who will be affected by the proposal?** All schools and non-schools building users

**Was this impact assessment completed as a group?** No

## **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**

**3 out of 4 stars**

**Actual score : 33 / 36.**

### **Summary for each Sustainable Development principle**

#### **Long term**

The programme is fundamental to ensure the Council meets its statutory obligations in terms of accommodation to deliver services across the corporate spectrum. As an example, poor maintenance of educational and leisure facilities etc. will impact negatively on the delivery of statutory and non statutory services which improve the prospects and wellbeing of DCC residents and in some cases the commercial viability of providing opportunities for growth within the public and private sector.

#### **Prevention**

The maintenance of building fabric and systems is essential in reducing heating & power needs. Where possible, increased levels of insulation are incorporated into the proposed works and any upgrading of heating and/or power systems incorporates more modern & efficient equipment and controls.

#### **Integration**

Poor maintenance of educational and leisure facilities will impact negatively on the delivery of statutory and non statutory services which improve the prospects and wellbeing of DCC residents. Our works program will prevent negative impacts.

## Collaboration

The program is focussed on Denbighshire schools and non-school users only. We work closely with schools finance and property managers to develop our plan.

## Involvement

We aim to offer clear, achievable projects to our customers. By engaging with them and applying the principles, we will develop a compliant plan.

## Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
<a href="#">A prosperous Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A resilient Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A healthier Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A more equal Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of cohesive communities</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A globally responsible Denbighshire</a>	Positive

## Main conclusions

Council buildings that are safe, secure and energy efficient. The delivery of the programme of works will protect Denbighshire County Council's assets, workforce, school children and residents. Works identified on the programme may also lead to savings in future maintenance and running costs.

## **The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.**

### **A prosperous Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

The programme will ensure Council buildings comply with H&S legislation and improve the energy efficiency of the building stock.

#### **Further actions required**

Where practical (i.e. following a cost benefit analysis) specify suitable energy efficient materials and equipment. Contractors to provide details of their waste management procedures wherever practical.

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **A low carbon society**

The maintenance of building fabric and systems is essential in reducing heating & power needs. Where possible, increased levels of insulation are incorporated into the proposed works and any upgrading of heating and/or power systems incorporates more modern & efficient equipment and controls.

##### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

[TEXT HERE]

##### **Economic development**

The works programme will provide opportunities for the local contracting community and help deliver wider community benefits such as training and employment opportunities created via the procurement process.

Local supply chains will be supported in terms of both specific materials and labour and supporting

local employment.

### **Quality skills for the long term**

Maintenance framework set up by Property will be utilised to deliver elements of this programme. Reporting on KPI's is embedded into this framework and will be regularly monitored to ensure the providers are delivering the committed community benefits which include training, apprenticeships and up skilling their work force.

Improved educational facilities will help deliver the curriculum and improve educational standards.

### **Quality jobs for the long term**

Opportunity for the local contracting community and help deliver wider community benefits such as training and employment opportunities

Improve and enhance the working environment for employees including school teaching and support staff and also provide improved facilities for pupils and customers of the Council. Investment in this programme will provide the local contracting community with an opportunity to invest in their staff and offer training placement to the wider community where applicable.

Maintenance framework set up by Property will be utilised to deliver elements of this programme. Reporting on KPI's is embedded into this framework and will be regularly monitored to ensure the providers are delivering the committed community benefits which include training, apprenticeships and up skilling their work force.

### **Childcare**

Maintaining the Council's property stock provides buildings which are suitable for a range of service delivery requirements, including pre/after school clubs, youth centres, schools and leisure centres which contribute to the education and wellbeing of children in controlled environments.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **A low carbon society**

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#### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

[TEXT HERE]

### **Economic development**

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### **Quality skills for the long term**

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### **Quality jobs for the long term**

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### **Childcare**

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### **A resilient Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

Buildings that are compliant with H&E legislation and provide safe and suitable working, learning, leisure and customer environments.

#### **Further actions required**

N/A

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **Biodiversity and the natural environment**

[TEXT HERE]

##### **Biodiversity in the built environment**

No impact foreseen on biodiversity, where individual projects are identified that may impact on the biodiversity, consultation will be carried out with the Ecology Officer and an Ecologist may be appointed to advise in such cases.

### **Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

Larger project will require contractors to provide and comply with their waste management plan, which sets out how they intend to deal with waste associated with a project.

### **Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

Upgrading / improving the building services and fabric of our school stock will create more energy efficient buildings and therefore lower carbon emissions

### **People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

[TEXT HERE]

### **Flood risk management**

[TEXT HERE]

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **Biodiversity and the natural environment**

[TEXT HERE]

#### **Biodiversity in the built environment**

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### **Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

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### **Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

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### **People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

[TEXT HERE]

### **Flood risk management**

[TEXT HERE]

### **A healthier Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

Buildings that are compliant with H&E legislation and provide safe and suitable working, learning, leisure and customer environments.

#### **Further actions required**

N/A

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

Poor maintenance of educational and leisure facilities will impact negatively on the delivery of statutory and non statutory services which improve the prospects and wellbeing of DCC residents.

##### **Access to good quality, healthy food**

Well maintained school kitchens provide healthy meals to children during school term.

##### **People's emotional and mental well-being**



Well maintained educational facilities contribute to learning opportunities including access to educational and health care professionals

**Access to healthcare**

Maintaining office accommodation to provide potential space sharing opportunities with health agencies etc.

**Participation in leisure opportunities**

Ensures well maintained and updated leisure provision via Leisure Centres, Youth Clubs, Libraries and public realm.

**Negative impacts identified:**

**A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

[TEXT HERE]

**Access to good quality, healthy food**

[TEXT HERE]

**People's emotional and mental well-being**

[TEXT HERE]

**Access to healthcare**

[TEXT HERE]

**Participation in leisure opportunities**

[TEXT HERE]

**A more equal Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

The work packages have potential to address physical shortfalls in access to services for all.

**Further actions required**

N/A

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

Larger improvement schemes will encompass accessibility improvements across all portfolios.

**People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

[TEXT HERE]

**People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

[TEXT HERE]

**Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

[TEXT HERE]

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

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**People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

[TEXT HERE]

**People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

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**Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

[TEXT HERE]

**A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

Improvements to the internal and external fabric and appearance of buildings and open spaces will ensure safe use and improve the visual appearance of public areas.

**Further actions required**

N/A

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

The works will address identified H&S issues within the Council's building stock

**Community participation and resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

**The attractiveness of the area**

Improvements to the external appearance of buildings and open spaces, including improving access, will enhance the appearance of street scenes and public realm

**Connected communities**

[TEXT HERE]

**Rural resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

[TEXT HERE]

**Community participation and resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

**The attractiveness of the area**

[TEXT HERE]

**Connected communities**

[TEXT HERE]

**Rural resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

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

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

Opportunities to communicate in Welsh and promote the language via bilingual signs, public notices etc. are incorporated into the contract tenders & awards.

**Further actions required**

N/A

**Positive impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

Well maintained buildings enhance learning opportunities and interpretation opportunities. All tendering of works includes opportunities to communicate via the medium of Welsh.

**Promoting the Welsh language**

All site information boards etc. are bilingual. Welsh Language Standards are promoted through contracts

**Culture and heritage**

[TEXT HERE]

**Negative impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

[TEXT HERE]

**Promoting the Welsh language**

[TEXT HERE]

**Culture and heritage**

[TEXT HERE]

## **A globally responsible Denbighshire**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**

Opportunities for local growth, reduced carbon emissions, more attractive and safer buildings and open spaces are maximised wherever possible and the nature of the works undertaken is to maintain and improve service provision from the Council and its partner organisations.

### **Further actions required**

N/A

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **Local, national, international supply chains**

Opportunities for the local contracting community and help deliver wider community benefits such as training and employment opportunities. Where applicable, OJEU compliant tendering is undertaken

#### **Human rights**

[TEXT HERE]

#### **Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

[TEXT HERE]

#### **Reducing climate change**

Upgrading / improving the building services and fabric of our school stock will create more energy efficient buildings and therefore lower carbon emissions

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **Local, national, international supply chains**

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**Human rights**

[TEXT HERE]

**Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

[TEXT HERE]

**Reducing climate change**

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# Highways Block Allocation Bid

## Well-being Impact Assessment Report

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

Assessment Number:	94
Brief description:	Funding to maintain / enhance bridges, flood defences, footways and other public rights of way
Date Completed:	02/11/2016 16:57:02 Version: 1
Completed by:	Tim Towers
Responsible Service:	Highways & Environmental Services
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	All residents and road users in the County
Was this impact assessment completed as a group?	No

# 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

★ ★ ★ ☆ ( 3 out of 4 stars ) Actual score : 22 / 30.

## Implications of the score

### Summary of impact

Well-being Goals

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

- Positive
- Positive
- Positive
- Positive
- Neutral
- Neutral
- Neutral



## Main conclusions

Overall this outcome shows that targeted funding that both helps with general maintenance whilst at the same time improving access for users will prove beneficial when measured against the desires of the Act

## Evidence to support the Well-being Impact Assessment

- We have consulted published research or guides that inform us about the likely impact of the proposal
- We have involved an expert / consulted a group who represent those who may affected by the proposal
- We have engaged with people who will be affected by the proposal

# THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

## A prosperous Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	This funding will be used to boost access opportunities for many
<b>Further actions required</b>	

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	This proposal includes the opportunity to improve disabled access in urban areas and enhance access to the countryside for others
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	This proposal is specifically designed to improve the highway / PROW infrastructure
<b>Economic development</b>	Easier access to the countryside has been shown to boost tourism. Well maintained bridges will stop roads from having restrictions on them
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	
<b>Childcare</b>	

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	This proposal also includes a bid to fund bridge maintenance which could make driving more desirable
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	
<b>Economic development</b>	
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	
<b>Childcare</b>	

## A resilient Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	On the whole this project is likely to have a slight positive impact

<b>Further actions required</b>	
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**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	
<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	Greater access to the countryside will enhance visitor's experience of the environment
<b>Flood risk management</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	Work to bridges will result in some minimal production of potentially hazardous waste material
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	
<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	
<b>Flood risk management</b>	

**A healthier Denbighshire**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	As far as possible this bid will enhance health
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	The proposal will improve access for the disabled, walkers, cyclists and horse riders by giving improved access via dropped kerb crossing, better bridleways and along the coast
<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	
<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	The proposal will improve access for the disabled, walkers, cyclists and horse riders by giving improved access via dropped kerb crossing, better bridleways and along the coast
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	The decision to target dropped kerb accesses at chemist shops, surgeries etc., will aid access for all
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	The proposal will improve access for the disabled, walkers, cyclists and horse riders by giving improved access via dropped kerb crossing, better bridleways and along the coast

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	
<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	
<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	

**A more equal Denbighshire**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	as far as possible this proposal supports the desire to provide a more equal Denbighshire
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation</b>	Dropped kerbs and improved access to coastal facilities as well as the countryside will prove beneficial to all
<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	Dropped kerbs and improved access to coastal facilities as well as the countryside will prove beneficial to all
<b>People in poverty</b>	

#### **Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation</b>	
<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	
<b>People in poverty</b>	

### **A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral	Page 102
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<b>Justification for impact</b>	
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	
<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	
<b>Connected communities</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	
<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	
<b>Connected communities</b>	

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

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	
<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	
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<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	

## A globally responsible Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Local, national, international supply chains</b>	
<b>Human rights</b>	
<b>Broader service provision in the local area or the region</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Local, national, international supply chains</b>	
<b>Human rights</b>	
<b>Broader service provision in the local area or the region</b>	



# Highway Capital programme

## Well-being Impact Assessment Report

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

Assessment Number:	90
Brief description:	Provision of highway maintenance and surfacing works
Date Completed:	27/10/2016 14:40:04 Version: 1
Completed by:	Tim Towers
Responsible Service:	Highways & Environmental Services
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	
Was this impact assessment completed as a group?	No

# 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

★ ★ ★ ☆ ( 3 out of 4 stars ) Actual score : 22 / 30.

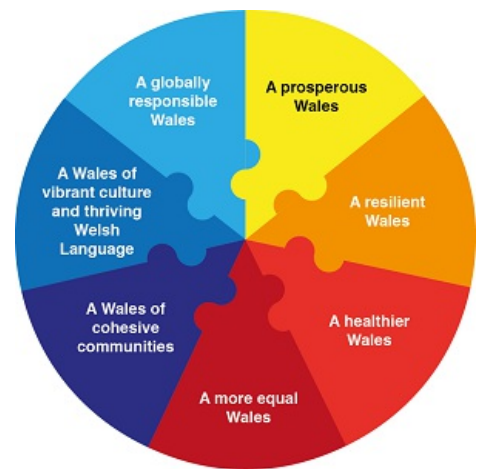
## Implications of the score

### Summary of impact

Well-being Goals

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

- Positive
- Negative
- Positive
- Positive
- Neutral
- Neutral
- Positive



## Main conclusions

This proposal is basically offering a like for like outcome and therefore wouldn't be expected to add significantly to the aims of the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act however it will also have very little negative effect too

## Evidence to support the Well-being Impact Assessment

- We have consulted published research or guides that inform us about the likely impact of the proposal
- We have involved an expert / consulted a group who represent those who may affected by the proposal
- We have engaged with people who will be affected by the proposal

# THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

## A prosperous Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	A good road network is vital to so many areas of everyday life
<b>Further actions required</b>	Other initiatives can be used to assist with walking / cycling

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	The whole purpose of the project is to boost this
<b>Economic development</b>	A good quality road network has been proven to boost economic benefit
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	A good local economy can create quality long term jobs
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	A good local economy can create quality long term jobs
<b>Childcare</b>	

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	Better roads could make driving more desirable
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	
<b>Economic development</b>	
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	
<b>Childcare</b>	

## A resilient Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Negative
<b>Justification for impact</b>	By it's very nature the processes and end result of this work tend to be detrimental to the environment
<b>Further actions required</b>	Where possible we will overlay existing roads or recycle material to reduce waste

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	
<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	
<b>Flood risk management</b>	As part of the normal maintenance we tend to clean and upgrade drainage systems thus reducing risk

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	Highway maintenance produces often hazardous waste
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	The proposal is likely to sustain energy levels and may even increase them
<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	
<b>Flood risk management</b>	

**A healthier Denbighshire**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	A good quality network encourages people to get out more and provides for a safer environment
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	This proposal would certainly provide a safer environment
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<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	
<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	A good network aids movement
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	A good quality network encourages cycling and walking due to a reduction in hazards such as potholes

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	
<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	
<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	

## A more equal Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	A good quality road and footway network with adequate dropped kerbs creates a better environment for all
<b>Further actions required</b>	

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation</b>	A good quality road and footway network with adequate dropped kerbs creates a better environment for all
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<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	A good quality road and footway network with adequate dropped kerbs creates a better environment for all
<b>People in poverty</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation</b>	
<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	
<b>People in poverty</b>	

**A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	Users and residents tend to take a good quality road for granted but don't like poor ones
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	

<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	Good quality roads and footways are easier to clean and are aesthetically pleasing
<b>Connected communities</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	
<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	
<b>Connected communities</b>	

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

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	
<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	
<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	

**A globally responsible Denbighshire**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Local, national, international supply chains</b>	
<b>Human rights</b>	
<b>Broader service provision in the local area or the region</b>	The road network contributes to many service provision aims

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Local, national, international supply chains</b>	
<b>Human rights</b>	
<b>Broader service provision in the local area or the region</b>	



# Investment in Highway Bridges and Retaining Walls

## Well-being Impact Assessment Report

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

Assessment Number:	100
Brief description:	The desire to fund a backlog in bridge maintenance
Date Completed:	04/11/2016 13:40:31 Version: 1
Completed by:	Tim Towers
Responsible Service:	Highways & Environmental Services
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	All road users in the County
Was this impact assessment completed as a group?	No

# 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

★ ★ ★ ★ ( 3 out of 4 stars ) Actual score : 24 / 30.

## Implications of the score

### Summary of impact

#### Well-being Goals

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

- Positive
- Neutral
- Positive
- Positive
- Positive
- Neutral
- Positive



## Main conclusions

Although this work is intended to fulfil our Statutory Duty to provide a safe network it can also be used to underpin the aims of the Wellbeing Act

## Evidence to support the Well-being Impact Assessment

- We have consulted published research or guides that inform us about the likely impact of the proposal
- We have involved an expert / consulted a group who represent those who may be affected by the proposal
- We have engaged with people who will be affected by the proposal

# THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

## A prosperous Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	For the reasons outlined above there is an overall benefit
<b>Further actions required</b>	Other initiatives can be used to assist with walking and cycling to combat the potential negative effect on a low carbon society

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	The whole project is designed to boost this
<b>Economic development</b>	A good quality road network has been proven to boost economic benefit
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	A good local economy can create quality long term skills
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	A good local economy can create quality, long term jobs
<b>Childcare</b>	

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	A better road network could make driving more desirable
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	
<b>Economic development</b>	
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	
<b>Childcare</b>	

## A resilient Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	
<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	
<b>Flood risk management</b>	As part of the normal maintenance we tend to clean out watercourses and upgrade adjacent drainage systems thus reducing risk

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	The proposal is likely to sustain energy levels and may even increase them
<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	
<b>Flood risk management</b>	

## A healthier Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	A good quality network encourages people to get out more and provides for a safer environment
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	Open bridges allow greater access for walkers, cyclists etc.
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<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	
<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	Open bridges allow greater access to all our facilities
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	Open bridges allow greater access for walkers, cyclists etc.

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	
<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	
<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	

## A more equal Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	Where possible the maintenance work will incorporate improvements to enable greater access
<b>Further actions required</b>	

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation</b>	Where possible the maintenance work will incorporate improvements to enable greater access
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<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	Where possible the maintenance work will incorporate improvements to enable greater access
<b>People in poverty</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation</b>	
<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	
<b>People in poverty</b>	

**A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	Overall, even minor improvements can make a good positive difference
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	These works are designed to provide a safer environment for users
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	

<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	Many of these bridges are Listed Structures and so to enhance them will add to the attractiveness of the environment
<b>Connected communities</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	
<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	
<b>Connected communities</b>	

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

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	
<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	
<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	

**A globally responsible Denbighshire**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	The road network contributes to many service provision aims
<b>Further actions required</b>	

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>Local, national, international supply chains</b>	The road network contributes to many service provision aims
<b>Human rights</b>	
<b>Broader service provision in the local area or the region</b>	

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Local, national, international supply chains</b>	
<b>Human rights</b>	
<b>Broader service provision in the local area or the region</b>	





## **Traffic Block Capital 2023-24: Well-being Impact Assessment Report**

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

**Assessment Number:** 1163

**Brief description:** Package of traffic management, road safety and car park related projects included within the block capital bid

**Date Completed:** 02/02/2023 20:54:37 Version: 1

**Completed by:** Mike Jones

**Responsible Service:** Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services

**Localities affected by the proposal:** Whole County,

**Who will be affected by the proposal?** People with impaired vision, or impaired mobility. Pedestrians generally. Cyclists. Residents Businesses. Highway users

**Was this impact assessment completed as a group?** Yes

## 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

**3 out of 4 stars**

**Actual score : 30 / 36.**

### Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

#### Long term

The block bid includes numerous projects to provide and enhance active travel infrastructure thereby encouraging increased levels of walking and cycling for utility journeys. Switching journeys to active travel modes will reduce carbon emissions and improve health, with associated long term benefits. Traffic signal replacement projects will see a switch to lower energy versions, also reducing associated carbon emissions compared to the current infrastructure it will be replacing.

#### Prevention

Active travel infrastructure is intended to shift journeys from car to walking and/or cycling

#### Integration

Active travel routes provide more transport connections and increase options, connecting land uses.

#### Collaboration

We work closely with other DCC teams and with external partners such as T&CCs, WG and Transport for Wales when delivering active travel projects

#### Involvement

The active travel projects have been developed in accordance with the WG requirements for engagement as it is a statutory requirement to consult our communities on the development of future active travel mapping proposals.

### Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
<a href="#">A prosperous Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A resilient Denbighshire</a>	Neutral
<a href="#">A healthier Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A more equal Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of cohesive communities</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A globally responsible Denbighshire</a>	Positive

### Main conclusions

The projects contained within the block allocation contain multiple benefits, especially the numerous active travel projects. This benefits include reduced carbon emissions, improved transport connections, improved accessibility, and health benefits through healthier travel choices.

## **The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.**

### **A prosperous Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

Carbon reducing measures, improved transport connectivity benefitting the local economy

#### **Further actions required**

Continue to develop projects with good public engagement to ensure they're optimised

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **A low carbon society**

Reduced car journeys

Lower carbon emissions from lower energy signals using LED lights etc

##### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

Active travel routes improve accessibility and travel choices

##### **Economic development**

Better active travel links improve connectivity, providing travel options for those without a car to access employment opportunities

##### **Quality skills for the long term**

N/A

##### **Quality jobs for the long term**

N/A

**Childcare**

N/A

**Negative impacts identified:**

**A low carbon society**

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**Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

[TEXT HERE]

**Economic development**

[TEXT HERE]

**Quality skills for the long term**

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**Quality jobs for the long term**

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**Childcare**

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**A resilient Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Neutral

**Justification for impact**

N/A

**Further actions required**

N/A

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Biodiversity and the natural environment**

N/A

**Biodiversity in the built environment**

N/A

**Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

N/A

**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

Doesn't directly impact upon DCC energy consumption

**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

N/A

**Flood risk management**

N/A

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Biodiversity and the natural environment**

[TEXT HERE]

**Biodiversity in the built environment**

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**Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

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**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

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**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

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**Flood risk management**

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**A healthier Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

Health and wellbeing benefits of active travel

**Further actions required**

Good promotion and publicity to raise awareness of routes

**Positive impacts identified:**

**A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

Active travel encourages healthier lifestyles through incorporating exercise into daily routines

**Access to good quality, healthy food**

N/A

**People's emotional and mental well-being**

Exercise is known to potentially benefit emotion and mental well-being

**Access to healthcare**

N/A

**Participation in leisure opportunities**

Although active travel journeys are defined as being for utility purposes, as a secondary benefit, the routes may also provide leisure opportunities

**Negative impacts identified:**

**A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

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**Access to good quality, healthy food**

[TEXT HERE]

**People's emotional and mental well-being**

[TEXT HERE]

**Access to healthcare**

[TEXT HERE]

**Participation in leisure opportunities**

[TEXT HERE]



## **A more equal Denbighshire**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**

Accessibility improvements, infrastructure for walking and cycling - especially if individuals don't have access to a car, this can provide a safe alternative option

### **Further actions required**

Undertake design in accordance with Wales Active Travel Design Guidance

### **Positive impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

Active travel routes are constructed to be accessible. As well as the provision of new routes, they also include improvements to existing infrastructure accessibility - such as widening paths, providing dropped kerbs, ramps etc.

### **People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

Active travel routes are constructed to be accessible. As well as the provision of new routes, they also include improvements to existing infrastructure accessibility - such as widening paths, providing dropped kerbs, ramps etc.

### **People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

Active travel infrastructure can potentially provide a safe travel option for someone without access to a car

### **Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

Active travel infrastructure can potentially provide a safe travel option for someone without access to a car

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

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**People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

[TEXT HERE]

**People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

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**Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

[TEXT HERE]

**A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

Improvement to safety of existing walking and cycling routes.

**Further actions required**

Considerate design.

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

Improve safety of existing routes e.g. wider paths. less hidden/dark corners/ better lighting

**Community participation and resilience**

Involving the community in mapping is a essential part of the active travel mapping which we undertake as a statutory duty, in the identification of new routes and routes that need improvement

**The attractiveness of the area**

Well-designed active travel routes can help to improve the attractiveness of an area, improving pedestrian space, improving the quality of the public realm

**Connected communities**

Improvements to travel options, alternatives to the private car

**Rural resilience**

N/A

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

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**Community participation and resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

**The attractiveness of the area**

A badly-designed project can detract from the attractiveness of an area

**Connected communities**

[TEXT HERE]

### **Rural resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

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

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

All worded traffic signs will be bilingual (Welsh above English) as per DCC policy.

All consultation materials will be bilingual

#### **Further actions required**

Consider further ways to promote Welsh language as part of the projects, where possible.

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **People using Welsh**

All worded traffic signs will be bilingual (Welsh above English) as per DCC policy.

All consultation materials will be bilingual

##### **Promoting the Welsh language**

All worded traffic signs will be bilingual (Welsh above English) as per DCC policy.

All consultation materials will be bilingual

##### **Culture and heritage**

N/A

#### **Negative impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

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**Promoting the Welsh language**

[TEXT HERE]

**Culture and heritage**

[TEXT HERE]

**A globally responsible Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

Use of local contractors and suppliers. Active travel infrastructure.

**Further actions required**

Consider use of local suppliers and contractors wherever this is possible/feasible.

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Local, national, international supply chains**

Local contractors and suppliers will be able to bid for work through Sell2Wales. Local suppliers used for smaller value items/tasks i.e. below threshold for obtaining more than 1 quote

**Human rights**

N/A

**Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

N/A

**Reducing climate change**

Active travel projects are intended to transfer journeys from car to walking and cycling. Low energy traffic signal infrastructure proposed to replace existing

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Local, national, international supply chains**

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**Human rights**

[TEXT HERE]

**Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

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**Reducing climate change**

[TEXT HERE]

**Block capital bid for structural lighting  
column replacement programme**

**Wellbeing Impact Assessment**



## **Structural lighting column replacement programme: Well-being Impact Assessment Report**

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

**Assessment Number:** 1095

**Brief description:** To implement a programme of lighting column replacement to mitigate against structural failure of the assets.

**Date Completed:** [TEXT HERE] Version: 0

**Completed by:** [TEXT HERE]

**Responsible Service:** Highways and Environmental Services

**Localities affected by the proposal:** Whole County,

**Who will be affected by the proposal?** All residents and road users within Denbighshire County Council

**Was this impact assessment completed as a group?** No



## 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

**2 out of 4 stars**

**Actual score : 24 / 36.**

### Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

#### Long term

The project is replacing existing assets but in a quicker timeframe than existing budget will allow to prevent increasing risk to residents and road users. This will have very limited impact on climate, environmental or ecological issues.

#### Prevention

The project is replacing existing assets but in a quicker timeframe than existing budget will allow to prevent increasing risk to residents and road users. This will have very limited impact on climate, environmental or ecological issues.

#### Integration

The project will improve safety for residents, road users and pedestrians but will not deliver towards the LDP

#### Collaboration

The project will be delivered to conclusion by our existing team

#### Involvement

## Structural lighting column replacement programme

The project is replacing existing highway assets and consultation will be carried out if disruption is expected.

### Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
<a href="#">A prosperous Denbighshire</a>	[TEXT HERE]
<a href="#">A resilient Denbighshire</a>	[TEXT HERE]
<a href="#">A healthier Denbighshire</a>	[TEXT HERE]
<a href="#">A more equal Denbighshire</a>	[TEXT HERE]
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of cohesive communities</a>	[TEXT HERE]
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</a>	[TEXT HERE]
<a href="#">A globally responsible Denbighshire</a>	[TEXT HERE]

### Main conclusions

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## **The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.**

### **A prosperous Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

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#### **Justification for impact**

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#### **Further actions required**

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#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **A low carbon society**

[TEXT HERE]

##### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

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##### **Economic development**

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##### **Quality skills for the long term**

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##### **Quality jobs for the long term**

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##### **Childcare**

[TEXT HERE]

**Negative impacts identified:**

**A low carbon society**

[TEXT HERE]

**Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

[TEXT HERE]

**Economic development**

[TEXT HERE]

**Quality skills for the long term**

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**Quality jobs for the long term**

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**Childcare**

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**A resilient Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

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**Justification for impact**

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**Further actions required**

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**Positive impacts identified:**

**Biodiversity and the natural environment**

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**Biodiversity in the built environment**

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**Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

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**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

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**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

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**Flood risk management**

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**Negative impacts identified:**

**Biodiversity and the natural environment**

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**Biodiversity in the built environment**

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**Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

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**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

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**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

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**Flood risk management**

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**A healthier Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

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**Justification for impact**

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**Further actions required**

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**Positive impacts identified:**

**A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

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**Access to good quality, healthy food**

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**People's emotional and mental well-being**

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**Access to healthcare**

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**Participation in leisure opportunities**

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**Negative impacts identified:**

**A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

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**Access to good quality, healthy food**

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**People's emotional and mental well-being**

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**Access to healthcare**

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**Participation in leisure opportunities**

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**A more equal Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

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**Justification for impact**

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**Further actions required**

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**Positive impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

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**People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

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**People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

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**Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

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**Negative impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

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**People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

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**People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

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**Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

[TEXT HERE]

**A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

**Overall Impact**

[TEXT HERE]

**Justification for impact**

[TEXT HERE]

**Further actions required**

[TEXT HERE]

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

[TEXT HERE]

**Community participation and resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

**The attractiveness of the area**

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**Connected communities**

[TEXT HERE]

**Rural resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

[TEXT HERE]

**Community participation and resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

**The attractiveness of the area**

[TEXT HERE]

**Connected communities**

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**Rural resilience**

[TEXT HERE]

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

**Overall Impact**

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**Justification for impact**

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**Further actions required**

[TEXT HERE]

**Positive impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

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**Promoting the Welsh language**

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**Culture and heritage**

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**Negative impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

[TEXT HERE]

**Promoting the Welsh language**

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**Culture and heritage**

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**A globally responsible Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

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**Justification for impact**

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**Further actions required**

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**Positive impacts identified:**

**Local, national, international supply chains**

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**Human rights**

[TEXT HERE]

**Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

[TEXT HERE]

**Reducing climate change**

[TEXT HERE]

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Local, national, international supply chains**

[TEXT HERE]

**Human rights**

[TEXT HERE]

**Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

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**Reducing climate change**

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<b>Report to</b>	Council
<b>Date of meeting</b>	28 February 2023
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	Gwyneth Ellis, Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets
<b>Report author</b>	Steve Gadd, Head of Finance
<b>Title</b>	Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2023/24 and Prudential Indicators 2023/24 to 2025/26 (Appendix 1)

## **1 What is the report about?**

- 1.1 The TMSS (Appendix 1) shows how the Council will manage its investments and its borrowing for the coming year and sets the policies within which the TM function operates.

## **2 What is the reason for making this report?**

- 2.1 The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the "CIPFA TM Code") requires the Council to approve the TMSS and Prudential Indicators annually. A decision is required therefore to approve the recommendations below.

## **3 What are the Recommendations?**

- 3.1 That Council approves the TMSS for 2023/24 (Appendix 1).
- 3.2 That Council approves the setting of Prudential Indicators for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (Appendix 1 Annex A).
- 3.3 That Council approves the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement (Appendix 1 Section 6).
- 3.4 That Council confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Well-being Impact Assessment (Appendix 2) as part of its consideration.

## 4 Report details

### Background

- 4.1 TM involves looking after the Council's cash which is a vital part of the Council's work because approximately £0.5bn passes through the Council's bank account every year.
- 4.2 At any one time, the Council normally has up to £20m in cash so it needs to make sure that the best rate of return possible is achieved without putting the cash at risk which is why money is invested with a number of financial institutions.

When investing, the Council's priorities are to:

- keep money safe (security);
- make sure that the money comes back when it is needed (liquidity);
- make sure a decent rate of return is achieved (yield).

### TMSS 2023/24

- 4.3 The TMSS for 2023/24 is set out in Appendix 1. This report includes TM Prudential Indicators which set limits on the Council's TM activity as shown in Appendix 1 Annex A.

### Capital Prudential Indicators

- 4.4 The Capital related Prudential Indicators are included in the Capital Strategy Report. It is intended to give a high level, concise and comprehensible overview to all elected members of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of the Council's services.
- 4.5 The Capital Strategy Report has been included with the Capital Plan report to Council and includes the following Capital related Prudential Indicators:

Estimates of Capital Expenditure and Financing

Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream

Capital Financing Requirement

Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt



## **5 How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

- 5.1 An efficient TM strategy allows the Council to minimise its borrowing costs and release funding for its investment priorities.

## **6 What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

- 6.1 There are no additional cost implications arising as a result of the setting of Prudential Indicators. The point of the TM Strategy is to obtain the best return within a properly managed risk framework.

## **7 What are the main conclusions of the Wellbeing Impact Assessment?**

- 7.1 Financial planning and decision making should ensure that proper regard is given to the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and in particular, proper consideration of the long term impact of financial decisions, including the payback period and whole life costs of capital investment decisions, properly impact assessed budget proposals and long term debt and investment (treasury management) strategies. The principles of prudence, affordability and sustainability are already enshrined within the requirements of the Prudential Code and should underpin financial planning and decision making.
- 7.2 In the context of treasury management, the existing requirements to assess and report on the long term financial consequences of investment and borrowing decisions using prudential indicators and long-term debt planning support the sustainability goals of the Wellbeing Act.
- 7.3 The Wellbeing Impact Assessment report is included in Appendix 2 which shows how an efficient Treasury Management strategy promotes the wellbeing goals of the Act.

## **8 What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

- 8.1 The Strategy Statement was reviewed by the Governance and Audit Committee on 25 January 2023.
- 8.2 The Council has consulted with its TM consultants, Arlingclose Ltd.

## **9 Chief Finance Officer Statement**

- 9.1 TM involves looking after significant sums of cash so it is a vital part of the Council's work. It requires a sound strategy and appropriate controls to safeguard the Council's money, to ensure that reasonable returns on investments are achieved and that debt is effectively and prudently managed.
- 9.2 It is a requirement of the CIPFA Code of Practice on TM for Council to approve a TMSS each financial year.

## **10 What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

- 10.1 There are inherent risks involved in any TM activity as outlined in the Strategy Statement. The Council has a risk management policy but it is impossible to eliminate these risks completely.

## **11 Power to make the Decision**

- 11.1 The Local Government Act 2003 determines the requirement for local authorities to set Prudential Indicators and requires the Council to comply with the Prudential Code of Capital Finance for Local Authorities that has been produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

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## 1 Background

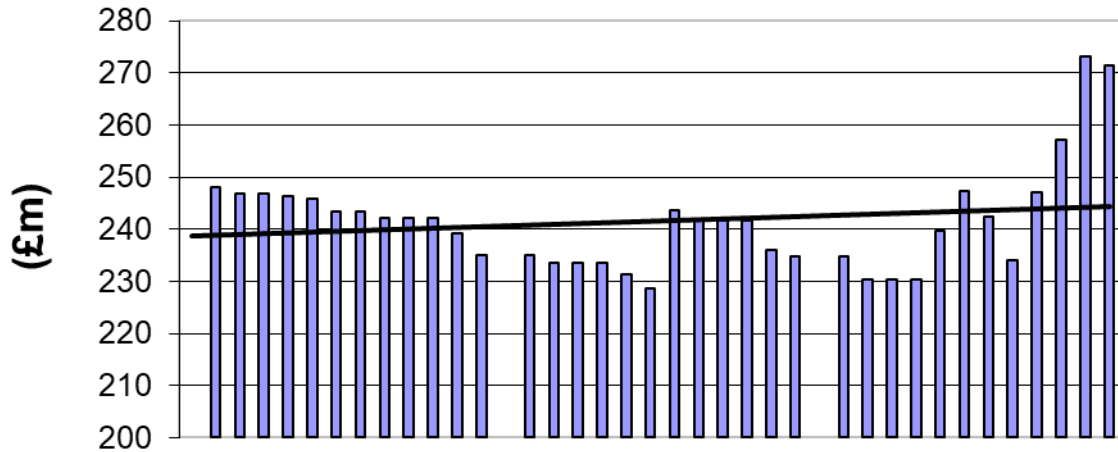
- 1.1 The Council is responsible for its Treasury Management decisions and activity which involves looking after the Council's cash. This is a vital part of the Council's work because approximately £0.5bn passes through the Council's bank account every year.
- 1.2 In December 2021, CIPFA published its revised Prudential Code and Treasury Management Code of Practice. The Code requires the Authority to approve a treasury management strategy statement (TMSS) before the start of each financial year. There is also a new requirement to add the Liability Benchmark as a Treasury Management Prudential Indicator (see Annex A Section 5). There is also now a requirement to provide quarterly Treasury Management update reports to members to be implemented during the 2023/24 financial year.
- 1.3 In addition, the Welsh Government (WG) issued revised *Guidance on Local Authority Investments* in November 2019 that requires the Authority to approve an investment strategy before the start of each financial year. It also requires the Authority to include details of investments and loans which are not held for Treasury Management purposes. Following a review, the Authority has concluded that it doesn't have any non-Treasury related arrangements which fall within the scope of this guidance.
- 1.4 This report fulfils the Authority's legal obligation under the *Local Government Act 2003* to have regard to both the CIPFA Code and the WG Guidance.
- 1.5 The purpose of the TMSS is to set the:
- Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24
  - Annual Investment Strategy for 2023/24
  - Prudential Indicators for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (Annex A)
  - Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement

## 2 Treasury Position

- 2.1 The levels of the Council's borrowing and investment balances over the last three years are shown in the graphs below. The first chart shows the Council's borrowing has increased slightly over this period. The second chart shows a slight decrease in the amount of money which is available for investment.

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**Borrowing Balances (2020/21 - 2022/23)**



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- 3.2 Given the increasing risk and very low returns from short-term unsecured bank investments, the Council will continue to hold a minimal amount of investments for short-term cash flow purposes and will continue to place a far greater emphasis on investing with the UK Government's Debt Management Office and other local authorities in order to minimise these risks.
- 3.3 The Authority may invest its surplus funds with any of the counterparty types in table 1 below, subject to the cash limits (per counterparty) and the time limits shown.

**Table 1: Treasury Investment Counterparties and Limits**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Time limit</b>	<b>Counterparty limit</b>
The UK Government	50 years	Unlimited
Local authorities & other government entities	25 years	£10m
Secured investments *	25 years	£10m
Banks (unsecured) *	13 months	£5m
Building societies (unsecured) *	13 months	£5m
Registered providers (unsecured) *	5 years	£5m
Money market funds *	n/a	£10m
Strategic pooled funds	n/a	£10m
Real estate investment trusts	n/a	£10m
Other investments *	5 years	£5m

**\* Minimum Credit Rating:** Treasury investments in the sectors marked with an asterisk will only be made with entities whose lowest published long-term credit rating is no lower than A-. Where available, the credit rating relevant to the specific investment or class of investment is used, otherwise the counterparty credit rating is used. However, investment decisions are never made solely based on credit ratings, and all other relevant factors including external advice will be taken into account.

**Government:** Loans, bonds and bills issued or guaranteed by national governments, regional and local authorities and multilateral development banks. These investments are not subject to bail-in, and there is generally a lower risk of insolvency, although they are not zero risk. Investments with the UK Government are deemed to be zero credit risk due to its ability to create additional currency and therefore may be made in unlimited amounts for up to 50 years.

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**Secured investments:** Investments secured on the borrower's assets, which limits the potential losses in the event of insolvency. The amount and quality of the security will be a key factor in the investment decision. Covered bonds and reverse repurchase agreements with banks and building societies are exempt from bail-in. Where there is no investment specific credit rating, but the collateral upon which the investment is secured has a credit rating, the higher of the collateral credit rating and the counterparty credit rating will be used. The combined secured and unsecured investments with any one counterparty will not exceed the cash limit for secured investments.

**Banks and Building Societies (Unsecured):** Accounts, deposits, certificates of deposit and senior unsecured bonds with banks and building societies, other than multilateral development banks. These investments are subject to the risk of credit loss via a bail-in should the regulator determine that the bank is failing or likely to fail.

**Registered Providers (Unsecured):** Loans and bonds issued by, guaranteed by or secured on the assets of registered providers of social housing and registered social landlords, formerly known as housing associations. These bodies are regulated by the Regulator of Social Housing (in England), the Scottish Housing Regulator, the Welsh Government and the Department for Communities (in Northern Ireland). As providers of public services, they retain the likelihood of receiving government support if needed.

**Money Market Funds:** Pooled funds that offer same-day or short notice liquidity and very low or no price volatility by investing in short-term money markets. They have the advantage over bank accounts of providing wide diversification of investment risks, coupled with the services of a professional fund manager in return for a small fee.

**Strategic Pooled Funds:** Bond, equity and property funds that offer enhanced returns over the longer term but are more volatile in the short term. These allow the Authority to diversify into asset classes other than cash without the need to own and manage the underlying investments. Because these funds have no defined maturity date, but are available for withdrawal after a notice period, their performance and continued suitability in meeting the Authority's investment objectives will be monitored regularly.

**Real Estate Investment Trusts:** Shares in companies that invest mainly in real estate and pay the majority of their rental income to investors in a similar manner to pooled property funds. As with property funds, REITs offer enhanced returns over the longer term, but are more volatile especially as the share price reflects changing demand for the shares as well as changes in the value of the underlying properties.

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**Other investments:** This category covers treasury investments not listed above, for example unsecured corporate bonds and company loans. Non-bank companies cannot be bailed-in but can become insolvent placing the Authority's investment at risk.

- 3.4 Natwest is the Council's banker and will continue to be used for operational and liquidity purposes by transferring cash in and out of the instant access account as required even if its credit rating falls below A-.
- 3.5 For a group of banks under the same ownership, the banking group limit is equal to the individual bank limit.
- 3.6 Credit ratings are obtained and monitored by the Authority's treasury advisers, who will notify changes in ratings as they occur. Where an entity has its credit rating downgraded so that it fails to meet the approved investment criteria then:
  - no new investments will be made,
  - any existing investments that can be recalled or sold at no cost will be, and
  - full consideration will be given to the recall or sale of all other existing investments with the affected counterparty.
- 3.7 The Authority understands that credit ratings are good, but not perfect, predictors of investment default. Full regard will therefore be given to other available information on the credit quality of the organisations in which it invests, including credit default swap prices (the cost of banks insuring themselves against default), financial statements, information on potential government support, reports in the quality financial press and analysis and advice from the Council's treasury management adviser. No investments will be made with an organisation if there are substantive doubts about its credit quality, even though it may otherwise meet the above criteria.
- 3.8 When deteriorating financial market conditions affect the creditworthiness of all organisations, as happened in 2008 and 2020, this is not generally reflected in credit ratings, but can be seen in other market measures. In these circumstances, the Authority will restrict its investments to those organisations of higher credit quality and reduce the maximum duration of its investments to maintain the required level of security. If these restrictions mean that insufficient commercial organisations of high credit quality are available to invest the Authority's cash balances, then the surplus will be deposited with the UK Government, via the Debt Management Office or invested in government treasury bills for example, or with other local authorities. This will cause investment returns to fall but will protect the principal sum invested.



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3.9 **Specified Investments:** The WG Guidance defines specified investments as those:

- denominated in pound sterling,
- due to be repaid within 12 months of arrangement unless the counterparty is a local authority,
- not defined as capital expenditure by legislation, and
- invested with one of:
  - the UK Government,
  - a UK local authority, parish council or community council, or
  - a body or investment scheme of “high credit quality”.

The Authority defines “high credit quality” organisations as those having a credit rating of A- or higher that are domiciled in the UK or a foreign country with a sovereign rating of AA+ or higher.

3.10 **Non-specified Investments:** Any investment not meeting the definition of a specified investment is classed as non-specified. The Authority does not intend to make any investments denominated in foreign currencies. Non-specified investments will therefore be limited to long-term investments, i.e. those that are due to mature 12 months or longer from the date of arrangement and investments with bodies and schemes not meeting the definition of high credit quality. Under this category, the Council has given three loans to Town Councils for capital purposes which are being paid back in instalments over the agreed terms.

Limits on non-specified investments are shown in table 3 below.

**Table 3: Non-Specified Investment Limits**

	<b>Cash limit</b>
Total long-term investments	£10m
Total investments without credit ratings or rated below A- (except the UK government and UK local authorities)	£10m
Total investments (except pooled funds) with institutions domiciled in foreign countries rated below AA+	£10m
Total non-specified investments	£30m

**4 Borrowing Strategy**

4.1 The Council has continued to undertake temporary borrowing from other local authorities as required to cover short-term cash flow requirements as this is a good source of readily available cash at historically low rates.

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- 4.2 At the same time, the Council will also continue to monitor its cash position and interest rate levels to ensure that further long-term borrowing is undertaken at the optimal time to fund on-going Capital commitments.
- 4.3 The approved sources of borrowing are listed below:
- PWLB and any successor body
  - any institution approved for investments
  - any other bank or building society authorised to operate in the UK
  - any other UK public sector body
  - UK public and private sector pension funds (except Clwyd Pension Fund)
  - capital market bond investors
  - UK Municipal Bonds Agency plc and other special purpose companies created to enable local authority bond issues

### **5 Debt Rescheduling**

- 5.1 The Council is able to pay off loans earlier than it has to and to replace them with cheaper loans in order to save money or to reduce the risk to the Council. Sometimes, these loans will be replaced and sometimes not, depending on market conditions and interest rates.
- 5.2 The lower interest rate environment and changes in the rules regarding the premature repayment of PWLB loans has adversely affected the scope to undertake meaningful debt rescheduling although occasional opportunities arise. A weekly update on this is received from the Council's treasury management advisers so the position is kept under review.

### **6 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement**

- 6.1 The Council sets aside money each year to repay debt and this is known as the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP).
- 6.2 There are four different methods of calculating MRP and the Council needs to say each year which methods it will use. This is known as the MRP Statement.
- 6.3 The MRP Statement is submitted to Council before the start of each financial year. If the terms of the original MRP Statement are revised again during the year, a revised statement will be put to Council at that time.

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### **6.4 MRP Statement**

The Council will apply the Asset Life Method to calculate MRP on outstanding supported borrowing incurred up to 31 March 2017 using a straight-line calculation over 50 years. This represents a change from the Regulatory Method which had been applied previously.

The Council will apply the Asset Life Method to calculate MRP on supported borrowing incurred on or after 1 April 2017 using a straight-line calculation over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits. This also represents a change from the Regulatory Method which had been applied previously.

The Council will apply the Asset Life Method to calculate MRP on all capital expenditure funded from unsupported borrowing. This represents a continuation of the previous policy.

6.5 MRP on housing assets funded through prudential borrowing is charged on a straight line basis over 20 years for improvement works to comply with the Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS) and for property appropriated by the HRA, and over 50 years for new build properties and for the loans used to buy the HRA out of the government subsidy scheme on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. For capital expenditure incurred before the introduction of the WHQS the authority charges MRP on a 2% reducing balance basis.

## **7 Reporting Treasury Management Activity**

7.1 The Section 151 Officer (Chief Finance Officer) will report to the Governance and Audit Committee on treasury management activity / performance as follows:

- (a) The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators will be submitted to the committee in January each year prior to approval by Council.
- (b) Two treasury management updates will be submitted to the committee in January and July each year.
- (c) An annual report on treasury activity will be submitted to the committee in July each year for the preceding year prior to approval by Cabinet.

A treasury update showing the latest investment and borrowing position will be included in the monthly Revenue Monitoring report and borrowing will also be reported on in the Capital Plan to Council. The Capital Strategy Report will also be reported to Council in February with the Capital Plan.

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### **8 Other items**

#### **8.1 Investment Training**

##### **8.1.1 Member Training**

The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management requires the Section 151 Officer to ensure that all members tasked with treasury management responsibilities, including scrutiny of the treasury management function, understand fully their roles and responsibilities. The last Treasury Management training session for all members was given on 28 October 2022.

The Council has nominated the Governance and Audit Committee as the committee which has responsibility for scrutiny of the treasury management function.

##### **8.1.2 Staff Training**

Staff attend training courses, seminars and conferences provided by Arlingclose and CIPFA. One member of the TM team retired at the end of June and his replacement was already part of the TM team so she will continue to undertake her TM duties. Two new employees have also been added to the TM rota to provide additional cover and they have received training and have recently started their TM duties. There is therefore a team of four members of staff who cover TM duties on a rota basis to ensure that their knowledge is kept up to date. These members of staff are also members of professional accountancy bodies including the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT). The operational processes which staff must follow are shown within the Treasury Management Practices (TMPs) which have been updated recently.

#### **8.2 Treasury Management Advisers**

The Council uses Arlingclose Ltd as Treasury Management Advisers and receives the following services:

- Credit advice
- Investment advice
- Borrowing advice
- Technical accounting advice
- Economic & interest rate forecasts
- Workshops and training events

The Council maintains the quality of the service with its advisers by holding quarterly strategy meetings and tendering every 5 years. The Council's current contract is due to end on 31 December 2023 and a tendering exercise will therefore be undertaken before the end of this year.

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### **8.3 Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MIFID)**

8.3.1 Under the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MIFID), local authorities can be classed as professional clients if they have at least a £10m investment balance and staff with relevant experience. Local authorities not meeting the criteria have been reclassified as retail clients. Retail clients have greater protection when placing investments because there is a requirement for firms to ensure that investments are suitable for the client. Professional clients are assumed to have greater knowledge and therefore need less protection.

8.3.2 The Council is not in a position to be classed as a professional client because it does not have an investment balance which is consistently above £10m so it is classified as a retail client. In practice, this does not have an impact on the Council's treasury management activities which consist of cash deposits or loans which are outside the scope of MIFID. The Council's investment advisers, Arlingclose, have continued to advise retail clients as they have a retail adviser who is able to advise on any investment products which come under the scope of MIFID such as shares and bonds.

### **8.4 Investment of Money Borrowed in Advance of Need**

The Authority may, from time to time, borrow in advance of need, where this is expected to provide the best long term value for money. Since amounts borrowed will be invested until spent, the Authority is aware that it will be exposed to the risk of loss of the borrowed sums, and the risk that investment and borrowing interest rates may change in the intervening period. These risks will be managed as part of the Authority's overall management of its treasury risks.

The total amount borrowed will not exceed the authorised borrowing limit. The maximum period between borrowing and expenditure is expected to be three years, although the Authority is not required to link particular loans with particular items of expenditure.

### **8.5 Policy on Use of Financial Derivatives**

In the absence of any explicit legal power to do so, the Authority will not use standalone financial derivatives (such as swaps, forwards, futures and options). Derivatives embedded into loans and investments, including pooled funds and forward starting transactions, may be used, and the risks that they present will be managed in line with the overall treasury risk management strategy.

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**8.6 Housing Revenue Account (HRA)**

The Council operates one loans pool for the General Fund and the HRA. A proportion of the Council's investment and debt interest is apportioned to the HRA at year end. The amount of HRA investment interest is calculated by applying the Council's average investment interest rate to the HRA's average notional cash balance.

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**PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2023/24 TO 2025/26**

**1 Upper Limits for Fixed Interest Rate Exposure and Variable Interest Rate Exposure**

- 1.1 These indicators allow the Council to manage the extent to which it is exposed to changes in interest rates. This Council calculates these limits on a net interest paid basis (i.e. interest paid on fixed rate debt net of interest received on fixed rate investments).
- 1.2 The upper limit for variable rate exposure has been set to ensure that the Council is not exposed to interest rate rises which could adversely impact on the revenue budget. The limit allows for the use of variable rate debt to offset exposure to changes in short-term rates on investments.

	<b>2022/23 Approved %</b>	<b>2023/24 Estimate %</b>	<b>2024/25 Estimate %</b>	<b>2025/26 Estimate %</b>
<b>Upper Limit for Fixed Interest Rate Exposure</b>	100	100	100	100
<b>Upper Limit for Variable Rate Exposure</b>	40	40	40	40

- 1.3 The limits above provide the necessary flexibility within which decisions will be made for drawing down new loans on a fixed or variable rate basis; the decisions will ultimately be determined by expectations of anticipated interest rate movements as set out in the Council's treasury management strategy.

**2 Maturity Structure of Fixed Rate borrowing**

- 2.1 This indicator highlights the existence of any large concentrations of fixed rate debt needing to be replaced at times of uncertainty over interest rates and is designed to protect against excessive exposures to interest rate changes in any one period, in particular in the course of the next ten years.
- 2.2 It is calculated as the amount of projected borrowing that is fixed rate maturing in each period as a percentage of total projected borrowing that is fixed rate. The maturity of borrowing is determined by reference to the earliest date on which the lender can require payment.

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<b>Maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing</b>	<b>Actual %</b>	<b>Lower Limit %</b>	<b>Upper Limit %</b>
under 12 months	4.06	0	40
12 months and within 24 months	4.10	0	40
24 months and within 5 years	11.18	0	40
5 years and within 10 years	16.20	0	40
10 years and above	64.46	30	100

**3 Credit Risk**

3.1 The Council considers security, liquidity and yield, in that order, when making investment decisions.

3.2 Credit ratings remain an important element of assessing credit risk, but they are not a sole feature in the Council’s assessment of counterparty credit risk.

3.3 The Council also considers alternative assessments of credit strength, and information on corporate developments of and market sentiment towards counterparties. The following key tools are used to assess credit risk:

- Published credit ratings of the financial institution (minimum A- or equivalent) and its sovereign (minimum AA+ or equivalent for non-UK sovereigns);
- Sovereign support mechanisms;
- Credit default swaps (where quoted);
- Share prices (where available);
- Economic fundamentals, such as a country’s net debt as a percentage of its GDP;
- Corporate developments, news, articles, markets sentiment and momentum;
- Subjective overlay.

3.4 The only indicators with prescriptive values are credit ratings. Other indicators of creditworthiness are considered in relative rather than absolute terms.

**4 Upper Limit for total principal sums invested over 1 year**

4.1 The purpose of this limit is to contain exposure to the possibility of loss that may arise as a result of the Council having to seek early repayment of the sums invested.

<b>Upper Limit for total principal sums invested over 1 year</b>	<b>2022/23 Approved £m</b>	<b>2023/24 Estimate £m</b>	<b>2024/25 Estimate £m</b>	<b>2025/26 Estimate £m</b>
	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00



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**5 Liability Benchmark**

5.1 To compare the Council’s actual borrowing against an alternative strategy, a liability benchmark has been calculated showing the lowest risk level of borrowing. This assumes that cash and investment balances are kept to a minimum level of £10m at each year-end to maintain sufficient liquidity but minimise credit risk.

	<b>2021/22 Actual £m</b>	<b>2022/23 Estimate £m</b>	<b>2023/24 Forecast £m</b>	<b>2024/25 Forecast £m</b>	<b>2025/26 Forecast £m</b>
Loans CFR	287.973	321.562	397.040	436.332	455.414
Less: Balance Sheet Resources	84.833	-73.381	-67.733	-62.733	-62.733
<b>Net Loans Requirement</b>	<b>203.140</b>	<b>248.181</b>	<b>329.307</b>	<b>373.599</b>	<b>392.681</b>
Plus: Liquidity Allowance	28.70	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
<b>Liability Benchmark</b>	<b>231.840</b>	<b>258.181</b>	<b>339.307</b>	<b>383.599</b>	<b>402.681</b>

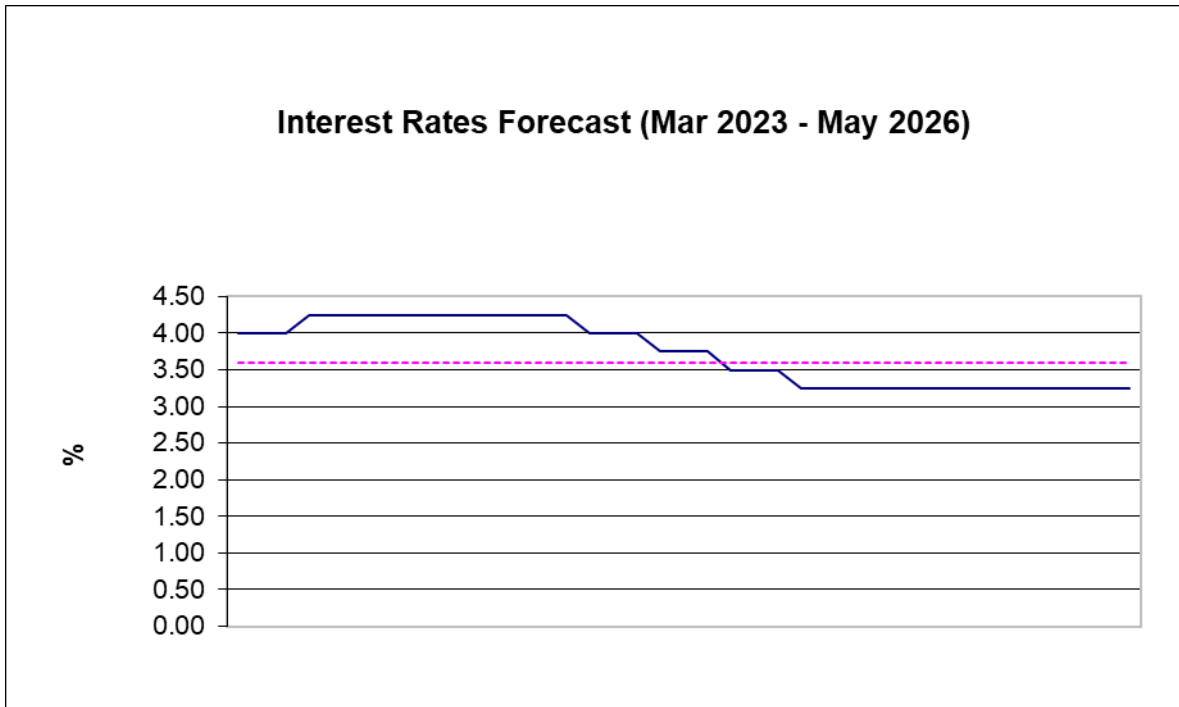
5.2 The liability benchmark is an important tool to help establish whether the Council is likely to be a long-term borrower or long-term investor in the future, and so shape its strategic focus and decision making. The liability benchmark itself represents an estimate of the cumulative amount of external borrowing the Council must hold to fund its current capital and revenue plans while keeping treasury investments at the minimum level required to manage day-to-day cash flow.

5.3 This is shown in the liability benchmark chart in Annex D together with the Council’s debt maturity profile in Annex E.

**INTEREST RATES FORECAST**

The graph below shows the interest rate forecast for the Official UK Bank Rate and the 50 year GILT rate from March 2023 to May 2026. The Official Bank Rate influences the rate at which the Council can invest. The GILT rate is the rate at which the Government borrows money and therefore this affects the rate at which the Council can borrow from the PWLB which is approximately 1% above GILT rates.

As the graph shows, it's slightly more expensive to borrow than to invest at the moment with the Official UK Bank Rate expected to decrease and then to remain fairly constant over the period.



—— Official Bank Rate  
----- 50-yr GILT Rate

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**GLOSSARY - Useful guide to Treasury Management Terms and Acronyms**

<b>BANK OF ENGLAND</b>	UK's Central Bank
<b>BANK RATE</b>	Bank of England Interest Rate (also known as Base Rate)
<b>CPI</b>	Consumer Price Index – a measure of the increase in prices
<b>RPI</b>	Retail Price Index – a measure of the increase in prices
<b>DMO</b>	Debt Management Office – issuer of gilts on behalf of HM Treasury
<b>FSA</b>	Financial Services Authority - the UK financial watchdog
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product – a measure of financial output of the UK
<b>LIBID</b>	London Interbank Bid Rate - International rate that banks lend to other banks
<b>LIBOR</b>	London Interbank Offer Rate – International rate that banks borrow from other banks (the most widely used benchmark or reference for short term interest rates)
<b>PWLB</b>	Public Works Loan Board – a Government department that lends money to Public Sector Organisations
<b>MPC</b>	Monetary Policy Committee - the committee of the Bank of England that sets the Bank Rate
<b>LONG TERM RATES</b>	More than 12 months duration
<b>SHORT TERM RATES</b>	Less than 12 months duration
<b>BOND (GENERAL)</b>	An investment in which an investor loans money to a public or private company that borrows the funds for a defined period of time at a fixed interest rate
<b>GOVERNMENT BOND</b>	A type of bond issued by a national government generally with a promise to pay periodic interest payments and to repay the face value on the maturity date

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<b>CORPORATE BOND</b>	A type of bond issued by a corporation to raise money in order to expand its business
<b>COVERED BOND</b>	A corporate bond issued by a financial institution but with an extra layer of protection for investors whereby the investor has recourse to a pool of assets that secures or “covers” the bond if the financial institution becomes insolvent
<b>GILT</b>	A bond that is issued by the British government which is classed as a low risk investment as the capital investment is guaranteed by the government
<b>REPO</b>	A repurchase agreement involving the selling of a security (usually bonds or gilts) with the agreement to buy it back at a higher price at a specific future date For the party selling the security (and agreeing to repurchase it in the future) it is a REPO For the party on the other end of the transaction e.g. the local authority (buying the security and agreeing to sell in the future) it is a reverse REPO
<b>FTSE 100</b>	Financial Times Stock Exchange 100 - An index composed of the 100 largest companies listed on the London Stock Exchange which provides a good indication of the performance of major UK companies



## **Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2023/24: Well-being Impact Assessment Report**

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

**Assessment Number:** 148

**Brief description:** The Treasury Management strategy for 2023/24

**Date Completed:** 19/12/2022 14:45:05 Version: 25

**Completed by:** Rhys Ifor Jones

**Responsible Service:** Finance and Property Services

**Localities affected by the proposal:** Whole County,

**Who will be affected by the proposal?** Proposals have little or no direct impact on the vast majority of residents as the strategy involves managing the Council's investments and borrowing.

**Was this impact assessment completed as a group?** No

## 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

**2 out of 4 stars**

**Actual score : 23 / 36.**

### Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

#### Long term

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

#### Prevention

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

#### Integration

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

#### Collaboration

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

#### Involvement

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

### Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
<a href="#">A prosperous Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A resilient Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A healthier Denbighshire</a>	Neutral
<a href="#">A more equal Denbighshire</a>	Neutral
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of cohesive communities</a>	Neutral
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</a>	Neutral
<a href="#">A globally responsible Denbighshire</a>	Neutral

### Main conclusions

An effective Treasury Management strategy ensures that the Council's investment and borrowing decisions will contribute towards the goal of maximising income and minimising costs which supports efficient service delivery.

## **The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.**

### **A prosperous Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

An effective Treasury Management strategy ensures that the Council's investment and borrowing decisions will contribute towards the goal of maximising income and minimising costs which supports efficient service delivery.

#### **Further actions required**

Sound financial planning and efficient long term treasury management strategies ensure that the positive impact of this report on the County's prosperity is maximised.

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **A low carbon society**

Not applicable

##### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

Financial planning and decision making ensures that proper consideration of the long term impact of financial decisions is given, including the payback period and whole life costs of capital investment decisions, properly impact assessed budget proposals and long term debt and investment (treasury management) strategies.

##### **Economic development**

The Treasury Management strategy and Prudential Indicators ensure that the Council's cash is safeguarded as much as possible by making investments in banks recommended in the annual strategy statement.



### **Quality skills for the long term**

The strategy ensures that the Council's borrowing is monitored and is within set limits and is affordable. It identifies current financing requirements for the Capital Plan and estimates the proposed capital requirements for the next three financial years.

### **Quality jobs for the long term**

Sound investment and borrowing decisions relating to the Council's cash will maximise the Council's income within the guidelines set in the Treasury Management strategy.

### **Childcare**

The Prudential Indicators are a statutory requirement which demonstrate the affordability of our plans and contribute towards the overall financial wellbeing of Denbighshire.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **A low carbon society**

Not applicable

#### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

Not applicable

#### **Economic development**

Not applicable

#### **Quality skills for the long term**

Not applicable

#### **Quality jobs for the long term**

Not applicable

## **Childcare**

Not applicable

## **A resilient Denbighshire**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**

A sound Treasury Management strategy ensures that the Council's cash is secure and new borrowing is affordable. It also enables the Council to react quickly to market volatility by continual monitoring of the financial institutions throughout the year.

### **Further actions required**

Good investment decisions will help the Council to develop more efficient working practices which will use less resources which will help to maximise the positive impact of this report on the County's resilience.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **Biodiversity and the natural environment**

Not applicable

#### **Biodiversity in the built environment**

Not applicable

#### **Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

Good investment decisions will help the Council to develop more efficient working practices which will use less resources.

**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

The strategy is set at the start of the financial year but it is monitored carefully throughout the year to ensure that the Council reacts quickly to any market volatility and the impact on the banking institutions.

**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

Not applicable

**Flood risk management**

Not applicable

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Biodiversity and the natural environment**

Not applicable

**Biodiversity in the built environment**

Not applicable

**Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

Not applicable

**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

Not applicable

**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

Not applicable

**Flood risk management**

Not applicable

## **A healthier Denbighshire**

### **Overall Impact**

Neutral

### **Justification for impact**

Proposals have little or no direct impact on the vast majority of residents as the strategy involves managing the Council's investments and borrowing.

### **Further actions required**

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

Not applicable

#### **Access to good quality, healthy food**

Not applicable

#### **People's emotional and mental well-being**

Not applicable

#### **Access to healthcare**

Not applicable

#### **Participation in leisure opportunities**

The strategy contributes to the overall financial health of Denbighshire and therefore supports the delivery of the annual budget.

**Negative impacts identified:**

**A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

Not applicable

**Access to good quality, healthy food**

Not applicable

**People's emotional and mental well-being**

Not applicable

**Access to healthcare**

Not applicable

**Participation in leisure opportunities**

Not applicable

**A more equal Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Neutral

**Justification for impact**

A good treasury management strategy contributes to the overall financial resilience of the Council and supports the on-going work of the Authority without impacting on residents.

**Further actions required**

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

Not applicable

**People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

Not applicable

**People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

An efficient treasury management strategy contributes to the financial resilience of the Council and supports service delivery.

**Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

Not applicable

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

Not applicable

**People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

Not applicable

**People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

Not applicable

**Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

Not applicable

## **A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

### **Overall Impact**

Neutral

### **Justification for impact**

A good treasury management strategy contributes to the overall financial resilience of the Council and supports the on-going work of the Authority without impacting on residents.

### **Further actions required**

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **Safe communities and individuals**

Not applicable

#### **Community participation and resilience**

Not applicable

#### **The attractiveness of the area**

Not applicable

#### **Connected communities**

Not applicable

#### **Rural resilience**

Not applicable

### **Negative impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

Not applicable

**Community participation and resilience**

Not applicable

**The attractiveness of the area**

Not applicable

**Connected communities**

Not applicable

**Rural resilience**

Not applicable

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

**Overall Impact**

Neutral

**Justification for impact**

A good treasury management strategy contributes to the overall financial resilience of the Council and supports the on-going work of the Authority. It has no direct impact on the language and the culture because any treasury management decisions are based on the treasury strategy and advice from financial consultants.

**Further actions required**

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.



**Positive impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

Not applicable

**Promoting the Welsh language**

Not applicable

**Culture and heritage**

Not applicable

**Negative impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

Not applicable

**Promoting the Welsh language**

Not applicable

**Culture and heritage**

Not applicable

**A globally responsible Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Neutral

**Justification for impact**

A good treasury management strategy contributes to the overall financial resilience of the Council and supports the on-going work of the Authority. It has no direct impact on the local area.

**Further actions required**

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Local, national, international supply chains**

Not applicable

**Human rights**

All investments are undertaken from national institutions in line with the strategy and financial advice. The strategy determines the institutions with the minimum credit rating which the Authority is permitted to invest with.

**Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

All borrowing is undertaken from central Government as detailed in the strategy and in line with other local authorities.

**Reducing climate change**

Not applicable

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Local, national, international supply chains**

Not applicable

**Human rights**

Not applicable

**Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

Not applicable

**Reducing climate change**

Not applicable

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<b>Report to</b>	County Council
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Tuesday, February 28, 2023
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	Cllr Jason McLellan, Leader for Denbighshire County Council and PSB chair; Nicola Kneale, Interim Head of Business Improvement and Modernisation
<b>Report author</b>	Iolo McGregor, Strategic Planning and Performance Team Leader, Denbighshire County Council
<b>Title</b>	Conwy and Denbighshire PSB Well-being Plan, 2023 to 2028

## 1. What is the report about?

- 1.1. The report presents the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board's Well-being Plan for 2023 to 2028.

## 2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1. A decision is required by Council to support the Well-being Plan as a partner on the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board.

## 3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1. That Council notes the PSB's Well-being Plan contained in appendix 1 (particularly in the context of the Council's own Corporate Plan) and gives its approval and support for the Plan.
- 3.2. That Council confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Well-being Impact Assessment (appendix 2) as part of its consideration.

## 4. Report details

- 4.1. In 2015, the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act](#) established Public Services Boards (PSBs) for each local authority area in Wales. For Denbighshire, the PSB is joint with Conwy County Borough Council. The Members of each Public Services Board must include: i. The local authority (or authorities); ii. The Local Health Board; iii. The Welsh Fire and Rescue Authority; and iv. Natural Resources Wales. In addition to these members, each PSB must also invite the following people to participate on the Board: i. Welsh Ministers; ii. The Chief constable; iii. The police and crime commissioner; iv. Probation Services; and v. at least one body representing voluntary organisations.
- 4.2. The Act places a statutory requirement on each PSB to produce a Local Well-being Plan for their area that sets out how it intends to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area. It does this by setting local objectives that will maximise the contribution made by the Board to achieving the Well-being Goals for Wales in its area. The Local Well-being Plan must be published no later than one year after the publication of its Well-being Assessment. Therefore, we are working towards a proposed deadline of March / April 2023 for publishing the Local Well-being Plan (following ratification by partner organisations).
- 4.3. The first thing to stress with this report is that the PSB's Well-being Plan (presented in appendix 1) has been developed alongside the Council's Corporate Plan (and by the same team): There should be no conflict between them, or particularly, additional burden on the council. The PSB's Plan will hopefully reinforce, and through partnership working enhance many of the commitments that Council has made in its own Corporate Plan, particularly around themes supporting health, equality and fairness, prosperity, resilience against climate change, and housing.
- 4.4. Informed by the Well-being Assessment, the PSB has held multiple prioritisation discussions (in January, March and May) supported by the Co-Production Network for Wales, to consider what areas of concern would most benefit from PSB intervention. These discussions sought to identify the root causes to the problems identified in the assessment, considering their relationship to one another and the level of influence or control that the PSB has. Finally, it was agreed that one principal theme should be put forward that looks to alleviate deprivation and inequality.
- 4.5. The PSB met again in July and agreed the outline of a Plan that seeks to **Make Conwy and Denbighshire a more equal place with less deprivation**. Public

consultation was subsequently launched on August 17, and ran until November 9. Simultaneously the 14-week period during which the Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner must provide feedback on the draft Plan was triggered.

- 4.6. Considerable work took place between September and November 2022 to develop the Plan based on all the feedback received and the intelligence that has got us to this point, also meeting twice with a representative of the Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner to discuss their feedback on the Plan. PSB support officers have also met twice to develop the Plan and discuss feedback from the consultation, including a detailed response from partners at NRW and BCUHB. The Plan presented in appendix 1 is the culmination of this work, which was approved for partner ratification by the PSB at its meeting on November 30.
- 4.7. It is now for individual member organisations to ratify the Plan during the winter through their chosen approval channels, which will then enable the PSB to finally adopt their Well-being Plan formally in March 2023.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

5.1. The PSB's Well-being Plan has been developed alongside the council's Corporate Plan and complements particularly the council's pledges around:

- A Denbighshire of quality housing that meets people's needs
- A prosperous Denbighshire
- A healthier and happier, caring Denbighshire
- A greener Denbighshire
- A fairer, safe, and more equal Denbighshire

5.2. By working in broader partnership through the Public Services Board on these themes, the Council will hopefully be able to maximise the collective contribution that can be made for the benefit of communities in Denbighshire.

## **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

6.1. There are no immediate costs arising as a result of the Plan or this report, though in taking forward some of its steps, the PSB will need to assess the requirement for resource and capacity, which would need to come from partners (as the PSB holds

no budget). But as previously stated, the commitments made in the Well-being Plan already compliment the commitments that Council have made in its own Corporate Plan.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

- 7.1. Overall, the Impact Assessment has returned a positive assessment of the impact of the Well-being Plan, with only 'A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language' returning a neutral assessment.
- 7.2. The PSB should continue to revisit the impact assessment on a regular basis and review its findings to inform the approach to further development, engagement and consultation on the Well-being Plan. Engagement with seldom heard groups across the region should continue. The PSB should also use the impact assessment as an aide memoir, using the topics and the tooltips to inform its engagement and well-being assessment.
- 7.3. The opportunities highlighted at the end of each sustainable development principle and each of the seven well-being goals should be noted and considered thoroughly. It is also important to note that the PSB's level of influence and control varies across some of the steps that we have identified, and this will affect the PSB's ability to bring about positive impacts in some areas. So too will the economic climate and capacity of partners to deliver impact on the success of the Plan.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

- 8.1. The Well-being Plan has been based on the evidence from the Well-being Assessment, which has been out for public engagement throughout February and March 2022. In addition to this, it was presented to the Conwy and Denbighshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee in February. Two workshops and a public meeting of the PSB have subsequently deliberated on the assessment's findings and the prioritisation of themes. These were supported by the Co-Production Network for Wales.
- 8.2. Public consultation on the draft plan took place between August 17 and November 9. During this time, discussions took place with the Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner's Office, supporting PSB officers and members, and joint Scrutiny.



8.3. Prior to sharing this report with Council, it has already been discussed and supported by SLT and Cabinet.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1. No statement is required with this report.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

10.1. If the Council does not support the Plan or maintain its commitment to the Public Services Board, there is a risk that the council, in focussing only on its own delivery, duplicates the work of partners elsewhere; or that the delivery of partnership work in support of the PSB's objective does not benefit Denbighshire residents to the fullest extent.

10.2. There exist other risks to the Well-being Plan, that are to be managed by the Public Services Board, namely:

- There is a risk that the PSB lacks capacity, influence or control to deliver on its Plan. This risk will be mitigated by PSB adopting a leadership approach as there is acknowledgment that the PSB has limited resource, as do partners in the current recruitment and retention crisis.
- There is a risk that the priorities of the PSB duplicates the work that is on-going in other organisations. It is therefore important to work closely with partners and stakeholders to identify where the PSB leadership role can best add value.
- There is a risk that feedback from the commissioner, partners or the public puts pressure on the PSB's Well-being Plan to take on more than it can reasonably achieve.
- There is a risk that the Well-being Plan is not ready to be approved by the PSB in March 2023, missing the statutory deadline. Based on current progress, however, this is unlikely.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. Chapter 2, section 43, Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

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# **Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board**

## **Well-being Plan 2023 to 2028**

This document outlines the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board's Well-being Plan under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, which seeks to make Conwy and Denbighshire a more equal place with less deprivation.

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**We welcome correspondence in Welsh. We will respond to any correspondence in Welsh, which will not lead to a delay.**

## Introduction

The Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board (PSB) is pleased to present this Local Well-being Plan for our two counties. It is the culmination of work that began in 2021, and represents our conclusions on what we feel are the key areas that pose the greatest need or challenge for our communities, and where we feel the PSB can make the greatest contribution without duplicating good work already taking place within existing partnerships and organisations.

A lot of work has already taken place to get us to this point, but this is only the start of the PSB's journey. This plan is an outline of what it is we would like to achieve, but there is more work to be done to develop our programme of work, and we would welcome your input into this as part of our ongoing conversation with our communities. If you would like to be kept informed of our work, get involved or provide feedback to us, please see our contact details on the previous page.

A requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the PSB affords public services an exciting opportunity to come together to challenge serious problems in our community areas. To achieve this aim, the Board will play a greater **Leadership Role** with this Plan than perhaps its previous plan had allowed, tending to be too focussed on operational delivery. Through this approach it is hoped that the Board will provide strong shared direction and responsibility for effective long-term change, using our collective voice as partners to influence and advocate on behalf of our communities.

We must of course be realistic about the financial constraints that our sectors are facing, but at the same time see this as a chance to effect real change and remain open to working in different ways. All partners on the board are committed to working collaboratively to deliver sustainable and effective services that prevent problems emerging in the long-term. We want to support our communities to be prosperous, resilient and healthier. We want to contribute to the Welsh Government vision of a more equal and globally responsible Wales, where we have cohesive communities and vibrant culture.

## About the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board

In April 2016, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 established a statutory board, known as a Public Services Board (PSB), in each local authority area in Wales. Conwy and Denbighshire have used the power within the Act to merge both of their separate PSBs into a single board for the Conwy and Denbighshire region.

The PSB is a collection of public bodies working together to improve the well-being of their county. This means that as a Board the Conwy and Denbighshire PSB must improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the Conwy and Denbighshire area by working towards the seven national Well-being goals.

Membership consists of senior representatives from the organisations listed below. However, membership will be reviewed regularly to ensure that there is sufficient representation to deliver our priorities.

We also have a [website](#) where the public can access the Local Well-being Plan and Assessment, as well as meeting minutes and papers, newsletters, and find further information about our partners.

- [Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board](#)
- [Community and Voluntary Support Conwy](#)
- [Conwy County Borough Council](#)
- [Denbighshire County Council](#)
- [Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council](#)
- [National Probation Service](#)
- [Natural Resources Wales](#)
- [North Wales Fire and Rescue Service](#)
- [North Wales Police](#)
- [Police and Crime Commissioner's Office](#) (for North Wales)
- [Public Health Wales](#)
- [Welsh Government](#)

## How has the Well-being Plan been developed?

The first step in the development of the Well-being Plan involved members of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board working together on developing our [Local Assessment of Well-being](#) for the area, which is available to view online. This joint approach was taken to ensure that the assessment was shaped using the expertise, knowledge and insight of all organisations.

The assessment aims to capture the strengths and positives about Conwy and Denbighshire's people, communities and places. It also describes the challenges and opportunities faced both now and in the future. It has been informed by data, national and local research, and most importantly feedback provided to us by residents, visitors and businesses through our 'County Conversation'.

During the summer and autumn of 2021, we spoke to as many people as possible to ask their views about what works well in Conwy and Denbighshire, and what we needed to focus on for the benefit of future generations. We asked people to talk about their experiences and their communities so that we could understand a bit more about local concerns and strengths. We also engaged with a wide cross section of the community, including:

- Community groups and forums, covering a range of community interests in a mix of urban and rural locations.
- Residents.
- Disabled people.
- Business networks.
- City, Town and Community Councils.
- Young people (through schools and youth school councils).
- North Wales Race Equality Network.
- Other public sector partner organisations.

Common to the rest of Wales, consultation and engagement work has proved challenging during the Covid-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, in addition to engaging with the above groups, we used a variety of communication methods to promote our County Conversation, including the use of internal partner channels and staff networks, such as



the Conwy Bulletin, Denbighshire's County Voice newsletter, Business e-Bulletins and mailing lists; but also through social media and press releases. We also monitored the County Conversation to ensure that we had received feedback from every age range, every geographic area of the county, and every subject interest area. Whilst we are confident that we have reached out to a wide cross section of the community, in terms of geography and protected characteristics, we feel that we can do more as we take our work forward to improve the depth of consultation with some groups of people who may have been underrepresented.

In early 2022 we began to discuss the findings of our Well-being Assessment in more detail, and identified the strategic issues where we could collectively make a difference as a group of partners. This work was supported by the [Co-Production Network for Wales](#). From our analysis, the Board came up with a long list of strategic issues. A series of workshops were then held in the summer of 2022 to prioritise areas of greatest need along Social, Cultural, Environmental and Economic themes, and to develop potential solutions. This was done by considering the synergies between priorities, the impact the PSB could have, the long-term implications, and where work was already taking place. This resulted in our redefining the plan into a single priority area focusing on **Conwy and Denbighshire being a more equal place with less deprivation**.

Further consultation was held with the public and partners on our draft plan between August and November 2022. This included discussions with the Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner's Office, and our Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Conwy and Denbighshire. Having analysed all the feedback and finalised the final draft in November 2022, partner organisations then individually discussed and affirmed their commitment to our Well-being Plan prior to its final approval in March 2023.

## **Well-being Statement and Our Objective**

Our objective is to make **Conwy and Denbighshire a more equal place with less deprivation**. As described above, our Well-being Assessment, which examines data and the views of local people through the lens of the Well-being Goals for Wales, has supported the setting of this objective for our area. Our objective, therefore, directly contributes to the achievement of the national goals. This gives us confidence that we are

focusing our resources on delivering the right outcomes that will be of the greatest benefit to our communities.

Our [Assessment of Local Well-being](#) detailed some sixty topics on a range of subjects, arranged by the seven national well-being goals. Fourteen of these were highlighted as areas of particular concern or opportunity. 'A more equal Wales' came out most strongly as commonly connecting well-being assessment themes, aligned with the following root causes that we have identified as contributing to socio-economic disadvantage and inequality in our counties:

- The cost of living
- A need for greater physical and digital infrastructure
- Lack of confidence and aspiration
- Skill and employment opportunity gaps
- The availability of healthy housing
- Access to services
- Anti-social behaviour
- The impact of Covid-19

Our plan will seek tackle deprivation and issues relating to poverty in Conwy and Denbighshire in the long-term, including **Social, Environmental, Cultural, and Economic** inequality. This aspiration means we may not see the benefits of our plan within its lifetime, but that we will make sure that we are looking ahead to the needs of two, three or four generations in the future. The Public Services Board's work will focus on areas where collaboratively, we can make a difference and have a long term impact. We do not, however, wish to duplicate work. Our Plan is based on analysis of other partnership boards already working to improve the North Wales region, such as with community safety or economic growth.

It is important that **sustainability** and the Climate and Nature Emergency is embedded in everything that we do. People and communities must not be disadvantaged or left behind by the necessary changes that are coming because of Climate Change, and we must make sure that we adapt and collaborate to fully realise the opportunities ahead.

Sustainable development is the overriding principle of the Conwy and Denbighshire PSB's activities, and we are committed to applying the 5 ways of working (collaboration,

prevention, integration, long term and involvement) to achieving Well-being priorities. In developing our priority area, we focused on the **long-term** by looking at past, current and (predicted) future data trends, and also by discussing consultees long-term aspirations for each of the national well-being goals. Looking at future trends - and considering associated risks and opportunities – enabled us to cover the principle of **prevention**. **Involvement** was a key driving principle. We have invested a lot of time in holding discussions with our communities as well as focused workshops with professionals. We endeavoured to make these representative of our community areas (reflecting age, gender, social status, occupations, etc.). The development of our plan and its delivery could not, and will not be isolated to one Public Services Board partner alone; it will require the continuing **collaboration** and commitment of all partners to guarantee its success.

Further detailed planning will take place during the first year of the plan to define or work programme and timescales. This ‘detailed planning’ is one of the places where meaningful co-production and involvement can occur. Where there is time for people to be involved, and tangible, relevant discussions to involve them in. It should also be noted though that our objective is not considered to be short-term in nature, so delivery is likely to take place over the medium to longer-term. We must also accept, however, that not everything in the Plan is within the Public Services Board’s control, especially in the long-term. For example, the success of our economy will depend on more factors outside of our circle of influence, than within it.

Below are the principles that we will apply to How We Will Work in delivering this Plan. This is followed by the four key themes that the PSB will take forward in support of its objective to make **Conwy and Denbighshire a more equal place with less deprivation**.

## How we will work

It is important to us that the PSB is set-up in the right way from the very start of this Well-being Plan, to ensure that it delivers the right benefits for our communities in the most effective and efficient way. In the undertaking of all our activities, the Public Services Board will work collectively in its partnership role to:

- **Leadership:** Provide strong shared leadership and responsibility for effective long-term change, using our collective voice as partners to influence and advocate on behalf of our communities.
- **Co-production:** Foster an environment, and encourage strong networks, that promote meaningful engagement and communication with our communities, supporting a culture where co-production and involvement thrives.
- **Fairness:** Promote fairness, equality and diversity through all of our work.
- **Informed decision-making:** Maintain effective governance that allows for strong, evidence-based decision making, acting on recommendations made through quality research and engagement.
- **Transparency:** Have clear and transparent performance management arrangements in place.
- **Assess:** Ensure that our activities and decisions are assessed for their impact in terms of the national Well-being Goals, the sustainable development principle, and five ways of working. This includes taking account of short and long-term needs, applying 'Futures Thinking' to identify and address root causes of the issues that we face, and preventing, rather than reacting to, high risk events wherever possible.
- **Reflect:** Use the advice given by the office of the Well-being of Future Generation's Commissioner, Natural Resources Wales and others to focus our discussions as we take forward our steps.

- **Development:** Explore and support joint opportunities for training and workforce development, such as secondment opportunities between our organisations.
- **Language:** Support and promote the Welsh Language in all that we do, integrating the Welsh Language strategies of partners.

We will apply these nine principles to all of our work as we take forward the steps that we have identified in support of our objective to make **Denbighshire and Conwy a more equal place with less deprivation**. These are things that we can do collectively over and above the existing roles and responsibilities of our individual members, and they will help us to define our actions and structure the detailed planning that will support this Plan's implementation. They will also help us to hold ourselves to account by monitoring and measuring our progress and success.

**Well-being – Communities are happier, healthier and more resilient in the face of challenges, such as the Climate Change and Nature Emergency, or the rising cost of living.**

### **What do we know now?**

Our Well-being Assessment looks at [emerging threats to health and well-being](#). Issues of specific concern are:

- Developing resistance to antibiotics and other drugs and medicines.
- The potential for the rapid spread of infectious diseases in an increasingly interdependent and interconnected world (pandemics).
- The potential impact of Climate Change and extreme weather events on public health.
- The impact of Covid-19 on emotional and mental-health (restrictions, changed response and anxiety associated with infection, and loss of social support structures for people).
- Communities are facing significant challenges in meeting their living costs, with an increased risk of food and fuel poverty.
- Long-term predictions suggest that these issues will only increase or get worse over time.

Our communities expressed their desire to be supported and empowered to help tackle these issues with a community-led focus. One respondent said “I would like to see even more investment in resources to help the whole county tackle Climate Change and progress forward more quickly with carbon reduction solutions. I want to see Councils have the resources to help the community have an impact too, rather than just focusing on internal functions.”

### **What steps can we take?**

In support of this area, below are some of the steps that we can collectively take forward as partners on the Public Services Board during the five-year duration of this plan:

- Engage with residents to improve equal access and signposting to the right information, advice, assistance and services that support people with what they need to thrive, including education, health and well-being, and employment.
- Stimulate and support community groups to help people remain resilient; for example, supporting healthy lifestyles, or providing help with cost of living pressures.
- Work with our partners to provide information, advice and support to those at risk of fuel or food poverty, which may include reducing costs and maximising income. We will also start to identify steps to safeguard food and energy in the longer-term and protect our natural resources.
- Give support to sustainable and green transport plans that improve overall air quality, including active and healthy travel schemes that encourage walking and cycling.
- Decrease carbon emissions and energy consumption, and increase renewable energy capacity.
- Encourage and support communities to mitigate and cope with the impacts of Climate Change, bringing together the right expertise, including lived experience, to better inform delivery and decision-making. In particular, community engagement and an assessment of local Climate Change risk will help prioritise where adaption is needed.
- Addressing the Nature Emergency and the well-being needs of communities, protect, restore and enhance biodiversity and natural habitats, whilst increasing and encouraging equal access to our natural environment. This includes access to green countryside spaces, and blue coastal spaces.

## **Who will be involved in delivering our steps?**

All PSB partner organisations and potentially others including:

- Citizen Advice
- North Wales Social Care and Well-being Improvement Collaborative
- Third sector organisations

## **What levels of prevention might our steps achieve?**

Secondary prevention: Targeting action towards areas where there is a high risk of a problem occurring. A targeted approach, which cements the principle of progressive universalism.

## What could success look like?

Short-term (1 to 5 years)	Medium-Term (5 to 10)	Long-Term (10+ years)
<p>Our understanding of the impact of climate change on our communities improves.</p> <p>When faced with an emergency climate event, harm to people or property has been reduced through clear advice and support.</p> <p>Residents are also able to access the advice and support that they need to support their health and well-being, and alleviate the impact of the rising cost of living.</p> <p>There is enhanced biodiversity and increased equal access to green countryside spaces and blue coastal spaces, benefitting the well-being of residents.</p>	<p>Carbon emission from our estates decreases, and natural habitats are resilient.</p> <p>Hardship arising from poverty is alleviated, and the number of those facing fuel and food poverty decreases.</p> <p>The use of sustainable and active travel schemes increases.</p> <p>Planned and coordinated community engagement that is meaningful.</p>	<p>Disruption from climate events is less prevalent.</p> <p>People and communities thrive, and are resilient to challenges.</p> <p>Long-term challenges are recognised and planned for.</p>

## Links to other themes in our Well-being Plan

**Economy – There is a flourishing economy, supported by a skilled workforce fit for the future:**



Having a healthy economy, where people are in secure and rewarding employment, improves wellbeing and builds social and economic resilience.

**Equality – Those with protected characteristics face fewer barriers:**

Ensuring people from diverse backgrounds, seldom-heard groups and those at a socio-economic disadvantage are heard and help shape decisions and services, improves wellbeing and builds social and cultural resilience.

**Housing – There is improved access to good quality housing:**

Good quality, affordable and energy efficient housing improves individual and community wellbeing and builds resilience against the rising cost of living, fuel poverty and climate change.

**How we will apply the 5 ways of working**

**Collaboration**

Each PSB organisation recognises its individual and collective role to provide the advice and assistance our communities need to build their resilience and thrive.

**Involvement**

The PSB will continue to involve and engage with our communities to explore what information and support they need to build their social, cultural, economic and environmental resilience.

**Integration**

The PSB recognises that social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing are cross-cutting and will take an integrated approach to supporting its communities in building resilience and reducing deprivation in these areas.

**Prevention**

The PSB will support our communities to become more resilient and better prepared to respond to social, cultural, economic and environmental changes, preventing further declines in mental and physical wellbeing.

## **Long-Term**

The PSB will support our communities by taking a balanced approach, ensuring that improving community wellbeing in the short term does not compromise building further resilience and reducing deprivation in the long term.

## **How our steps will maximise our contribution to the Well-being Goals**

### **Prosperous**

By supporting access to advice, information and assistance that our communities need, the PSB will help alleviate the impact of the rising cost of living, maximise income and improve overall contribution to the local economy.

### **Healthier**

By supporting access to advice, information and assistance that our communities need, the PSB will help people become better informed to make healthier lifestyle choices, leading to healthier lives.

### **Resilient**

By supporting and influencing Climate Change mitigation and adaptation in our communities, the PSB will help people be better equipped and prepared for the impacts of climate change.

### **Equal**

By supporting equal access to information, advice and services, the PSB will help our communities access the information and help they need in a way that does not create disadvantage.

### **Cohesive Communities**

By continuing to involve and engage our communities, the PSB will help people feel connected and able to contribute to their communities in a range of ways.

### **Culture and Welsh Language**

Our communities can access support in their language of choice. The PSB will encourage and improve the use of Welsh language in everyday life.

### **Globally Responsible**

Each PSB organisation recognises its individual and collective role to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and use of natural resources and protect the natural environment and habitats. The PSB will support our communities to help mitigate the global impacts of Climate Change.

## **Economy – There is a flourishing economy, supported by a skilled workforce fit for the future.**

### **What do we know now?**

Our Well-being Assessment looks at [employment opportunities](#) in our counties. It tells us that:

- It is not just the number of available jobs that is important, but also the types of employment opportunities on offer, and how well employers keep-up with changes in the global economy, as well as local priorities. Secure, well paid employment affects not just the economic well-being of people and communities, but can also help with mental well-being as it fosters a sense of purpose and a sense of belonging within society.
- In addition to the mismatch between the number of jobs and number of working residents, the area has a significantly lower than average weekly wage for full-time jobs – £451 in Conwy, and £501 in Denbighshire (compared to £540 for Great Britain as a whole).
- There are also higher proportions of part-time jobs on offer in the area than the national average – 46% of employees in Conwy and 39% of employees in Denbighshire are part-time, compared to 32% across Great Britain and 35% in Wales.

Within the current economic climate, jobs and employment was an area of focus throughout our engagement. One respondent gave the following feedback when asked what could be improved in the area to meet future well-being goals: “help and support to get people into jobs and keep jobs. Would like to see more permanent lower level jobs in the area and not just seasonal work. More initiatives where Councils provide employment experience for people with limited work experience and employment experience for people with a disability.”

### **What steps can we take?**

In support of this area, below are some of the steps that we can collectively take forward as partners on the Public Services Board during the five-year duration of this plan:

- Work collaboratively with communities and partners to deliver projects and initiatives that will stimulate economic growth in specific sectors, including the green economy. This includes Ambition North Wales and the North Wales Growth Deal projects.
- Maximise the benefits that come with our unique natural assets and grow our sustainable tourism offer.
- Work with partners (including school, colleges and universities) to ensure that people of all ages, including those who are vulnerable or in our care, are resilient and prepared for employment, further education, or training. This includes looking at Green Skills for the future.
- Provide greater opportunities for quality volunteering, work experience and apprenticeships.
- Collectively promote public and third sector jobs to help with recruitment and retention.
- Enact socially responsible public procurement, benefitting the local supply chain and promoting a circular economy locally.
- Working regionally and within the context of the Wales Transport Strategy, we will enable those at a socio-economic disadvantage to access education, employment, services and activities.

## **Who will be involved in delivering our steps?**

All PSB partners and potentially others including:

- Schools, colleges, universities and youth services
- Careers Wales
- Department of Work and Pensions
- Partnerships, such as the Regional Skills Partnership, Ambition North Wales, North Wales decarbonisation ambition board.

## **What levels of prevention might our steps achieve?**

Secondary prevention: Targeting action towards areas where there is a high risk of a problem occurring. A targeted approach, which cements the principle of progressive universalism.

## What could success look like?

Short-term (1 to 5 years)	Medium-Term (5 to 10)	Long-Term (10+ years)
<p>Those in need of employment are supported into work.</p> <p>There is an improved skills offer that enables people to access better paid employment.</p>	<p>Businesses are attracted to, and thrive in Conwy and Denbighshire, utilising the strong skills base, and giving people the right opportunities for work. This includes a low carbon, regenerative economy, and sustainable green jobs.</p>	<p>Our green, sustainable economy flourishes.</p> <p>The average household income increases.</p>

### Links to other themes in our Well-being Plan

**Well-being – Communities are happier, healthier and more resilient in the face of challenges, such as the Climate Change and Nature Emergency, or the rising cost of living:**

Ensuring people have access to the information and assistance they need to help with the rising cost of living and food and fuel poverty and safeguarding food and natural resources in the long term, helps to improve the resilience of our local economy.

**Equality – Those with protected characteristics face fewer barriers:**

Ensuring people from diverse backgrounds, seldom-heard groups and those at a socio-economic disadvantage have equal access to employment, learning and healthcare, helps to improve the resilience of our local economy.

**Housing – There is improved access to good quality housing:**

Sufficient provision of good quality, affordable, energy efficient housing, where people can live independently and healthily, helps to improve the resilience of the local economy.

## **How we will apply the 5 ways of working**

### **Collaboration**

Each PSB organisation recognises its individual and collective role to promote public and third sector jobs to help with recruitment and retention.

### **Involvement**

The PSB will engage with other agencies and partners to ensure a skilled and resilient workforce and stimulate growth in key sectors, including the environmental sector.

### **Integration**

The PSB recognises that a flourishing local economy has a direct impact upon social, cultural and environmental wellbeing and will take an integrated approach to supporting its communities in building resilience and reducing deprivation in this area.

### **Prevention**

The PSB will support our communities to become more resilient and better prepared to respond to economic changes, building a sustainable workforce by preventing rising unemployment and attracting young people to work in the region.

### **Long-Term**

The PSB will support our communities in building a sustainable workforce with a strong skills base, supporting a thriving economy which attracts businesses to the region, giving people the right opportunities for work.

## **How our steps will maximise our contribution to the Well-being Goals**

### **Prosperous**

By ensuring people of all ages are prepared for employment, further education or training, the PSB will help people acquire the skills and knowledge to get good quality jobs, which support local communities and the wider economy.

### **Healthier**

By working with our communities and partners to build a sustainable workforce, the PSB will help people have access to secure and rewarding work and skills opportunities, contributing positively to their physical, mental and emotional well-being.

### **Resilient**

By working with our communities and partners to stimulate economic growth in key sectors, the PSB will help to build a resilient workforce and flourishing economy.

### **Equal**

By working with our communities and partners to provide equal opportunities for employment, further education and training, the PSB will help people of all abilities and backgrounds have the opportunity to achieve their potential.

### **Cohesive Communities**

By working with our communities and partners in providing opportunities for employment, further education and training, the PSB will help support people to live and work in their communities, enhancing the local economy.

### **Culture and Welsh Language**

By working to maximise the benefits of our unique natural assets and sustainable tourism, the PSB will help protect the region's culture and heritage, including the Welsh language.

### **Globally Responsible**

By working with our communities and partners to develop a strong local economy, including the green economy and socially responsible procurement, the PSB will help the local economy mitigate the global impacts of climate change.



## **Equality – Those with protected characteristics face fewer barriers.**

### **What do we know now?**

Our Well-being Assessment looks at [equality and diversity](#) within our communities in Conwy and Denbighshire. It tells us that:

- Those from diverse backgrounds or with a disability often face barriers to employment learning and health care. Our population is becoming more diverse and we need to reflect this in the services that we deliver, to ensure equality of access and opportunity for all.
- We need to better reflect the diversity of our populations when involving people in decision making, ensuring representation from all groups.
- People with protected characteristics are more likely to live in the most deprived 10% of Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) in Wales. They are most likely to suffer from socio-economic disadvantage, and will have been disproportionately affected by the impact of the pandemic. They are also, therefore, vulnerable to inflationary cost of living pressures.
- The impacts of Climate Change will also increase inequalities within our communities.

Our engagement from seldom heard groups suggests that we need to work collaboratively to ensure we do not overburden the same communities with numerous requests for the same, or similar information and that we feedback regarding the actions taken on the basis of their engagement.

### **What steps can we take?**

In support of this area, below are some of the steps that we can collectively take forward as partners on the Public Services Board during the five-year duration of this plan:

- Support the Welsh Government's Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan, to help realise the vision of Wales as an anti-racist nation and understand what that looks like for our communities.

- Reduce inequalities by ensuring that the experiences of people from diverse backgrounds, seldom-heard groups, and those at a socio-economic disadvantage are heard and inform decision making and shape our services.
- Address the emotional burden of those living with the effects of poverty and social exclusion, treating them with the respect and dignity they deserve.
- Working with our partners and networks, we will work to address gaps in our Well-being Assessment, commissioning quality research and engagement.
- Foster community cohesion by ensuring people are protected from harm, abuse and exploitation.
- Ensure that the transition to a net zero Wales is equitable and fair.

### **Who will be involved in delivering our steps?**

All PSB partners and potentially others including:

- Citizen Advice
- Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- North Wales Social Care and Well-being Improvement Collaborative
- Third sector organisations

### **What levels of prevention might our steps achieve?**

Primary prevention: Building resilience – creating the conditions in which problems do not arise in the future. A universal approach.

### **What could success look like?**

<b>Short-term (1 to 5 years)</b>	<b>Medium-Term (5 to 10)</b>	<b>Long-Term (10+ years)</b>
Challenges facing community cohesion and personal safety, and gaps in service or advice provision that	The co-production and shaping of services through the involvement of those from seldom-heard groups is embedded practice.	Inequality is removed from service provision, allowing everyone to access the services that they need to thrive.

Short-term (1 to 5 years)	Medium-Term (5 to 10)	Long-Term (10+ years)
<p>disadvantages those with protected characteristics or those who are at a socio-economic disadvantage, are identified with any immediate solutions put in place.</p> <p>We better understand and act upon the disproportionate impacts of climate change on those experiencing deprivation, and manage our transition to a net zero Wales fairly and equitably.</p>	<p>People are confident that public services will act to protect and help them.</p> <p>The most vulnerable communities who are exposed to multiple health inequalities are surrounded by an environment that makes managing and taking actions to improve health and well-being easier – for example, reducing communities’ exposure to air pollution and flooding.</p>	<p>All residents are safe from harm, abuse or exploitations.</p> <p>Those experiencing deprivation are safeguarded from the impacts of Climate Change.</p>

## Links to other themes in our Well-being Plan

**Well-being – Communities are happier, healthier and more resilient in the face of challenges, such as the Climate Change and Nature Emergency, or the rising cost of living:**

Ensuring people from diverse backgrounds, seldom-heard groups and those at a socio-economic disadvantage have fair and equal access to the information and assistance they need to help with the rising cost of living and food and fuel poverty and safeguarding food and natural resources in the long term, helps to reduce inequalities and remove barriers.

**Economy – There is a flourishing economy, supported by a skilled workforce fit for the future:**

Ensuring people from diverse backgrounds, seldom-heard groups and those at a socio-economic disadvantage have equal access to employment, learning and healthcare, helps to reduce inequalities and remove barriers.

## **Housing – There is improved access to good quality housing:**

Ensuring people from diverse backgrounds, seldom-heard groups and those at a socio-economic disadvantage have fair and equal access to good quality, affordable, energy efficient housing, where people can live independently and healthily, helps to reduce inequalities and remove barriers.

## **How we will apply the 5 ways of working**

### **Collaboration**

Each PSB organisation recognises its individual and collective role to reduce inequalities and ensure that people from diverse backgrounds, seldom-heard groups and those at socio-economic disadvantage have the opportunities to inform decision-making and shape services.

### **Involvement**

The PSB will continue to engage and ensure that the lived experience of people from diverse communities inform decision making and shape our services.

### **Integration**

The PSB recognises that equality of access for our communities is integral to delivery of our priorities and therefore underpins delivery of our Wellbeing Plan.

### **Prevention**

The PSB will work with our partners and networks to carry out quality research and engagement to address gaps in our Wellbeing Assessment with the aim of continuing to prevent future inequalities and remove barriers.

### **Long-Term**

The PSB will work with partners, networks and communities to ensure inequality is removed from service provision, allowing everyone to access the advice, assistance and services that they need to thrive.

## **How our steps will maximise our contribution to the Well-being Goals**

### **Prosperous**

By removing barriers and reducing inequalities, the PSB will help people of all abilities and backgrounds have the opportunity to achieve their potential.

### **Healthier**

By involving and engaging with people from diverse communities in decision making and shaping services, the PSB will help people face fewer health inequalities.

### **Resilient**

By working with our communities and partners to reduce inequality and remove barriers, the PSB will help to address social exclusion, making communities more resilient.

### **Equal**

By working with our partners to reduce inequality and remove barriers, the PSB will support our communities and all those who live in them, irrespective of background or circumstances.

### **Cohesive Communities**

By working with our partners to protect people from harm, abuse and exploitation, the PSB will help to foster community cohesion.

### **Culture and Welsh Language**

By working with our partners to reduce inequality and remove barriers, the PSB will help to support the diverse cultures within our communities and protect the Welsh language.

### **Globally Responsible**

By supporting our communities to respond to the impacts of climate change, the PSB will help to ensure the steps taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are fair and proportionate.

## **Housing – There is improved access to good quality housing.**

### **What do we know now?**

Our Well-being Assessment looks at the [provision of housing](#) in our counties. It tells us that:

- Good quality and low carbon housing is vital for individual and community well-being, providing security, privacy, good health, and space for personal identity, growth and development.
- Demand for homelessness support has increased significantly in recent years, which includes the overall amount of casework involved in preventative work. As finances are squeezed and costs rise, we will see further rises in homelessness numbers.
- A person's physical environment, including access to green space, plays a key role; with poor health associated with homelessness, poor quality accommodation, and fuel poverty. Risk factors for poor mental health disproportionately affect people from higher risk and marginalised groups, including homeless people. A recent study found more patients who died by suicide were reported as having economic problems, including homelessness (Centre for Mental Health and Safety, 2016).
- In the year ending March 2021, 439 new homes were built in the area (310 in Conwy County Borough, 124 in Denbighshire), despite Local Development Plans (LDPS) predicting an annual new dwelling requirement of about 950 homes would be required across the two local authorities.
- Access to affordable housing was particularly highlighted as a concern among residents through our County Conversation. In August 2021, the average house price for a property in Conwy County Borough was £202,485, and £181,538 in Denbighshire.

This direct quote taken from the online analysis, where the respondent was asked what could be improved, gives a flavour of the feedback and concerns given throughout the engagement and in particular the public and councillor focus groups. "More availability of affordable housing for local people. House prices have increased rapidly over the last year and are out of reach of many, including young people who are unable to stay in their communities."

## **What steps can we take?**

In support of this area, below are some of the steps that we can collectively take forward as partners on the Public Services Board during the five-year duration of this plan:

- Support the Welsh Government's Rapid Rehousing approach to prevent homelessness and ensure that any instances of it are rare, brief, and unrepeated.
- Review the amount of available housing in our county to ensure that there is quality provision that meets the needs of residents, assisting them to lead independent lives in appropriate accommodation for as long as possible.
- Identify the barriers related to people's immediate environment, such as green and blue spaces, that affects their quality of life and civic participation.
- Work with our communities to identify and overcome barriers to housing, ensuring equal access to advice and information on available options and routes to housing.
- Advocate standards of housing that supports the good health of people and families living in them, including promotion of low carbon housing that are affordable to run and resilient to the impacts of Climate Change.
- Bring together new and old partners to review innovative approaches to housing provision and upgrading.

## **Who will be involved in delivering our steps?**

All PSB partners and potentially other bodies, including:

- Welsh Water
- Registered Social Landlords
- Healthy Housing
- Private Rented Sector
- Energy saving trust Wales
- Building Control

## **What levels of prevention might our steps achieve?**

Tertiary prevention: Intervening once there is a problem, to stop it getting worse and prevent it reoccurring in the future. An intervention approach.

## What could success look like?

Short-term (1 to 5 years)	Medium-Term (5 to 10)	Long-Term (10+ years)
<p>Residents are better informed about housing options and routes to housing.</p> <p>Safe housing.</p> <p>Those facing homelessness are helped into accommodation within a reasonable timeframe.</p>	<p>The number and quality of housing increases.</p> <p>Instances of homelessness reduce.</p>	<p>Housing need will be met.</p> <p>Instances of homelessness will be rare, brief and unrepeated.</p> <p>Homes are more energy efficient.</p>

### Links to other themes in our Well-being Plan

**Well-being – Communities are happier, healthier and more resilient in the face of challenges, such as the Climate Change and Nature Emergency, or the rising cost of living:**

Ensuring people have access to the information and assistance they need will help them access the right housing solutions which enhance their quality of life and wellbeing.

**Equality – Those with protected characteristics face fewer barriers:**

Ensuring people from diverse backgrounds, seldom-heard groups and those at a socio-economic disadvantage are involved in decision making and shaping services and are not socially excluded will help them access the right housing solutions.

**Economy – There is a flourishing economy, supported by a skilled workforce fit for the future:**

Ensuring a sustainable and skilled workforce will help provide the housing sector with the resources it needs to meet the housing demand.



## **How we will apply the 5 ways of working**

### **Collaboration**

Each PSB organisation recognises its individual and collective role to help our communities access good quality housing and support homelessness prevention.

### **Involvement**

The PSB will engage with other agencies and partners in this area to support access to quality housing and homelessness prevention.

### **Integration**

The PSB recognises that access to good quality housing has a direct impact upon social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing and will take an integrated approach to supporting its communities in building resilience and reducing deprivation in this area.

### **Prevention**

The PSB will work with partners and networks to help reduce and prevent homelessness and remove barriers which negatively impact people's quality of life and civic participation, further preventing wellbeing decline.

### **Long-Term**

The PSB will work with partners, networks and communities to ensure housing provision is sustainable and has a positive impact on people's lives.

## **How our steps will maximise our contribution to the Well-being Goals**

### **Prosperous**

By supporting the provision of good quality housing which people can afford, the PSB will help improve people's quality of life.

### **Healthier**

By supporting the provision of good quality, affordable housing, the PSB will help to improve community well-being, security, privacy, good health, and space for personal identity, growth and development.

### **Resilient**

By supporting the provision of good quality, affordable housing, the PSB will help to reduce deprivation associated with homelessness and poor quality housing, making communities more resilient.

### **Equal**

By supporting equal access to housing related advice, information and assistance, the PSB will help to reduce housing related inequalities and remove barriers.

### **Cohesive Communities**

By supporting the provision of good quality, affordable housing, the PSB will help people being able to stay and live in their local community.

### **Culture and Welsh Language**

By supporting local people to stay in their local communities, the PSB will help protect and conserve the Welsh culture and language.

### **Globally Responsible**

By supporting the provision of good quality, energy efficient housing, the PSB will help people play their part in reducing global greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change.

## **Delivery of the plan and monitoring progress**

In its Programme Board role, the delivery of this Plan will be monitored by the PSB through regular highlight and progress reports to its meetings. As part of our monitoring arrangements, we will produce an annual report detailing the progress made by the PSB to achieve and deliver the Well-being Plan. Reporting will focus on activities discussed by the Board, and the progress of any sub-groups (to be determined) set-up to deliver on specific streams of work. The Well-being Assessment sets the baseline for the success of this plan, and we will use indicators already highlighted there to measure the progress of our activities.

A Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee also exists between Conwy and Denbighshire, and is responsible for scrutinising the effectiveness of the PSB's governance, the decisions that it makes, and the actions that it takes. The intention is to place responsibility for challenge and accountability locally.

### **On-going conversation**

Engagement through our County Conversation was an important part of gathering local views on well-being within communities. We want to continue engaging with people and communities across Conwy and Denbighshire in a meaningful way, as well as with the workforce of our organisations. It is vital that we take account of the importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and of ensuring that those persons reflect the diversity of our populations.

We will take additional steps outside of meetings to ensure that the public and professional voice is heard and continues to help shape the Well-being Plan going forward. Each PSB partner organisation has its own mechanism for engagement, including digital engagement through social media. The PSB has committed to sharing key messages between PSB organisations on engagement events, as well as promoting PSB activities. However, we will also explore opportunities to engage cohesively as partners around our shared themes, and enabling a more holistic approach to action.

All our formal meetings are held in public and are open for anyone to observe. For a list of dates and venues please visit [our website](#).

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# **Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board**

## **Well-being Plan 2023 to 2028:**

### **Well-being Impact Assessment**

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

# Well-being Impact Assessment

**Assessment Number:** 1115

**Brief description:** This document outlines the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board's Well-being Plan (2023 to 2028) under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, which seeks to make Conwy and Denbighshire a more equal place with less deprivation.

**Localities affected by the proposal:** Conwy and Denbighshire Counties

**Who will be affected by the proposal?** The Plan covers both the counties of Conwy and Denbighshire and will affect communities, businesses, visitors, public sector partners (regional and local), including children and young people and people with protected characteristics.

**Was this impact assessment completed as a group?** Yes

# Well-being 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: 3 out of 4 stars**
- **Actual score: 32 / 36**

## Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

### Long term

The Plan is aspirational and its development has stretched our thinking around many of the key issues it seeks to address. Our prioritisation work has maintained a focus on addressing the long- term root-causes to deprivation. However, the Plan's success will be hampered by capacity and resource to deliver meaningful long-term change, and the suggested steps will need further scoping and agreement by the PSB to make progress; this includes arrangements for securing the legacy of any action.

### Prevention

The Plan actively seeks to promote the resilience of individuals and communities against the impacts of Climate Change. The promotion of the well-being and safety of individuals and communities is also prevalent throughout, particularly where inequality currently exists.

### Integration

This is a partnership plan that integrates the objectives of members of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board, and has been developed with their input throughout. Steps to be taken in the future will be delivered through the agreement of the collective PSB.

# Well-being Impact Assessment

## Collaboration

Considerable work has been undertaken with partners throughout 2021 and 2022 to develop the current Well-being Plan, with excellent contributions being made through multiple prioritisation workshops, and particularly in the later stages of developing the final draft. It is hoped that the energy that has brought this Plan together will now continue through to the development of our steps and their implementation.

## Involvement

We are confident that we are applying all ten principles, and the commissioned work to engage seldom heard groups continues to be an important part of our approach and evidence base. Our engagement has faced challenges (social distancing, online meeting fatigue), but the quality of feedback received has been excellent. It is a firm principle in the new Plan that the PSB will build on its engagement work and involve people in the delivery of its steps.

## Summary of impact

Well-being Goal	Overall Impact
A prosperous Wales	Positive
A resilient Wales	Positive
A healthier Wales	Positive
A more equal Wales	Positive
A Wales of cohesive communities	Positive



## Well-being Impact Assessment

Well-being Goal	Overall Impact
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Neutral
A globally responsible Wales	Positive

### Main conclusions

We should continue to revisit the impact assessment on a regular basis and review our findings to inform the approach to further development, engagement and consultation on our Well-being Plan. Engagement with seldom heard groups (serving and ex-armed forces, offenders and ex-offenders, in addition to people with protected characteristics), across the region, should continue. We should also use the impact assessment as an aide memoir, using the topics and the tooltips to inform our engagement and well-being assessment.

The opportunities highlighted at the end of each sustainable development principle and each of the seven well-being goals should be noted and considered thoroughly. It is also important to note that our level of influence and control varies across some of the steps that we have identified, and this will affect our ability to bring about positive impacts in some areas. So too will the economic climate and capacity of partners to deliver impact on the success of our Plan.

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## **The likely impact on Conwy, Denbighshire, Wales and the world**

### **A prosperous Wales**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

We are estimating a positive impact because the Well-being Plan is proposing more focussed work to support a green economy, remove barriers to work, and to support people to secure better employment. The Wales Centre for Public Policy has produced research on the impact of Covid-19 and Brexit on economic well-being and this is included in our well-being assessment.

#### **Further actions required**

We will need to work with businesses more closely, and link into regional work via the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB). There is the potential to maximise skills development around a low carbon economy in particular.

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **A low carbon society**

Supporting a green economy is a core part of the Plan. The extent of positive impacts will need to be assessed once detailed actions are agreed and projects scoped. However, following the leadership set by NWEAB should lead to positive outcomes.

##### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

Support for sustainable and active travel schemes is identified within the Plan.

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## **Economic development**

Sustainable tourism, green economy, social economy, and the growth deal feature within the Plan.

## **Quality skills for the long term**

Ensuring that we have the right skills for the future is an important aspect of our Plan in support of the Economy. If we do this well, our skills base will attract new businesses, whilst helping the prosperity of individuals.

## **Quality jobs for the long term**

Again, our Plan pledges support for the economy and removing barriers to work for those with protected characteristics, or who are at a socio-economic disadvantage.

## **Childcare**

There is no support directly offered in support of childcare within our Plan, but this may be something that the PSB considers when considering steps that it can take to remove barriers that people face to attend work, employment, education or healthcare. In taking forward any steps the PSB must consider any disproportionate impact that may incur in that regard.

## **Negative impacts identified:**

### **A low carbon society**

There should be no negative impacts as a result of our work, but the PSB must remain vigilant of any potential increases in Carbon as a result of its work.

### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

## **Economic development**

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None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

## Quality skills for the long term

There is widespread recognition, which has been highlighted in our well-being assessment, that women and people with protected characteristics and people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage are less likely to benefit from opportunities from the green sector.

## Quality jobs for the long term

The draft well-being assessment still lacks up to date analysis about local jobs.

## Childcare

The draft well-being assessment includes some analysis of how childcare can be a barrier for women in particular, who may disproportionately arrange and ferry children to/from providers (this could impact active travel and visibility in the workplace).

The new childcare provision cited above brings with it questions around sustainability, for carbon, and overall provision across the sector. These should be assessed in more detail within each individual well-being impact assessment.

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## A resilient Wales

### Overall Impact

Positive

### Justification for impact

Environmental well-being is a key feature of our Well-being Assessment, the engagement feedback that we have received, and the content of the Well-being Plan as a consequence.

### Further actions required

Further work is needed to understand the risks that are faced by our communities. Most recently we have had to adjust our thinking around climate risk resilience to include resilience to hotter, drier summers, for example.

### Positive impacts identified:

#### Biodiversity and the natural environment

The Well-being Plan has made a commitment to mitigating the impacts of Climate Change and the Nature Emergency.

#### Biodiversity in the built environment

The Well-being Plan has made a commitment to mitigating the impacts of Climate Change and the Nature Emergency.

#### Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

The Plan does seek to encourage a circular economy, but currently has no defined plans around reducing, reusing or recycling waste.

#### Reduced energy/fuel consumption

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Energy efficient housing, alleviating fuel poverty, and choosing sustainable / active travel feature in the Plan. It is also worth noting that this was a consideration throughout our engagement and consultation. We didn't print excessive paper copies of our surveys, due to the environmental impacts.

## **People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

From our engagement, we have found that people feel strongly about being empowered to tackle climate change, and were particularly vocal about active travel. We want to keep people involved and harness their enthusiasm as we take this plan forward.

## **Flood risk management**

The plan will seek to identify those communities most at risk of the impacts of climate change and encourage / support their resilience against future climate events.

## **Negative impacts identified:**

### **Biodiversity and the natural environment**

There should be no negative impacts as a result of our work, but the PSB must remain vigilant of any potential increases in Carbon as a result of its work.

### **Biodiversity in the built environment**

There should be no negative impacts as a result of our work, but the PSB must remain vigilant of any potential increases in Carbon as a result of its work.

### **Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

### **Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

Our well-being assessment shows that some people, particularly those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, may be less likely to benefit from schemes to reduce

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their carbon footprint and reduce their energy bills. EV cars are likely to remain within the reach of those with a sizeable disposable income for a while yet.

### **People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

Some people are vocal about wildflower meadows and see these as an eyesore. This needs to be resolved.

### **Flood risk management**

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

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## A healthier Wales

### Overall Impact

Positive

### Justification for impact

The Well-being Plan is pledging to support happier, healthier and more resilient communities and should positively contribute to all of the above areas.

### Further actions required

Topics such as mental-well-being should be kept under review as we continue to emerge from the pandemic, but move into a space with increased stresses around cost of living. There may be new evidence to consider. Constantly reviewing and assessing our intelligence is, however, a core part of the Plan.

### Positive impacts identified:

#### **A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

This now features strongly in the Plan and cuts across many, if not all, of the themes. There are also a range of steps that aim to secure better health and well-being outcomes for disadvantaged or marginalised groups.

#### **Access to good quality, healthy food**

There are specific steps identified within the Plan that seek to alleviate food poverty.

#### **People's emotional and mental well-being**

The Plan specifically focusses on securing better well-being outcomes for people, particularly those dealing with the emotional burden of living with the effects of poverty and social exclusion.



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## Access to healthcare

Access to health advice and services is a focus within the Well-being Plan. Waiting lists, and the impact these have on service delivery, staff well-being, in addition to the health and well-being of patients is likely to be subject to further analysis.

## Participation in leisure opportunities

Sustainable and active travel features, as does increasing access to green countryside spaces and blue coastal spaces.

## Negative impacts identified:

### A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

### Access to good quality, healthy food

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

### People's emotional and mental well-being

Some groups may be at risk of worse emotional and mental well-being as a result of the social distancing measures of Covid-19. The plan, as it is worked up into more detail, will need to consider how some interventions will need to be targeted to be effective.

## Access to healthcare

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

## Participation in leisure opportunities

Some people may be less likely to participate either because of access issues (cost, transport, living in a rural area) or perhaps due to accessibility barriers for people with protected characteristics.

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## A more equal Wales

### Overall Impact

Positive

### Justification for impact

Overall there is a greater focus in Well-being Plan around mobilising collective resources to tackle poverty, hence the overall impact being positive. However, it is not clear currently how any proposed areas of focus will truly reduce poverty (increase household incomes) given the turbulence of the geopolitics and the global economy.

### Further actions required

There has been considerable discussion about how experiences of Covid-19, and now the cost of living crisis will have exacerbated inequality – although the consequences are not yet fully understood. We will need to continually review our intelligence as we take our Plan forward.

### Positive impacts identified:

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

The Well-being Plan has a particular focus on addressing the inequalities faced by those with protected characteristics, or who are at a socio-economic disadvantage. Above all it seeks to remove barriers and reduce harms, exploitation and abuse experienced by people, ensuring that their voices are heard and that we act on intelligence informed by lived experiences.

### People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

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The Well-being Plan includes proposals to support marginalised or seldom heard groups. The draft well-being assessment includes analyses to consider the well-being of (some) marginalised groups, such as refugees for example. There is also, while limited, a little more understanding of the long-term resilience of people who suffer discrimination and disadvantage due to climate change for example.

## **People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

Deprivation and tackling poverty is featuring strongly in the Well-being Plan, with a particular focus on reducing the impacts of poverty (e.g. hunger and rising fuel costs) and improving opportunities for skills.

## **Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

The draft well-being assessment includes analysis at a smaller local area level (both in terms of data and engagement feedback). There is no specific geographic area of focus at present, although one will likely emerge as specific steps are developed.

## **Negative impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

The well-being assessment specifically highlighted disabled people has having poorer well-being. We will need to critically review our steps to see whether they will enhance or pose further challenges to people with protected characteristics as actions are developed further.

## **People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

The draft well-being assessment includes analyses to consider the well-being of (some) marginalised groups, such as refugees. However, this is limited, and reflects, in part, challenges we faced with engagement. There is also, while limited, a little more understanding of the long-term resilience of people who suffer discrimination and disadvantage to climate change, for example.

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Some of our steps may not be able to partly, let alone, fully alleviate poverty and disadvantage given the turbulence in the wider global economy.

## **People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

As already stated, the impacts of the pledges may not be able to partly, let alone, fully alleviate poverty and disadvantage given the turbulence in the wider global economy.

## **Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

There is no specific geographic area of focus at present, although one will likely emerge as specific pledges are developed. As stated elsewhere, some interventions will need to be targeted to ensure the benefits are felt by the people/places needing them most.

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## **A Wales of cohesive communities**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**

There are a great many positive contributions within the above headings as a result of commitments made within this Plan. Although community cohesion is not directly addressed, many of the steps we will take should lead to tangential benefit.

### **Further actions required**

These aspects may need more extended discussion as we go forward to determine any negative impacts, as well as opportunities to maximise collective efforts to support cohesive communities over the longer term. We must too better understand how the experiences of Covid-19 and the current cost of living crisis have exacerbated inequality that may lead to poor community cohesion.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **Safe communities and individuals**

The Well-being Plan emphasises the ongoing commitment of partners to safeguarding vulnerable in our counties. Homelessness, and good housing also features, alongside steps that focus on supporting community initiatives and resilience.

#### **Community participation and resilience**

Again, this is a key principal that can be found in the How We Will Work section of the plan, and throughout we reference our desire to work with communities to maximise the benefits from the steps we take, particularly with regard to community resilience.

#### **The attractiveness of the area**

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The steps we have pledged in support of our natural environment and the improvement of access to green countryside spaces and blue coastal spaces should have a positive impact.

## Connected communities

The Well-being Plan does not want to isolate or exacerbate inequalities. We want to better understand where there are barriers to connected communities and address the reasons why. The plan also pledges to support sustainable and active travel schemes to help improve connectivity.

## Rural resilience

Again, addressing inequalities is a key aspect of the plan, and this includes rural inequality and poverty.

## Negative impacts identified:

### Safe communities and individuals

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

### Community participation and resilience

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

### The attractiveness of the area

Wildflower meadows remain contentious with some residents regarding them as an eyesore. There will be work that needs to be done here to bring people along with us on our journey to environmental good health and sustainability.

## Connected communities

Our control in securing better phone signal and broadband is limited and likely to fall outside the scope of this Plan.

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## Rural resilience

There will be no negative impacts as a result of this Well-being Plan on the longer term resilience of rural areas, and should seek to safeguard vital rural assets where possible.

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## A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

### Overall Impact

Neutral

### Justification for impact

The overall impact is expected to be neutral as the Plan's focus is on addressing inequality, not advancing language or cultural strategies. However, as noted, there are opportunities for partners to integrate their Welsh language strategies and continue to support the promotion of the language.

### Further actions required

Further discussion needed, particularly at a North Wales Economic Ambition Board level. There could be tensions across the region with some areas wanting to limit tourism and others wanting to stimulate more tourism. We may need to pay more attention to the rural economy and the importance of agriculture to culture. The PSB must be wary not to clash with cultural regeneration work being undertaken by partners elsewhere and should seek to integrate where possible with the steps that it takes forward.

### Positive impacts identified:

#### People using Welsh

The Well-being Plan contains within the How We Will Work section a principle that the PSB will support and promote the Welsh Language in all that we do. This will be key in particular as we ImpactAssess our decisions going forward.

#### Promoting the Welsh language



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As stated above, the Well-being Plan contains within the How We Will Work section a principle that the PSB will support and promote the Welsh Language in all that we do. The PSB should proactively consider this requirement as it takes its steps forward.

### **Culture and heritage**

The new Plan does not give specific focus to Culture and Heritage, but these things could play a part within the work we take forward to enhance our natural assets, and support the well-being of individuals through community initiatives.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **People using Welsh**

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

#### **Promoting the Welsh language**

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

### **Culture and heritage**

The PSB must be wary not to clash with cultural regeneration work being undertaken by partners elsewhere and should seek to integrate where possible with the steps that it takes forward.

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## A globally responsible Wales

### Overall Impact

Positive

### Justification for impact

The Well-being Plan sets out clearly the steps that the PSB can take in support of adaption and mitigation against Climate Change, including socially and environmentally responsible procurement.

### Further actions required

The PSB's Well-being Plan has been produced through collaboration. There should be no conflict between the plans and strategies of our partner organisations and that of the PSB, integrating well our collective ambition to address deprivation and inequality as a partnership body. We must continue to foster the environment and networks that promote meaningful engagement and communication with our partners and communities, supporting a culture where co-production and involvement thrives.

### Positive impacts identified:

#### Local, national, international supply chains

In line with the draft social partnerships Bill, the latest draft of the Well-being Plan makes a specific pledge around procurement and securing community benefits.

#### Human rights

Preservation of Human Rights are a core part of partner procurement and HR policies currently. Our commitments around equalities within this Plan emphasises ongoing support as part of Wales's declaration as a Nation of Sanctuary.

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## **Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

The Well-being Plan will set out our commitment as partners within the Conwy and Denbighshire sub-region to address deprivation and inequality. There are also strong ties between PSBs across the region. It will support a shared analysis and narrative around long term trends, opportunities and aspirations in this important area of work.

## **Reducing climate change**

Reducing climate change is a core part of the well-being assessment, and was a particular feature of engagement feedback. As a consequence, our Well-being Plan has a clear focus on mitigating the impacts of Climate Change.

## **Negative impacts identified:**

### **Local, national, international supply chains**

We will need to work seamlessly with partners and Welsh Government to support small and medium sized businesses to ensure they are prepared and well-positioned for the changes.

### **Human rights**

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

## **Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

In terms of our evidence base, there are some gaps across topics, which are identified very clearly in our well-being assessment. These gaps are often due to partners experiencing capacity issues while they deliver business as usual in addition to the additional demands placed upon them by Covid-19. These capacity issues may also hamper the success of our delivery.

## **Reducing climate change**

None identified at present (this should continue to be reviewed).

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COUNCIL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Meeting	Item (Description / Title)		Purpose of Report	Council Decision Required (yes/no)	Lead member and Contact Officer
<b>9 May 2023 (Annual Council)</b>	1	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of Denbighshire County Council	To elect the Council's Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2023/2024 municipal year	No	Cllr Julie Matthews / Gary Williams / Steve Price
	2	Annual Report of Scrutiny	To review the Annual Report of Scrutiny	No	Cllr Hugh Irving Rhian Evans / Steve Price
	3	Annual Review of Political Balance	To consider the current political balance arrangements, committee vacancies and how Scrutiny Chairs are appointed	Yes	Cllr Julie Matthews Steve Price
	4	Replacement Local Development Plan Preferred Strategy Consultation	To approve the replacement Local Development Plan Preferred Strategy	Yes	Lead Member – Cllr Win Mullen-James Head of Service – Emlyn Jones Report Author – Angela Loftus (Lara Griffiths)
	5	Pay Policy Statement	To consider a report to seek Council approval of the changes to the Pay Policy 2023/24	Yes	Lead Member – Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Head of Service – Louise Dougal Report Author – Louis Dougal and Sophie Vaughan
	6	Petition Scheme	To approve a Petition Scheme for the Council	Yes	Lead Member - Cllr Julie Matthews Report Author - Gary Williams
<b>4 July 2023</b>	1	Council Performance Self Assessment	To present an update on the Council's performance against its functions, including Corporate Plan and Strategic Equality objectives	Yes	Lead Member – Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer – Nicola Kneale Report Author – Emma Horan

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<b>5 September 2023</b>					
<b>14 November 2023</b>					

**FUTURE ITEMS**

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***Note for Officers – Full Council Report Deadlines***

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
				28.02.2023	14.02.2023
09.05.2023	24.04.2023	04.07.2023	20.06.2023	05.09.2023	21.08.2023
14.11.2023	31.10.2023				



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## Council Workshops 2022/23

DATE OF COUNCIL WORKSHOP	TOPIC(S)	LEAD SLT / LEAD MEMBER
<b>2023 DATES</b> Tuesday 2pm		
<b>14 March</b>	1 Implementation of SLT Review	Graham Boase
	2 Comms/Marketing/Engagement and Behaviour Change (include Press Release protocol, Working with CRM etc)	Relevant CD/HoS Councillor Julie Matthews
<b>18 April</b>	Health & Social Care, including Residential Care for Older People (how its structured & funded)	Nicola Stubbins Councillor Elen Heaton
<b>16 May</b>	Waste Model pre roll out of the new model	Tony Ward Councillor Barry Mellor
<b>13 June</b>	Sustainable Communities for Education (i.e. 21 <sup>st</sup> century Schools)	Geraint Davies Councillor Gill German
<b>11 July</b>	Budget	Steve Gadd Councillor Gwyneth Ellis
<b>12 September</b>	Strategic Flooding approach (inc DCC Strategy)	Tony Ward & Emlyn Jones Councillor Barry Mellor
<b>10 October</b>	Promotion of Welsh Language (within the Council, Communities and Schools - Welsh Education Strategic Plan, New Language Categorisation).	Relevant CD Councillor Emrys Wynne
<b>7 November</b>	Supporting Mental Health and wellbeing of young people	Geraint Davies & Rhian Morrllle Councillor Gill German

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5 December	Highways Maintenance Update	Tony Ward Councillor Barry Mellor
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### Reserve List for consideration post 2023;

1. ALN Reform, the New Curriculum for Wales and the support provided by The Regional School Improvement Service (GwE)
2. Inclusion Service & Pupil Referral Unit
3. How we support Schools through Admissions, Transport, Governance and Resource Management.
4. Tackling Poverty/Deprivation
5. Tourism, including destination management and Tourism Strategy
6. Culture/Arts/Heritage
7. Young People in democracy
8. AONB & proposed National Park
9. CJC Update to include the Regional Strategic Planning, Transport Plan etc
10. NWEAB work, including Growth Deal
11. Sustainable Transport Plan & Active Travel
12. LDP
13. Approach to Homelessness
14. Town Centres
15. Flying Start, Family Support and Early Prevention
16. Safeguarding & Community Safety
17. Levelling up Funds and Shared Prosperity Fun
18. Regional Integration Fund (RIF) Projects & Funding
19. NWOW & Office Strategy
20. Corporate Plan
21. DLL & DCC
22. Workshop for each of the Corporate Plan themes.

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