



Capital Investment - Essential H&S Works to Buildings 2023/24: 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: 1165

Brief description: The maintenance program will ensure that Council buildings are safe, secure and energy efficient. The delivery of the programme of works will protect Denbighshire County Council's assets, workforce, school children and residents. Works identified on the programme may also lead to savings in future maintenance and running costs.

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Localities affected by the proposal: Whole County,

Who will be affected by the proposal? All schools and non-schools building users

Was this impact assessment completed as a group? No

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 : 33 / 36.

Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

Long term

The programme is fundamental to ensure the Council meets its statutory obligations in terms of accommodation to deliver services across the corporate spectrum. As an example, poor maintenance of educational and leisure facilities etc. will impact negatively on the delivery of statutory and non statutory services which improve the prospects and wellbeing of DCC residents and in some cases the commercial viability of providing opportunities for growth within the public and private sector.

Prevention

The maintenance of building fabric and systems is essential in reducing heating & power needs. Where possible, increased levels of insulation are incorporated into the proposed works and any upgrading of heating and/or power systems incorporates more modern & efficient equipment and controls.

Integration

Poor maintenance of educational and leisure facilities will impact negatively on the delivery of statutory and non statutory services which improve the prospects and wellbeing of DCC residents. Our works program will prevent negative impacts.

Collaboration

The program is focussed on Denbighshire schools and non-school users only. We work closely with schools finance and property managers to develop our plan.

Involvement

We aim to offer clear, achievable projects to our customers. By engaging with them and applying the principles, we will develop a compliant plan.

Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
A prosperous Denbighshire	Positive
A resilient Denbighshire	Positive
A healthier Denbighshire	Positive
A more equal Denbighshire	Positive
A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Positive
A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Positive
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Positive

Main conclusions

Council buildings that are safe, secure and energy efficient. The delivery of the programme of works will protect Denbighshire County Council's assets, workforce, school children and residents. Works identified on the programme may also lead to savings in future maintenance and running costs.

The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The programme will ensure Council buildings comply with H&S legislation and improve the energy efficiency of the building stock.

Further actions required

Where practical (i.e. following a cost benefit analysis) specify suitable energy efficient materials and equipment. Contractors to provide details of their waste management procedures wherever practical.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society

The maintenance of building fabric and systems is essential in reducing heating & power needs. Where possible, increased levels of insulation are incorporated into the proposed works and any upgrading of heating and/or power systems incorporates more modern & efficient equipment and controls.

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

[TEXT HERE]

Economic development

The works programme will provide opportunities for the local contracting community and help deliver wider community benefits such as training and employment opportunities created via the procurement process.

Local supply chains will be supported in terms of both specific materials and labour and supporting

local employment.

Quality skills for the long term

Maintenance framework set up by Property will be utilised to deliver elements of this programme. Reporting on KPI's is embedded into this framework and will be regularly monitored to ensure the providers are delivering the committed community benefits which include training, apprenticeships and up skilling their work force.

Improved educational facilities will help deliver the curriculum and improve educational standards.

Quality jobs for the long term

Opportunity for the local contracting community and help deliver wider community benefits such as training and employment opportunities

Improve and enhance the working environment for employees including school teaching and support staff and also provide improved facilities for pupils and customers of the Council. Investment in this programme will provide the local contracting community with an opportunity to invest in their staff and offer training placement to the wider community where applicable.

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Childcare

Maintaining the Council's property stock provides buildings which are suitable for a range of service delivery requirements, including pre/after school clubs, youth centres, schools and leisure centres which contribute to the education and wellbeing of children in controlled environments.

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society

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Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

[TEXT HERE]

Economic development

[TEXT HERE]

Quality skills for the long term

[TEXT HERE]

Quality jobs for the long term

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Childcare

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A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

Buildings that are compliant with H&E legislation and provide safe and suitable working, learning, leisure and customer environments.

Further actions required

N/A

Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

[TEXT HERE]

Biodiversity in the built environment

No impact foreseen on biodiversity, where individual projects are identified that may impact on the biodiversity, consultation will be carried out with the Ecology Officer and an Ecologist may be appointed to advise in such cases.

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

Larger project will require contractors to provide and comply with their waste management plan, which sets out how they intend to deal with waste associated with a project.

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

Upgrading / improving the building services and fabric of our school stock will create more energy efficient buildings and therefore lower carbon emissions

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

[TEXT HERE]

Flood risk management

[TEXT HERE]

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

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Biodiversity in the built environment

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Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

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Reduced energy/fuel consumption

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People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

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Flood risk management

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A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

Buildings that are compliant with H&E legislation and provide safe and suitable working, learning, leisure and customer environments.

Further actions required

N/A

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

Poor maintenance of educational and leisure facilities will impact negatively on the delivery of statutory and non statutory services which improve the prospects and wellbeing of DCC residents.

Access to good quality, healthy food

Well maintained school kitchens provide healthy meals to children during school term.

People's emotional and mental well-being

Well maintained educational facilities contribute to learning opportunities including access to educational and health care professionals

Access to healthcare

Maintaining office accommodation to provide potential space sharing opportunities with health agencies etc.

Participation in leisure opportunities

Ensures well maintained and updated leisure provision via Leisure Centres, Youth Clubs, Libraries and public realm.

Negative impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

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Access to good quality, healthy food

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People's emotional and mental well-being

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Access to healthcare

[TEXT HERE]

Participation in leisure opportunities

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A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The work packages have potential to address physical shortfalls in access to services for all.

Further actions required

N/A

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

Larger improvement schemes will encompass accessibility improvements across all portfolios.

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

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People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

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Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

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People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

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People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

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Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

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A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

Improvements to the internal and external fabric and appearance of buildings and open spaces will ensure safe use and improve the visual appearance of public areas.

Further actions required

N/A

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

The works will address identified H&S issues within the Council's building stock

Community participation and resilience

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The attractiveness of the area

Improvements to the external appearance of buildings and open spaces, including improving access, will enhance the appearance of street scenes and public realm

Connected communities

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Rural resilience

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Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

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Community participation and resilience

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The attractiveness of the area

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Connected communities

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Rural resilience

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A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

Opportunities to communicate in Welsh and promote the language via bilingual signs, public notices etc. are incorporated into the contract tenders & awards.

Further actions required

N/A

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh

Well maintained buildings enhance learning opportunities and interpretation opportunities. All tendering of works includes opportunities to communicate via the medium of Welsh.

Promoting the Welsh language

All site information boards etc. are bilingual. Welsh Language Standards are promoted through contracts

Culture and heritage

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Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh

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Promoting the Welsh language

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Culture and heritage

[TEXT HERE]

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

Opportunities for local growth, reduced carbon emissions, more attractive and safer buildings and open spaces are maximised wherever possible and the nature of the works undertaken is to maintain and improve service provision from the Council and its partner organisations.

Further actions required

N/A

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

Opportunities for the local contracting community and help deliver wider community benefits such as training and employment opportunities. Where applicable, OJEU compliant tendering is undertaken

Human rights

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Broader service provision in the local area or the region

[TEXT HERE]

Reducing climate change

Upgrading / improving the building services and fabric of our school stock will create more energy efficient buildings and therefore lower carbon emissions

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

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Human rights

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Broader service provision in the local area or the region

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Reducing climate change

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