

# Welsh Language 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.

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Brief description:	The Council's 5 year welsh language strategy
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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 you do more to make your approach more sustainable?

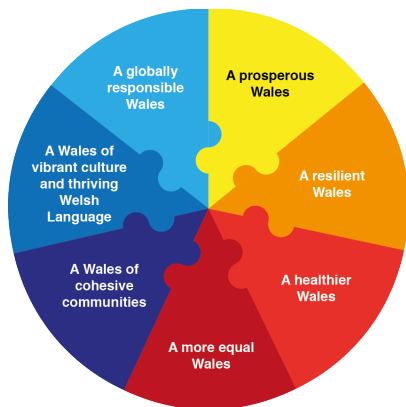
(2 out of 4 stars)



Actual score: 13/ 24.

## Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



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

## Main conclusions

The strategy is overwhelmingly positive. It involves the council being a facilitator or enabler in some circumstances hence the rating of 2 stars.

# THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

## A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	Positive
Justification for Impact:	The impact could be positive due to the opportunities it might bring for businesses using welsh as a means of increasing profit. The use of welsh will also provide quality skills for residents within the county.

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Actions within the strategy relating to developing the use of welsh within businesses leading to developing the local economy

Welsh language skills would be quality skills for the long term

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

### **Mitigating actions:**

## A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	Neutral
Justification for Impact:	The strategy does not include any actions that would affect the environment.

**Positive consequences identified:**

**Unintended negative consequences identified:**

**Mitigating actions:**

## A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	Positive
Justification for Impact:	This could be positive due to exploring the demand for leisure classes etc being delivered through the medium of Welsh. This might increase the participation in leisure classes and improve mental and physical wellbeing.

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Work to consider the demand for Welsh language run leisure classes for example swimming could lead to increased participation by a sector of the population

Increasing the Welsh language service provision would be beneficial to people's wellbeing

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

none identified

### **Mitigating actions:**

## A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	Positive
Justification for Impact:	Health inequalities might be addressed through greater participation in welsh medium leisure classes, particularly for the young and elderly.

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Exploring greater opportunities for welsh medium leisure classes would help to address health inequalities.

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

no negative aspects identified

no negative aspects identified

### **Mitigating actions:**

## A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact:	Positive
Justification for Impact:	This could lead to people feeling valued and respected leading to greater participation and engagement in the community.

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Increasing the active welsh offer from the council could lead to greater participation and engagement by all parts of the community. Help for people to feel valued and respected

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

### **Mitigating actions:**

## A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact:	Positive
Justification for Impact:	The strategy will help to achieve greater use of Welsh within our communities, service delivery etc, with the aim of increasing the number of people that can speak Welsh in the county.

### **Positive consequences identified:**

All actions in the strategy have the aim of increasing the use of Welsh in the county

All actions aim to promote the use of Welsh

The strategy also aims to increase the awareness of Welsh culture and heritage by council staff

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

### **Mitigating actions:**



## A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact:	Positive
Justification for Impact:	This will be positive due to greater access to council services in welsh and residents being able to access services in their chosen language.

### **Positive consequences identified:**

Greater awareness by council suppliers of welsh language requirements

Access to services in their chosen welsh language

Many DCC services have actions within the proposed strategy which they have committed to, leading to wider welsh language service provision in the county

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

### **Mitigating actions:**