

## **How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

- It supports the Well-being of Future generations (Wales) Act 2015.
- **Community Benefits** are a key priority for the project. The project must also deliver on the commitment to securing economies of scale, continuous improvement and efficiencies through procuring projects through a framework approach.

The Framework will continue to support priorities within the current (2022-2027) Denbighshire Corporate Plan in terms of:

**A Denbighshire of quality housing that meets people's needs-** All Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme projects delivered through the framework will be at a minimum of BREEAM Excellent (BRE Environmental Assessment Method, which is the leading and most widely used environmental assessment method for buildings).

**A prosperous Denbighshire** – Zero waste and carbon reduction initiatives will be essential part of the Framework KPIs, energy efficient buildings with the use of new technologies to achieve efficient low emissions.

**A healthier and happier, caring Denbighshire** - The NWCF3 will continue to maximise the benefits delivered by projects to the local community.

**A learning and growing Denbighshire** - The Framework successfully attained CITBs accolade of National Skills Academy for Construction (NSAFC) enabling each of the Council's on the Framework to use the methodology for the monitoring and delivery of Community Benefits.

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element of community benefits has a core approach and other elements be non-core and these will be set out in the terms and conditions in the individual contracts and the framework management will ensure sound contract management to deliver the wider benefit's set out below:

- Training and employment targets – work experience, mentoring, training in line with the NSAfC
- Embed the use of the Fair Payment Charter and promote and encourage prompt payment of sub-contractors
- Consider opportunities for supported businesses
- Education – work placements, volunteering at school / college open day events, school visits
- Work experience programmes
- Community Initiatives – e.g. supporting local youth groups and community
- Standardisation of tender documentation

Each local authority will determine their own specific needs to ensure the contract conditions for each project specify are relevant. This allows flexibility in the process and can be tailored to each specific project and local authority's needs, whilst delivering the community benefits from this investment across the region.

**A better connected Denbighshire-** Through collaboration with the local supply chain, work experience programmes, supported businesses and community initiatives.

**A greener Denbighshire-** By supporting the reduction of carbon emissions from Council assets through the delivery of new and refurbished buildings. It will also contribute to the adoption of Zero Carbon initiatives that enable procuring bodies to manage the carbon footprint of their asset, as well as providing training to Clients and the Supply chain. Introducing a mechanism to identify baseline carbon emissions from its Contractors, reviewing the annual reduction targets of their main contractors including their supply chain and reviewing their performance against achieving Net Zero Carbon

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**A fairer, safe, and more equal Denbighshire-** By using NWCF3 as a lever to deliver Community Benefits that support people to plan and shape their community's resilience. By continuing to build schools via the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme and ensuring that each contract provides opportunities to develop skills, work experience, career advice and mentoring, as well as creating local sustainable employment.

**A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language-** It contributes toward the Council's commitment to support the local economy by enabling local supply chain growth. New Welsh language Schools will be procured through the Framework as part of the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme.

**A well-run, high performing council-** Nurture and promote a common collaborative environment of industry-leading best practices and continuous improvement, working towards Net Zero Carbon emissions