

Working together for the future of Denbighshire

Corporate Plan
2017-2022



Priorities 2017-2022

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Communities are connected and have access to goods and services locally, online or through good transport links

The Council works with people and communities to build independence and resilience

The environment is attractive and protected, supporting well-being and economic prosperity

Younger people want to live and work here, and have the skills to do so



Housing

Everyone is supported to live in homes that meet their needs

It is recognised that there is a need to ensure housing is available to meet the needs of Denbighshire residents and that this is an important factor in retaining or attracting young people to live in the area. During the last Corporate Plan, we made a commitment to develop housing availability and we want to continue to expand on those successes over the course of this new Corporate Plan.



To achieve this we will:

- Support the development of 1000 more homes in Denbighshire. This will include:
 - 170 of these will be Council homes.
 - 260 of these will be affordable homes provided by private developers and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs).
 - Extra Care Housing.
 - Additional specialist housing to support people with disabilities and low level support needs.
- Support young people to access suitable homes they can afford.
- Bring 500 empty properties back into use and perform among the best in Wales.

Connected Communities

Communities are connected and have access to goods and services locally, online and through good transport links

Denbighshire understands that access to goods and services is key to maintaining people's independence. However, depending on where you live, this is not always easy. During the course of this new Corporate Plan Denbighshire will make it a priority to ensure that communities throughout the county are connected and have access to the goods and services they need.



To achieve this we will:

- Better enable people to travel to work, education and services.
- Invest in roads and bridges to maintain a viable, sustainable infrastructure.
- Make superfast broadband and mobile networks available to everyone.
- Ensure Council information and services will be accessible online where possible. Opportunities to work with partners will also be explored.
- Target those most likely to be digitally excluded so they have the skills and means to use digital services.
- Improve infrastructure to make it easier to stage events.

Resilient Communities:

The Council works with people and communities to build independence and resilience

In Denbighshire we aim to promote people's health & well-being and encourage them to remain as independent as possible. In order to do this, we need to work with everyone in the community, to ensure that there are strong support networks in place and ensure people have more involvement in decisions affecting their future well-being. At the same time, we will continue to make sure that people at risk of abuse or exploitation are safeguarded.



To achieve this we will:

- Support people to plan and shape their communities.
- Provide easily accessible information that supports people's independence and resilience.
- Ensure people are involved in shaping and improving services.
- Act to reduce Domestic Abuse
- Ensure all carers in Denbighshire are well supported.
- Ensure adults and older people who need health and social care in Denbighshire will experience a seamless service.

Environment

Attractive and protected, supporting well-being and economic prosperity

Denbighshire aims to ensure that the environment is both attractive and protected, but also supports community well-being and economic prosperity. To achieve this we will reduce our carbon impact and increase the use of renewables throughout the county. We also plan to increase the biodiversity value of the county by protecting vulnerable species and habitats for the benefit of both wildlife and people who live and visit Denbighshire. Alongside this, Denbighshire aims to raise the profile of the county as a place to hold outdoor events that capitalise on our unique environment.



To achieve this we will:

- Reduce carbon emissions from Council assets by at least 15% by 2022.
- Improve the energy efficiency of Council houses.
- Increase renewable energy provision across the county.
- Reduce the number of properties at risk of flooding in Denbighshire.
- Increase the biodiversity quality of important habitats and species across the county.
- Raise the profile of the county as a location to visit, in order to capitalise on Denbighshire's economic potential.

Young People:

A place where younger people will want to live and work and have the skills to do so

We want Denbighshire to be a place where young people can and want to flourish. To do this there must be excellent education provision working alongside a strong employment offer for all, focusing on skills for work and skills for life. We also know that physical and emotional well-being from an early age is important, preventing problems occurring later in life. We want to make sure that we give young people the best start in life, and will work with our partners, schools and businesses to make this happen.



To achieve this we will:

- See that every child achieving the expected standard at the end of primary school (Level 4, Key Stage 2) will achieve 5 GCSEs A*-C (Level 2 Key Stage 4), including English or Welsh (1st language) and Maths, by the end of secondary school.
- Continue to modernise schools via the 21st Century Schools programme.
- Help young people to develop practical 'life skills' and behaviours that contribute to good health and well-being.
- Deliver support for parents to give their children the best start.
- Provide young people with effective career advice and mentoring.
- Offer young people the opportunity to develop skills for life and work through volunteering opportunities and meaningful work experience.
- Develop greater employment opportunities for younger people.

Synergies

PSB Well-being Plan

The First 1,000 days of life

Promoting community hubs

Promoting mental well-being for all ages

Promoting resilience in older people

Promoting environmental resilience

Raising resilient and aspirational young people

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