

# Asset Transfer - Denbigh Town Hall

## 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:	503
Brief description:	The proposed asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall, including two associated commercial units, to Denbigh Town Council at an undervalue. A transfer to Denbigh Town Council would ensure the continued use of the building for the community and Denbigh Town Council who currently reside from the property.
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Responsible Service:	Facilities, Assets & Housing
Localities affected by the proposal:	Denbigh,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	Denbighshire County Council - Facilities Management Unit staff, Denbigh Town Council and groups / organisations that currently hire the town hall for events or activities.
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 : 21 / 30.

## Implications of the score

A working group has been established to look at the feasibility of an asset transfer and provide all of the relevant information to Denbigh Town Council so they can make an informed decision on the offer of an asset transfer. The group is made up of Denbighshire County Council officers, three Denbigh Town Councillors, the Local Member and the Town Clerk. These meetings have been very productive and officers have been co-opted onto the group as and when required to advise and ensure any proposals are sustainable.

## 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

Neutral

Positive

Positive

Neutral



## Main conclusions

The proposal will have a positive impact on each of the well-being goals with the biggest impact being seen in the prosperous, healthier and cohesive communities goals. The transfer of the property to Denbigh Town Council will ensure that the benefits that the current occupier (Denbighshire County Council & Denbigh Town Council) brings to the Town will continue and any future uses / occupiers can be selected by Denbigh Town Council to best suit the needs and aspirations of the local community.

## 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>	The asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall to Denbigh Town Council will have a positive impact overall. Denbigh Town Council will have the freehold interest of the hall, continue to manage and operate the activity and events programme and make decisions at a local level rather than a county level. The transfer of the property to Denbigh Town Council will ensure that the benefits that the current occupier (Denbighshire County Council & Denbigh Town Council) brings to the Town will continue and any future uses/occupiers can be selected by Denbigh Town Council to best suit the needs of the local community and ensure the sustainability of the programme and property going forward.
<b>Further actions required</b>	N/A

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	Unknown - Property is currently energy performance rated as B. Asset transfer would not have any impact on this rating unless further energy initiatives are implemented post transfer.
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	Unknown
<b>Economic development</b>	The proposed asset transfer will ensure the town hall remains operational and services or activities that are delivered from the venue are sustainable going forward. Decision will be made by Denbigh Town Council at a local level rather than a county level. Remaining operational will also ensure the continued vitality and viability of the town centres and town market.
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	Denbigh Town Hall is currently used as a venue for training, exercise referral, conferences and other life long learning experiences in the community. The asset transfer would ensure the long term sustainability of the hall and its offer.
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	The proposed asset transfer would secure employment positions at Denbigh Town Hall and develop more opportunities for volunteering during town events.
<b>Childcare</b>	None

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>A low carbon society</b>	Unknown - Unknown - Property is currently energy performance rated as B. Asset transfer would not have any impact on this rating unless further energy initiatives are implemented post transfer.
<b>Quality communications, infrastructure and transport</b>	Unknown

<b>Economic development</b>	None
<b>Quality skills for the long term</b>	None
<b>Quality jobs for the long term</b>	None
<b>Childcare</b>	None

## A resilient Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	The proposed asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall to Denbigh Town Council would have an overall neutral impact on a resilient Denbighshire although the town council maybe able to adopt and introduce more energy efficient systems that could improve the energy performance rating from a B to an A. Further grants maybe available to the town council to improve the property.
<b>Further actions required</b>	N/A

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	None
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	Unknown
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	Unknown
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	Unknown
<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	None
<b>Flood risk management</b>	None

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>Biodiversity and the natural environment</b>	None
<b>Biodiversity in the built environment</b>	Unknown
<b>Reducing waste, reusing and recycling</b>	Unknown
<b>Reduced energy/fuel consumption</b>	Unknown

<b>People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity</b>	None
<b>Flood risk management</b>	None

## A healthier Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	The proposed asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall to Denbigh Town Council will result in an overall positive impact on 'a healthier Denbighshire'. The existing range of activities that support participation in leisure activities and encourage and support health and well-being will continue with opportunities to grow the range of events and activities focused on the needs of the local community rather than the County.
<b>Further actions required</b>	N/A

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	The proposed asset transfer would ensure the long term sustainability of the hall as a venue that hosts various health initiatives including the NERS (National Exercise Referral Scheme), operated by Denbighshire County Council, various exercise classes, dance, drama, choir and a range of educational / lifelong learning experiences.
<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	Unknown
<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	The proposed asset transfer would ensure the long term sustainability of the hall as a venue that hosts various health initiatives including the NERS (National Exercise Referral Scheme), operated by Denbighshire County Council, various exercise classes, dance, drama, choir and a range of educational / lifelong learning experiences.
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	None
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	The proposed asset transfer would ensure the long term sustainability of the hall as a venue that hosts various leisure and health related initiatives including the NERS (National Exercise Referral Scheme), operated by Denbighshire County Council, exercise classes, dance, drama, choir and a range of educational / lifelong learning experiences. The hall is a valuable community asset and also hosts a range of town and community events such as the Plum Festival, CADW Open Doors events, Beer Festival, Christmas light switch on, memorial events and many other activities and celebrations.

### Negative impacts identified:

<b>A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being</b>	None
<b>Access to good quality, healthy food</b>	Unknown

<b>People's emotional and mental well-being</b>	
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	None
<b>Participation in leisure opportunities</b>	None

## A more equal Denbighshire

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
<b>Justification for impact</b>	The proposed asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall to Denbigh Town Council will have an overall neutral impact. The transfer will ensure that the benefits that the current occupier (Denbighshire County Council & Denbigh Town Council) brings to the Town will continue and any future uses/occupiers can be selected by Denbigh Town Council to best suit the needs of the local community and ensure the sustainability of the programme and property going forward.
<b>Further actions required</b>	N/A

### 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>	The proposed asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall to Denbigh Town Council will ensure that services continue to be available to all members of the community irrespective of their protected characteristics.
<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	The proposed asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall to Denbigh Town Council will ensure that services continue to be available to all members of the community irrespective of their protected characteristics.
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	The proposed asset transfer would ensure the long term sustainability of the hall as a venue that hosts various health initiatives including the NERS (National Exercise Referral Scheme), operated by Denbighshire County Council, various exercise classes, dance, drama, choir and a range of educational / lifelong learning experiences.
<b>People in poverty</b>	None

### 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>	None
<b>People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage</b>	None
<b>Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes</b>	None
<b>People in poverty</b>	None

## A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	The proposed asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall to Denbigh Town Council will have an overall positive impact. The transfer will ensure that the benefits that the current occupier (Denbighshire County Council & Denbigh Town Council) brings to the Town will continue. The property will continue to be maintained and remain open and operational to support local events.
<b>Further actions required</b>	N/A

### Positive impacts identified:

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	Unknown
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	The transfer will ensure that the benefits that the current occupier (Denbighshire County Council & Denbigh Town Council) brings to the Town will continue and any future uses/occupiers can be selected by Denbigh Town Council to best suit the needs of the local community and ensure the sustainability of the programme and property going forward.
<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	The asset transfer proposal will ensure that this Grade II listed building, located in the town square, remains open and operational for community use. The internal and external elements of the property will continue to be maintained.
<b>Connected communities</b>	The transfer will allow Denbigh Town Council to make local decisions on the operation of the building rather than decisions for the County as a whole. The hall will continue to be used to support local events and activities that are important to the town.

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>Safe communities and individuals</b>	Unknown
<b>Community participation and resilience</b>	None
<b>The attractiveness of the area</b>	None
<b>Connected communities</b>	None

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

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Positive
<b>Justification for impact</b>	The proposed asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall to Denbigh Town Council will have an overall positive impact. The transfer will ensure that the benefits that the current occupier (Denbighshire County Council & Denbigh Town Council) brings to the Town will continue. The property will continue to promote Welsh language and culture and offer activities and events that support people using Welsh in the community.
<b>Further actions required</b>	N/A

**Positive impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	Denbigh has a high percentage of Welsh speaking residents and Denbigh Town Council will continue to promote the Welsh culture and language.
<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	Denbigh has a high percentage of Welsh speaking residents and Denbigh Town Council will continue to promote the Welsh culture and language.
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	Denbigh Town Hall plays host to a number of events throughout the year around culture and heritage, particularly local history. The hall is also used for Eisteddfod and other Welsh cultural events.

**Negative impacts identified:**

<b>People using Welsh</b>	None
<b>Promoting the Welsh language</b>	None
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	None

**A globally responsible Denbighshire**

<b>Overall Impact</b>	Neutral
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<b>Justification for impact</b>	The proposed asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall to Denbigh Town Council will have an overall neutral impact. The proposed transfer will see us working with and through others to not only sustain the current offer, but to enhance provision where possible in partnership with others, empowering and building capacity within communities to devolve more responsibility from the Local Authority. Key decisions on services will be made locally rather than nationally meeting the needs and aspirations of that community rather than the authority as a whole.
<b>Further actions required</b>	N/A

**Positive impacts identified:**

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

**Negative impacts identified:**

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