

Annwyl Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Conwy a Sir Ddinbych,

Adborth Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru ar gynllun llesiant drafft

Diolch am roi'r cyfle i Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC) ymateb i amcan llesiant drafft Conwy a Sir Ddinbych a'r gwrthrychol i wneud "Conwy a Sir Ddinbych yn lle mwy cyfartal gyda llai o amddifadedd" a'r cynllun drafft. Dylid nodi bod ein hymateb yn seiliedig ar gynllun drafft mwy manwl a rannwyd gydag aelodau Byrddau Gwasanaethau Busnes yn dilyn y cyfarfod Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Busnes ym mis Medi 2022, yn ogystal â'r cynllun drafft ar wefan yr ymgynghoriad.

Ar y cyfan, rydym ni'n hyderus bod y cynllun yn adlewyrchiad cywir o'r asesiad llesiant a'r trafodaethau a gynhaliwyd yn ystod y cyfarfodydd Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Busnes. Rydym ni hefyd yn falch o weld ei fod yn rhoi amser a chyfle i'r Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Busnes a'r is-grwpiau perthnasol weithio gyda phartneriaid hen a newydd i ddatblygu manylion critigol pellach yn ymwneud â blaenoriaethau ac amcanion penodol dros y 12 mis nesaf. Hoffem hefyd sôn am y perthnasau gweithio ardderchog ar lefel swyddogion ac aelodau.

Rydym ni'n cefnogi prif amcan y cynllun yn llawn ac yn nodi ei fod yn cynnig cyfleoedd clir i CNC gydweddu cyfran dda o'i flaenoriaethau a'i weithgareddau darparu, ac edrychwn ymlaen at weithio gyda'n gilydd i edrych ar ddulliau cydweithredol o weithio a sicrhau'r ymgysylltiad cymunedol gorau posibl.

Hoffem hefyd bwysleisio pwysigrwydd y dull arwain a gytunwyd ac a gefnogwyd gan y Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Busnes, a buasem yn hoffi hwn gael ei bwysleisio yn fuan yn y cynllun er mwyn cefnogi'r prif amcan mewn perthynas â'r ffyrdd o weithio.

Mae'n galonogol gweld cydnabyddiaeth o'r egwyddorion cynaliadwyedd a'r argyfwng hinsawdd yn amlwg ym mhopeth y mae'r Byrddau Gwasanaethau Busnes yn bwriadu ei wneud a bod y cynllun yn cydnabod yr heriau y mae'r rhain yn eu hachosi i'n cymunedau. Byddem hefyd yn awyddus i weld yr un statws yn cael ei roi i'r argyfwng natur ac i ddod ag arbenigedd ynghyd i helpu i lywio gwaith y Byrddau Gwasanaethau Busnes.

Rydym yn amgau atodiad gyda sylwadau ar 4 thema'r cynllun llesiant drafft o dan y llythyr hwn. Er mwyn darparu cymorth wedi'i dargedu a'i gydlynu i'r holl Fyrddau Gwasanaethau Busnes, mae adborth CNC yn defnyddio'r categorïau canlynol:

- (i) Eitemau sy'n arbennig neu'n arwyddocaol ac yn benodol i leoliad
- (ii) Asesu a dadansoddi llesiant amgylcheddol
- (iii) Tueddiadau'r dyfodol
- (iv) Cymhwyso'r Asesiad o Risgiau Newid Hinsawdd i Gymru (CCRA3)
- (v) Anghydraddoldebau rhwng cymunedau a datguddiad i risgiau amgylcheddol

Mae'r categorïau hyn yn deillio o [Rhannu Pwrpas: Rhannu Dyfodol: Canllawiau Statudol ar gyfer Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol \(Cymru\) 2015 \(SPSF3\)](#) ar rôl gytûn Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus. Mae CNC yn defnyddio'r categorïau hyn i asesu llesiant amgylcheddol a ddarperir yn [Adroddiad o Gyflwr Adnoddau Naturiol 2020](#) fel sail ar gyfer adborth ar y broses o gynllunio llesiant.

Mae'r dull hwn yn helpu i adrodd hanes datblygiad Cynllun Llesiant Byrddau Gwasanaethau Busnes er mwyn galluogi aelodau Bwrdd CNC i ddeall a chymeradwyo pob cynllun llesiant. Bydd Cynllun Llesiant Conwy a Sir Ddinbych yn mynd gerbron cyfarfod Bwrdd CNC ym mis Ionawr 2023, gyda dyddiad cau i'w gyflwyno i CNC erbyn dydd Llun 12 Rhagfyr.

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Yn gywir,



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Dear Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board,

RE: Draft well-being plan feedback from Natural Resource Wales

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Conwy and Denbighshire draft well-being plan and objective "Conwy and Denbighshire to be more equal place with less deprivation". You should note that our response is informed by the more detailed draft plan shared with PSB members after the September 2022 PSB meeting, as well as the draft plan on the consultation website.

Overall, we are confident that the plan accurately reflects the well-being assessment and the discussions held at PSB meetings. We are also pleased to see that it allows the PSB, and relevant sub-groups, time and opportunity to work with new and old partners to develop further critical detail around specific priorities and objectives over the next 12 months. We would also like mention the excellent working relationships at both officer and member levels.

We fully support the plan's main objective and note that it offers clear opportunities for NRW to align a good proportion of its priorities and delivery, and we look forward to working together to explore collaborative ways of working and maximising community engagement.

We would also like to stress the importance of the leadership approach agreed and championed by the PSB and wonder if we should see this upfront in the plan supporting the main objective in relation to ways of working.

We are encouraged to see the recognition of the sustainability principles and the climate emergency at the fore of everything that the PSB intends to do and that the plan acknowledges the challenges that these present to our communities. We would also be keen to see the same status applied to the nature emergency and to bring expertise together to help inform delivery for the PSB.

We attach an appendix with comments on the draft well-being plan 4 key themes below this letter. In order to provide targeted and coordinated support to all Public Services Boards (PSBs), NRW feedback uses the following categories:

- (i) Items which are special or significant and distinct to place;
- (ii) Assessment and analysis of environmental well-being;
- (iii) Future trends;
- (iv) Application of the Climate Change Risk Assessment for Wales (CCRA3); and
- (v) Inequalities between communities and exposure to environmental risk

These categories are drawn from the Welsh Government's [Shared Purpose Shared Future: Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(SPSF3\)](#), on the collective role of PSBs. NRW is using these categories for assessing

Environmental well-being provided in the [State of Natural Resources Report \(SoNaRR2020\)](#) to inform feedback on the well-being planning process.

This approach helps tell the story of each PSB Well-being Plan development in order that our NRW Board members can understand and approve each well-being plan. The Conwy and Denbighshire Well-being Plan will go to the January 2023 meeting of the NRW Board, with a deadline for submission to NRW by Monday 12th December.

Please contact Helen Millband helen.millband@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk for further information.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex: NRW response to Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board draft well-being plan

NRW looks forward to working with the PSB to develop priorities already identified in the [North West](#) and [North East](#) Wales Area Statements, which can contribute to themes in the draft plan.

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- (ix) Application of the Climate Change Risk Assessment for Wales (CCRA3) and
- (x) Inequalities between communities and exposure to environmental risk

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1. Conwy and Denbighshire draft plan theme: Well-being – communities are happier, healthier and more resilient of challenges such as climate change and rising cost of living

- This theme recognises the important well-being benefits that the natural resources in Conwy and Denbighshire can provide and that steps are needed to further protect and enhance biodiversity.
- It also recognises steps can be taken to support sustainable and green transport plans, decrease carbon emissions, and encourage equal access to green and blue space and support communities to mitigate and cope with impacts of climate change.

NRW is keen to support the PSB to develop more detail around these steps during the first 12 months of the plan development, which will contribute towards the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources associated with good **environmental well-being**, as measured by the four aims of SMNR:

1. Safeguard and enhance stocks of natural resources
2. Improve the health of our ecosystems
3. Reduce communities' exposure to environmental risks
4. Incentivise a regenerative local economy whereby the environmental impacts of production and consumption are reduced

Examples of next steps to develop the theme:

- The PSB undertakes a local climate change risk assessment by systematically reviewing the risks identified in the [Climate Change Risk Assessment \(CCRA3\) Evidence Report: Summary for Wales](#). This assessment, which would consider socio-economic and environmental information, can support the PSB to identify spatial locations where adaptation should be prioritised. **[Climate Change Risk Assessment for Wales CCRA3 and Environmental well-being aim 3]**
- More community engagement around the climate and nature emergency to identify local priorities for resilience and action.
- Encourage communities to decarbonise, take collective actions to improve energy efficiency and re-use materials. **[Environmental well-being aim 1]**
- The short document “**Addressing the Nature and Climate Emergencies – A Summary of steps to take for Public Services Boards**” sent with this response is a useful resource.
- Work with the PSB to identify mechanisms to inform and influence better use of local natural assets. This approach could connect the well-being needs of communities with initiatives which enhance and safeguard the naturalness of local spaces **[Special or significant and distinct to place]**. Also consider opportunities to increase extent and connect habitats and reduce local pressures (e.g. invasive non-native species, pollution, habitat loss) on these spaces. **[Environmental well-being aim 2]**
- Reducing fuel and food poverty are specifically mentioned as medium-term successes for this theme. We also recognise there are opportunities to start identifying steps that will safeguard food and energy in the longer term and protect natural resources by taking a systems approach to enable transformative change. The same applies to transport systems. **[Environmental well-being aim 4]**

2. Conwy and Denbighshire draft plan theme: Economy – there is a flourishing economy, supported by a skilled workforce

- This theme recognises steps can be taken to develop a green economy as part of stimulating economic growth, including links with Ambition North Wales and North Wales Growth Deal projects.

The PSB should seek to take a more inclusive and innovative approach to measuring economic benefit and success, both locally and working in collaboration regionally. By measuring our wealth in terms of all assets, including natural assets, ‘inclusive wealth’ provides a clear and coherent measure that corresponds directly with the well-being of current and future generations.

- The PSB has an opportunity to influence how the green economy and sustainable tourism can support the local economy, to protect and improve rather than impact

on the environment while bringing in new opportunities and increased skilled work to the area. This could be identified as a success measure for this theme.

[Environmental well-being aim 4]

- This theme also recognises the importance of supporting socially responsible public procurement which can benefit the local supply chain. As well as benefits to the local supply chain, this procurement approach can benefit environmental well-being by starting to promote a circular economy. **[Environmental well-being aim 4]**

3. Conwy and Denbighshire draft plan theme: Equality – those with protected characteristics face fewer barriers

- The plan recognises the impacts of Climate Change will increase inequalities within our communities and the PSB should ensure that there is opportunity to consider these inequalities while developing the well-being plan over the next 12 months. These include:

- Ensure that the transition to a net zero Wales is carefully managed to be both equitable and fair. **[Inequalities]**

The need to decarbonise our economy and communities will have impacts on industries, sectors of the workforce and socio-economic groups. PSBs have an important role in understanding the social, environmental, economic and cultural consequences of the transition and to consider, in an integrated way, how local well-being will be impacted by the transition required now and in the future.

- Reducing communities' exposure to environmental harm to those most vulnerable. Ensuring that the most vulnerable communities who are exposed to multiple health inequalities are surrounded by an environment that makes managing and taking actions to improve health and well-being easier, for example reducing communities' exposure to air pollution and flooding. **[Inequalities]**
- This theme currently states the contribution of the well-being goals of **A More Equal Wales**; and **A Wales of Cohesive Communities**, and through widening the equality theme there is an opportunity to maximise the contribution to the other well-being goals.
- NRW would like to see the PSB increase engagement with communities to support their understanding of and contribution to resilience.
- NRW is keen to work with others to increase equality of access and experience to the natural environment.

4. Conwy and Denbighshire draft plan theme: Housing – there is improved access to good quality housing

- There is an opportunity to not only have good quality housing but ensure that housing is low carbon and resilient to the impacts of climate change. Such measures can reduce costs through reducing energy bills, be water efficient as well as supporting decarbonisation and future impacts of climate events. [**Inequalities; Environmental well-being aim 1**]
- The plan recognises access for green spaces is important, we would also emphasise the accessibility to blue spaces, including the coastal and marine environment, and the well-being benefits this would bring.
- As well as accessibility to housing it is important to develop connectivity of those homes within the community and to services and to consider opportunities for sustainable transport. [**Environmental well-being aim 4**]
- NRW would support an approach that would bring together new and old partners to review innovative approaches to housing provision and upgrading.
- This theme currently states the contribution of the well-being goals of **A More Equal Wales**; and **A Healthier Wales**, and through widening the opportunities there is an opportunity to maximise the contribution to the other well-being goals.

Future Trends – applicable to all themes

- The plan clearly states the PSB will focus on areas where collaboratively member organisations can make a difference and have a long-term impact.
- Futures thinking techniques should inform PSB ways of working throughout the five-year planning cycle.
- This approach should help the PSB take account of what we know about the future by balancing short- and long-term needs. Futures thinking can also help the PSB to begin to identify and address the root cause of the issues faced thereby focussing resource towards areas where there is a high risk of a problem occurring and taking preventative rather than reactive action.