



Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board: Well-being Delivery Plan 2018 - 2023



Place – Supporting Environmental Resilience

Delivery Plan – 2018 / 19

Priority	Year 1 Priorities (2018/19)	Impact
Place - Supporting Environmental Resilience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure we have communities that understand the value of the natural environment & how they can positively contribute. 2. Focus on sustainable procurement and local produce. 3. Promote the importance of addressing environmental issues e.g. recycling, energy efficiency, carbon emissions. 4. Improve the energy efficiency of our buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities that understand and value the importance of the natural environment and the essential services it provides for society. • A natural environment that is being managed in a sustainable way whilst wildlife and nature are flourishing. • A natural environment that is providing the maximum benefits to our residents across the social, environmental, economic and cultural spectrum. • Consistency between partner organisations working to common environmental policy, standards and targets. • Better understanding of the environmental assets across Conwy and Denbighshire and how these can be used to support communities and organisations.


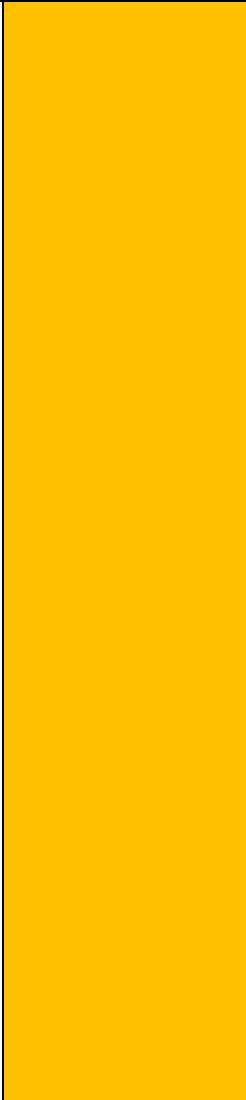
Specific actions in 2018/19 to support year 1 priorities:

1. Develop a common environmental policy statement and identify key targets.
2. Develop the community pledge (including communication plan) and map existing schemes and good practice.
3. Identify areas to lobby that are beyond the PSB's gift to make positive changes.
4. Identify the community benefits from development (e.g. S106 agreements) through collaborative discussion.
5. Understand the 'conflict' between planning policy and environmental issues through collaborative discussion and seek local solutions.

RAG action key

Action not progressing / areas of concern have been raised	Red
Action progressing and no concerns raised	Amber
Action complete	Green

Achievement Measures <i>Describe what will you deliver in 2018/19?</i>	Lead Officer	Baseline Data <i>(If applicable)</i>	Target date	Achievement Milestones <i>What will be achieved & what difference will be made?</i>	Organisations involved
1 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establish task and finish group to define scope of work for developing a common environmental policy statement. Tasks may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping additional partners / stakeholders - mapping / investigating existing targets used in this area (e.g. WG policy targets) 	Teresa Owen (officer support from Conwy CBC)	n/a	April 2019	Development of a common environment policy statement.	All PSB partners

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development and implementation of a communication plan 					
Progress Update – December 2018					
<p>Task & finish group has been set up to progress this work. An initial meeting has been held where the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified the following environmental aspects and agreed to gather information on these areas as a starting point - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carbon and energy ○ Waste ○ Biodiversity, Green Spaces & Woodlands ○ Flooding ○ Water ○ Procurement ○ Climate change adaptation ○ Transport (active travel) ○ Planning (cross-cutting theme) • Agree that once the initial information has been gathered, the group will reconvene to look at commonalities and how we use this information. However initial discussion at the meeting suggested introducing various steps / activities all organisations could work toward and then framing these using different levels of achievement (such as simple changes, stretching ourselves, being adventurous and leading the way). • Discussed that it shouldn't matter if partners are at different stages of achievement at the outset and appreciated that the time taken to reach steps / activities will differ between organisations - due to resource and capacity pressures. The main message was the importance of developing a consistent framework that all partner organisation can work towards. • Agree to establish a virtual group for each of the above environmental aspects, as partnership working was recognised as a gap in this area. However to address concerns this would cause silo working, the group agreed to continue meeting as a wider environmental group (with representatives from each of the aspects above). • Acknowledged the difficulty for regional and national partners as they're working with multiple PSBs, but agreed there was merit in continuing to pursue this work for Conwy and Denbighshire. Discussed there could be an opportunity to use this as a pilot to roll out to other PSBs. • Were informed that WG are apparently looking to implement national environmental standards, but from what officers understood this wouldn't be taking place until next year. However more information and clarification will be sought on this from NRW colleagues. 					

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2	<p>a. Establish task and finish group to define scope of work for developing community pledges. Tasks may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping additional partner / stakeholders - mapping existing scheme / initiatives in this area and exploring ways to link these - investigating good practice - development and implementation of a communication plan 	Teresa Owen (officer support from Conwy CBC)	n/a	April 2019	Development of community green pledges.	All PSB partners
Progress Update – December 2018						
<p>Task & finish group has been set up to progress this work. An initial meeting has been held where the group -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to split the draft pledges into 2 versions, one for individuals and one for communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The version for individuals will be more of a top tips guide which will contain good practice examples, (such as switching to LED bulbs to improve energy efficiency) and follow the identified pledge themes of buildings, transport, shopping, food and environment. ○ The communities version will also contain examples and follow the same pledge themes but include more community focused goals. • Agreed to develop a guide to support communities to meet the goals, which will contain information on where further resources and possible funding is available. • Agreed to develop a bitesize version for children and schools and investigate linking in with eco-schools. • Agreed to keep the bronze, silver and gold awards and that certification should be a simple process of filling out a self-assessment form to evidence activity, which will be available to download from the PSB website. Depending on what funding can be obtained, group will explore different ways to award communities and individuals (e.g. certificates, plaques, stickers, badges etc). • Agreed to investigate the potential of introducing a new category at the local businesses awards in Conwy & Denbighshire along the lines of most green community. Some T&CC's also have their own awards, where a green volunteer of the year award could be introduced. • Agreed to create a page on the PSB website to house all this information as well as a way of sharing good practice (social media will be employed for this as well). • Again acknowledge the difficulty for regional and national partners as they're working with multiple PSBs, but agreed there was merit in pursuing this work for Conwy and Denbighshire. As with the environmental standards action, there could be an opportunity to use this as a pilot to roll out to other PSBs. • A follow up meeting has been arranged to agree the revised documents and develop a communication plan. 						

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3	<p>a. Table the areas identified for lobbying to the PSB September meeting for debate and action, including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greater focus and priority on the impact of rising sea level and interventions needed - embedding government sustainability legislation into planning policy - Aligning building regulations to zero carbon wales ambition - Investment in green infrastructure (e.g. active travel improvements, electric car charging points, microgeneration) - Improving flexibility and sustainability of grant funding - Reducing excess packaging and single use products – more pressure on producer responsibility / introduce levy (e.g. plastic bags) - Managing existing landscape for biodiversity - Sustainable procurement 	PSB Chair	n/a	Ongoing		All PSB partners
Progress Update – December 2018						
Officers are trying to pick up on any issues that may need raising with the PSB during the tasks and finish groups. At the next PSB the sea defences in Old Colwyn & associated risks will be discussed.						
4	Identify existing or establish group/forum for procurement practitioners to discuss community benefits when planning and tendering for work.		n/a	April 2019		
Progress Update – December 2018						
This work has not yet being started.						
5	Invite Local Development Plan (LDP) Managers to discuss planning policy.		n/a	Sept 2019		

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<p>LDP managers for Conwy and Denbighshire have attended the last PSB meeting to update members on both local development plans. There are next scheduled to attend the March meeting as part of their consultation process.</p> <p>However planning policy and gaining a better understanding of the ‘conflict’ with environmental issues has not yet been discussed.</p>					

Other evidence to demonstrate achievement – Sources of narratives / case studies

n/a

Risks to Manage:

- The risk that regional or all wales organisations will be unable to commit to county or sub-regional arrangements owing to the complexity of meeting differing processes.