

Increase of School Meal Prices

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:	936
Brief description:	The Report on increasing the price of School Meals within Denbighshire County Council schools.
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Responsible Service:	Highways & Environmental Services
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	All Schools within Denbighshire County Council, parents & guardians of said pupils within Denbighshire County Council.
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 : 26 / 36.

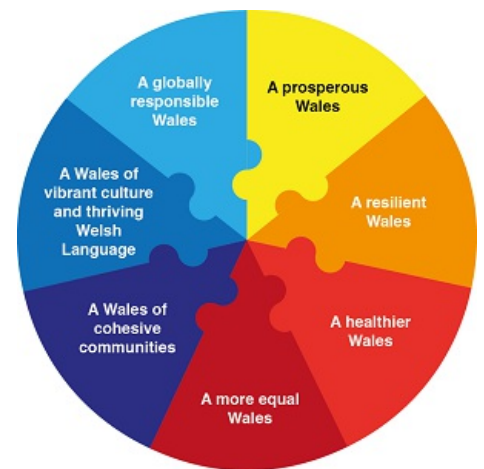
Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

Long term	The increase of School Meals will not directly affect some of the above questions, in particular the disposal of assets for example.
Prevention	The increase of School meals does not directly impact on the above questions.
Integration	The School Meal increase report will not directly affect the LDP plan and will only have limited impact on the well being goals.
Collaboration	With Finance Team regarding budgetary/financial advice input and Lifelong Learning regarding communications with DCC schools.
Involvement	We will adopt those principles which directly affect the School Meal Price increase report, which would be minimal.

Summary of impact

Well-being Goals

A prosperous Denbighshire	Neutral
A resilient Denbighshire	Neutral
A healthier Denbighshire	Positive
A more equal Denbighshire	Positive
A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Neutral
A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Neutral
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Positive



Main conclusions

There is still work to be done in the reduction of the food supply chain from outside Denbighshire, which in turn will reduce the overall carbon footprint of the service delivery.

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	Neutral
Justification for impact	The School meal increase report will have no impact on the above questions/section.
Further actions required	As above.

Positive impacts identified:

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

Negative impacts identified:

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

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The School Meal increase report will have no impact on the above section/questions.
Further actions required	As above.

Positive impacts identified:

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

Negative impacts identified:

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

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The Denbighshire School Catering Team is ranked in the top 5 in the UK, this is in part due to the healthy, affordable school meal service that it provides to all our our school children/pupils who use this service during their school day.
Further actions required	No negative points.

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being	N/a
Access to good quality, healthy food	Access to good quality and healthy school meals is important for every child's health, wellbeing and education.
People's emotional and mental well-being	As above
Access to healthcare	N/a

Participation in leisure opportunities	N/a
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Negative impacts identified:

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

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The School Catering Team through the Free School Meal system will ensure that all children who qualify for FSM receive a hot meal during their school day. The School Catering Team also provides the School Holiday Enrichment Project during school holidays, a project funded by the Welsh Government and promoted by the School Catering Team throughout DCC.
Further actions required	To encourage those families/guardians who may be entitled to FSM to claim FSM, despite any stigma associated with such an application. This work is continuous both with the schools and parents/guardians alike, even more so through the ongoing COVID pandemic.

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	N/a
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	N/a

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes	For those families/guardians who receive Free School Meals (FSM), there will be no impact as they will be entitled to FSM.
Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage	As above. School Holiday Enrichment Project (see across for more detail).

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	N/a
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	N/a
People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes	There will be families/guardians who will be on the cusp of qualifying for FSM but are not entitled, however the price of school meals (even with the price increase) within DCC will still be lower (in many cases) than our nearest neighbouring authorities in North Wales.
Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage	As above. DCC School catering service does promote the School Holiday Enrichment Project with all of our schools within DCC, which operates throughout the summer holidays for those children who may not be able to obtain a hot meal during the school holidays.

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	All our non applicable to this report.
Further actions required	As above.

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals	N/a
Community participation and resilience	N/a
The attractiveness of the area	N/a
Connected communities	N/a

Rural resilience	N/a
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Negative impacts identified:

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

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	Not applicable to this report.
Further actions required	Not applicable to this report.

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh	N/a
Promoting the Welsh language	N/a
Culture and heritage	N/a

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh	N/a
Promoting the Welsh language	N/a
Culture and heritage	N/a

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The School Catering team have worked hard in achieving the 40% local supply chain target, which in turn has brought the overall carbon footprint down for the service/authority and the cost of the actual food products themselves.
Further actions required	To continue to work with our suppliers/TUCO/procurement chain to reduce the overall carbon footprint for the School Catering service, work which is ongoing.

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	40% of the School Catering supply chain is local to Denbighshire.
Human rights	N/a

Broader service provision in the local area or the region	N/a
Reducing climate change	Our local supply chain of 40% reduces the overall carbon footprint of the School Catering service/DCC considerably.

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	60% of the School Catering supply chain is not local due to quantities involved and lack of local suppliers who are able to deliver quantities of food county wide.
Human rights	N/a
Broader service provision in the local area or the region	N/a
Reducing climate change	Work is still ongoing to reduce the carbon footprint of the remaining supply chain.