

School Maintenance Grant

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:	679
Brief description:	The Council were allocated an additional £1.388m in March 2019 for expenditure on schools building maintenance. The proposal provides a recommendation as to how this grant should be provisionally allocated.
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Responsible Service:	Education & Children Services
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	Denbighshire schools will benefit from the additional investment in the school estate.
Was this impact assessment completed as a group?	Yes

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

 (2 out of 4 stars) Actual score : 18 / 30.

Implications of the score

The proposals are for the allocation of resources on a needs basis based on existing building knowledge through building condition and suitability information. The proposals are for maintenance expenditure and this involves amendments or improvements to existing provision rather than direct amendments to provision. Therefore many factors regarding sustainability will not be directly impacted.

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

Positive

Neutral

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Main conclusions

The overall proposals due to their nature will have a neutral impact. Some elements will be positive but overall it would be difficult to justify a significant positive impact from a well-being perspective. Many of the schemes are of relatively low value and whilst the proposals will have a clear positive impact on the school estate as the proposals involve improving existing assets rather than amending provision the impact will be more neutral.

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

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The proposed works will improve the efficiency of the school estate and the investment may have a benefit in the short term on the local economy.
Further actions required	The scale of the works make additional benefits difficult to achieve.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society	Proposed works will impact on the energy efficiency of buildings.
Quality communications, infrastructure and transport	The proposed works will improve the condition of the schools estate and therefore improve its infrastructure.
Economic development	The additional expenditure may benefit the local economy subject to procurement routes.
Quality skills for the long term	Due to the nature of the proposed works there would be limited scope for community benefits and training packages based on works proposed.
Quality jobs for the long term	Due to the nature of the proposed works there would be limited scope for community benefits and training packages based on works proposed.
Childcare	

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society	
Quality communications, infrastructure and transport	
Economic development	
Quality skills for the long term	
Quality jobs for the long term	
Childcare	

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The works to be undertaken in certain areas will assist the reduction of energy and fuel consumption and assist a resilient Denbighshire.

Further actions required	The scale of the works make additional benefits difficult to achieve.
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Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment	
Biodiversity in the built environment	
Reducing waste, reusing and recycling	Where appropriate there will be requirement for recycling of building materials etc
Reduced energy/fuel consumption	Elements of the proposed works may improve the energy efficiency of buildings
People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity	
Flood risk management	

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment	
Biodiversity in the built environment	
Reducing waste, reusing and recycling	
Reduced energy/fuel consumption	
People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity	
Flood risk management	

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The proposals will have a limited impact on a healthier Denbighshire, improvements to buildings will have an impact on pupils health and wellbeing.
Further actions required	The scope of the proposed works will impact on maximising the positives

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being	Improvements to school buildings will support the health and well-being by providing an improved environment for learning.
Access to good quality, healthy food	
People's emotional and mental well-being	
Access to healthcare	
Participation in leisure opportunities	

Negative impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being	
Access to good quality, healthy food	
People's emotional and mental well-being	
Access to healthcare	
Participation in leisure opportunities	

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Overall the impact will be positive due to the improvements in access to buildings from some of the proposed works.
Further actions required	Issues around access will be considered by these schemes in addition to the block allocation for such works.

Positive impacts identified:

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	Some elements of the works will improve access arrangements for schools
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	
Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes	
People in poverty	

Negative impacts identified:

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	
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	
Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes	
People in poverty	

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Neutral
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Justification for impact	The proposals will have a neutral impact on a Denbighshire of cohesive communities. There will be some improvements to school site security through some of the work to be undertaken on a minor scale and this extent is the rationale behind a neutral impact.
Further actions required	These works will have limited impact and its difficult to seek additional positives

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals	Elements of work to school sites will improve the safety of pupils
Community participation and resilience	
The attractiveness of the area	
Connected communities	
Rural resilience	

Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals	
Community participation and resilience	
The attractiveness of the area	
Connected communities	
Rural resilience	

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The proposals within the allocation will involve some expenditure within welsh medium schools. However this will not have a significant impact on people using Welsh or promoting the Welsh Language.
Further actions required	The works will have limited impact on the welsh language

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh	
Promoting the Welsh language	
Culture and heritage	

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh	
Promoting the Welsh language	
Culture and heritage	

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The nature of the works with the proposals including over 30 potential schemes will provide low opportunity to securing community benefits. Existing frameworks will be used which involve some local contractors / suppliers.
Further actions required	The small scope of some of the works reduces opportunities in this area.

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	The works will have limited scope for community benefits as the majority of schemes will be of relatively low value less than £25k
Human rights	
Broader service provision in the local area or the region	

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	
Human rights	
Broader service provision in the local area or the region	