

Supporting Independence in Denbighshire Strategy

Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report

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

Assessment Number:	101
Brief description:	Supporting Independence in Denbighshire is the Council's strategy for enabling Denbighshire citizens to maintain their independence and well-being in their own homes. There is a need to strengthen our approach in this respect due to: demographic and financial challenges; changing demand from citizens who want to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible within their own homes; and public expectations of increased voice and control over how they are supported to achieve their personal well-being outcomes .
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Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,

IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

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

Score for the sustainability of the approach

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

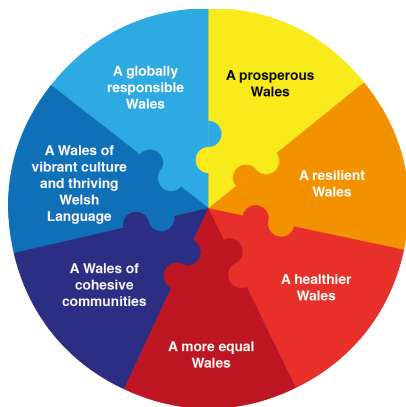
(3 out of 4 stars)



Actual score: 20/ 24.

Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



A prosperous Denbighshire

Positive

A resilient Denbighshire

Positive

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

Main conclusions

The main conclusion of this assessment is that the effective implementation of the Supporting Independence in Denbighshire Strategy should make a major contribution to the well-being of people in Denbighshire, particular those people who would be likely to need statutory services without the type of support referred to in the Strategy or who have relied on a range of traditional services from Social services in the past . The Strategy is closely aligned with the need to have a stronger prevention approach under the Social services and Well-being Act .

THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	Positive
Justification for Impact:	The strategy encourages individuals and their families to identify their own strengths and assets as well as those which exist within their communities

Positive consequences identified:

Prevents the need for resources such as residential care

Stimulates engagement with community members in supporting people who are vulnerable and can help them to think about future job opportunities

More jobs could be created to help with supporting people in the community

The strategy supports the development of new skills need to support people within their own communities , especially in the third sector

Supports greater communication, engagement and involvement in relation to community members

Unintended negative consequences identified:

The general trend is to move away from reliance in institutional care

Mitigating actions:

A robust corporate approach will be needed to promote the strategy

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	Positive
Justification for Impact:	This strategy has, at its heart, the need to encourage people to be more independent and resilient

Positive consequences identified:

Encouraging people to appreciate their natural environment supports their general well-being and ability to remain independent

There should be less reliance on council resources .

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Recognising the vulnerability of some groups to floods and making sure that plans are in place to support them are important in relation to this strategy

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A strong corporate approach is needed to promote and implement the strategy.

Ideally, this needs to be reflected in the Corporate Plan

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	
Justification for Impact:	This is one of the central aims of the Strategy .

Positive consequences identified:

This is central to the aims of the Strategy

This is not mentioned specifically in the Strategy but we recognise that this is an essential need to support people's well-being

This is fully supported by the strategy and is extremely important in relation to people's independence and well-being

This is one of the central aims of the Strategy

The strategy is about supporting people supporting people's well being within their communities and preventing or delaying the need for formal services.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A robust corporate approach to promoting and implementing the Strategy
Needs to link with the Council's Wellbeing Plan and Corporate Plan

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	
Justification for Impact:	A central aim of the strategy is to promote the well being of community members and enable them to remain independent - it's about giving them more voice and control in relation to what they need to remain independent

Positive consequences identified:

The main aim of the strategy is for people to be able to maintain their independence within the community and this includes all groups with protected characteristics

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Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A strong corporate and partnership approach is essential to effectively promote and implement the strategy

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact:	
Justification for Impact:	When people are supported to remain independent within their communities a major contribution is made to the development of more cohesive communities

Positive consequences identified:

This is one of the central aims of the strategy. It is imperative for people to feel safe in order to retain their independence and maintain their well-being

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Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A strong corporate and partnership approach is essential to the effective implantation of the strategy .

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact:	
Justification for Impact:	Helping people to remain independent within their communities makes a significant contribution to the promotion of local culture and language .As part of this strategy , we have supported a community group which provides daytime activities for older people in the medium of welsh.

Positive consequences identified:

We have identified that it is important for people to be able to use the language of their choice when they are engaged in community activities
This is promoted in accordance with the requirements of the Welsh language Standards.
Maintaining culture and heritage naturally results from people being helped to remain independent within their communities

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A strong corporate and partnership approach to implementing the Strategy .

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	
Justification for Impact:	Enabling people to remain independent in their communities and giving them more choice and control in this respect makes an extremely important contribution to respecting their human rights. Denbighshire's work in this area can be available to others to learn from.

Positive consequences identified:

Likely to have a positive impact on community based resources

The need to help people maintain their independence in the community is in complete accordance with respecting their human rights

The strategy encourages the development of community based resources

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

A strong corporate and partnership approach to the implementation of the Strategy