



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



Place – Supporting Environmental Resilience

Delivery Plan – 2019 / 20

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Priority	Focus Areas	Impact
Place - Supporting Environmental Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support people and communities to realise how important the natural environment is and understand what positive differences they can make to reduce their impact on it. Start to address environmental issues such as climate change by promoting ways we can all reduce our footprint such as recycling, improving energy efficiency, reducing carbon emissions and by generally being greener. Understand what each of our partner organisations are doing in term of addressing their ecological footprint. Consider what frameworks we are working towards and how we can bring this all together. As part of this we want to improve the energy efficiency of our buildings and facilities. Focus on sustainable procurement (in particular maximising community benefit and making sure we're not having an adverse impact on the environment when we're buying goods and services). 	<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.

Actions	DRAFT Measure of Success		When will it be completed?		
			Short Term (1 years)	Medium Term (2-3 years)	Long Term (4-5 years)
1. Develop a common environmental policy statement for PSB partners and identify key targets.	a. Carbon	See draft performance measures in position statement.	✓		
	b. Climate Change				
2. Develop a community green pledge scheme and work with partners to promote and encourage participation of the scheme.	Number of groups receiving information about the pledge.		✓		
	Number of hits to the Community Green Pledges webpage.				
	Number of communities who have successfully achieved: A) Bronze, b) Silver, C) Gold, D) Platinum status. To date: A) Bronze 1 B) Silver 1 C) Gold D) Platinum 1.				

WORKING DOCUMENT

	Case studies on what changes communities have made.			
	Number of areas the PSB have lobbied.			
3. Identify areas to lobby that are beyond the PSB's gift to make positive changes.	To be identified.	✓	✓	✓
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.	To be developed through the regional partnership sub groups.		✓	

RAG action key

Action not progressing / areas of concern have been raised		Action progressing and no concerns raised		Action complete	
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Action	Progress Update – February 2020	Performance		
1. Develop a common environmental policy statement for PSB partners and identify key targets.	<p>A Common Environmental Policy was approved by the PSB. The Environment working group was reconvened in January 2020, now chaired by NRW, to discuss the practicalities of commencing work. There is a firm commitment to collaborate, however to avoid duplication the Group felt that work on commitment 1 around Carbon and Energy should be deferred until the Welsh Government Guidance is published in March and that the data will need to mirror that guidance. Welsh Government Energy guidance on collecting data is being looked at by Energy Managers and a Consultancy Company Aether is piloting this. NWFRS are piloting this in March and April. We are still awaiting for further clarity from WG on how to measure scopes and what can be off set (sequestration).</p> <p>In the meantime, the group agreed to look at commitment 2 which includes biodiversity actions to see what they could collate for discussion at the next meeting (date tbc, likely April 2020)</p>	In progress		

Action	Progress Update – February 2020	Performance		
	<p>NRW expect to have £25K available for the Conwy and Denbighshire PSB in 2020/21. All group members were encouraged to think about opportunities for collaboration on projects, ideally linking to other PSB priorities, not just environmental resilience.</p> <p>£20K of the North Wales PSB support grant funding has been used to appoint Netherwood Sustainable Futures to advise on a North Wales Regional Climate Change Approach. This work will report in March and will include a review of existing climate change mitigation approaches, groups and activities across the four North Wales PSB areas. Netherwood Sustainable Futures is working closely with Regional Partnership Board during this time.</p>			
<p>2. Develop a community green pledge scheme and work with partners to promote and encourage participation of the scheme.</p>	<p>The Community Green Pledges were launched in January 2020. Three community pledges have been received so far and a press release is being developed to celebrate this. A series of communication has been developed for the year to keep the pledges in the public eye.</p> <p>At the Environment working group meeting all members agreed to continue to promote pledges within their organisations and through their work with partners and communities.</p>	Complete		
<p>3. Identify areas to lobby that are beyond the PSB’s gift to make positive changes.</p>	<p>A further update on the sea defence in old Colwyn will be presented at a future PSB meeting. No further areas for lobbying have been identified.</p>	In progress		
<p>4. Identify the community benefits from development (e.g. S106 agreements) through collaborative discussion.</p>	<p>We have responded to the WBFG Commissioner’s audit on procurement and evidencing the benefits of procurement – including the environmental benefits.</p>	Not progressed		
<p>5. Understand the ‘conflict’ between planning policy and environmental issues through collaborative discussion and seek local solutions.</p>	<p>No further developments have been made on this action in this period. To be developed through the regional partnership sub groups.</p> <p><i>However we need to gain a better understanding of the ‘conflict’ that has been raised between planning policy and consideration of environmental issues. This will be looked at in year two of the plan.</i></p>	In progress		

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.

PROJECT DELIVERY CONFIDENCE SUMMARY

Project Delivery Confidence Assessment:	
Green	Successful delivery of the project / programme to time, cost and quality appears highly likely and there are no major outstanding issues that at this stage appear to threaten delivery significantly.
Yellow	Successful delivery appears probable but significant issues already exist requiring management attention. These appear resolvable at this stage and if addressed promptly, should not present a cost / schedule overrun.
Orange	Successful delivery of the project / programme is in doubt with major risks or issues apparent in a number of key areas. Urgent action is needed to ensure these are addressed, and whether resolution is feasible.
Red	Successful delivery of the project / programme appears to be unachievable. There are major issues, which at this stage does not appear to be manageable or resolvable. The project / programme may need re-base lining and/or overall viability re-assessed.

Reasons for current delivery confidence
We are making good progress in delivering on action 1 and 2 of the priority. However as the work progresses, we need to ensure the PSB members appropriately resource the projects.

Previous Delivery Confidence Status

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Please outline any key events or milestones for the reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approving the policy statement document. • Launching the Green Pledges.

NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Please outline any key events or milestones expected for the next reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the regional environmental board (if approved) • Developing data for the position statement (if WG guidance published)