

Statement of Licensing Policy: 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: 1137

Brief description: Implementing a updated version of the statutory Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003

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Responsible Service: Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services

Localities affected by the proposal: Whole County,

Who will be affected by the proposal? All licensed premises, responsible authorities under the Act, members of the public

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

2 out of 4 stars

Actual score : 22 / 36.

Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

Long term

The Licensing Policy that will be applied when exercising the functions under the Licensing Act 2003. The Statement, published at least every five years, will inform interested parties of the principles the licensing authority proposes to apply when exercising its functions under the Act and in consideration of the licensing objectives: • The Prevention of Crime and Disorder • Public Safety • The Prevention of Public Nuisance • The Protection of Children from Harm

Prevention

The policy will help stakeholders provide a legitimate business operating in a fair-trading environment. A thriving night-time economy can support less travel and support local economy.

Integration

The Policy covers a major part of the economy for Denbighshire in the form of regulating hospitality services in the county, thus contributing to corporate priorities and other responsible authorities' objectives (e.g. Public Health, North Wales Police etc.)

Collaboration

The Statement of Licensing Policy has been subject to a period of public and stakeholder consultation.

Involvement

Whilst there has been widespread public consultation the policy (and legislation) outlines how representations can be made against issues arising from licensed premises. Consultation followed most of the National Principles.

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	Neutral
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Positive

Main conclusions

The Policy has positive impact generally as it seeks to guide business to understand the expectation of licensed premises and the management thereof. The Policy cannot dictate operational practices unless they fail to meet licensing conditions and /or obligations.

Where any failures are found the policy outlines enforcement options to achieve compliance.

This policy will be continually reviewed with an obligation to re-publish every five years. or sooner if any part requires updating

The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The policy helps business understand the licensing authority's stance on licensed premise. This aids fair competition and so contributes to local thriving economy.

Further actions required

Ensure policy is relevant as is permitted under legislation and where necessary enforceable.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society

Thriving hospitality sector can encourage local to stay local and therefore reduce travel or use local travel options.

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

N/A

Economic development

Assists business understand obligations.

Quality skills for the long term

Policy encourages good practice is to invest in training staff

Quality jobs for the long term

Thriving business provide sustainable employment.

Childcare

N/A

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society

Could encourage more travel into towns.

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

N/A

Economic development

If not set at appropriate level, then could become draconian and deter business.

Quality skills for the long term

N/A

Quality jobs for the long term

N/A

Childcare

N/A

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The Policy highlights to individuals and businesses their obligation to environmental issues. It reiterates that applications will be determined on its own merits and the proposals would not adversely affect the environmental quality

Further actions required

Policy assists in enforcement where licensed premises fail to meet conditions imposed on them

Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

Policy seeks to highlight the duty of licensees to reduce to a minimum noise and light pollution. Outlines the considerations for granting a licence.

Biodiversity in the built environment

Generally licensed premises are usually existing buildings or if new would fall under Planning constraints

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

Whilst the policy is not directly concerned with waste disposal it highlights to licensees / prospective applicants their duty for waste management and antisocial behaviour

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

Safe environment encourages local people to use local businesses

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 Policy seeks to have a level of control for alcohol supply and consumption across the County.

Further actions required

Policy assists in enforcement where licensed premises fail meet conditions imposed on them

Positive impacts identified:**A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

Provide safe environments for people to socialise. Policy aims to prevent any negative social impact. Provides guidance on managing alcohol misuse and outlines expectations in respect of locations for licensed premises

Access to good quality, healthy food

N/A

People's emotional and mental well-being

Outlines expectations for licenses so as keep impact on communities low

Access to healthcare

Policy outlines expectation of first aiders and, for larger premises, other equipment such as defibrillator.

Participation in leisure opportunities

N/A

Negative impacts identified:**A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

N/a

Access to good quality, healthy food

Policy only controls the timings of sale of food and not the quality.

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 Policy reminds applicants / licence holders of the due regard of the Equality Act and the need to consider all aspects of equality in their business.

Further actions required

Policy assists in enforcement where licensed premises fail meet conditions imposed on them

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

Policy looks to encourage licence holders to provide facilities enabling the admission of people so as not to discriminate.

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

Policy does not seek to discriminate but rather to ensure licensing objectives are met equally across business.

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

Policy does not seek to discriminate but rather to ensure licensing objectives are met equally across business.

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

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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

N/A

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

N/A

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The Policy aims to help individuals understand the local expectations in managing licensed premises and does not discriminate against any type of business.

Further actions required

The Policy allows all types business to operate to the same standard, including local community business.

Positive impacts identified:**Safe communities and individuals**

Policy seeks to consider licensing objectives at all times.

Community participation and resilience

Policy seeks to consider licensing objectives at all times, whether for business or community. Consultation of policy allows for individuals to be heard.

The attractiveness of the area

Thriving hospitality sector well run can attract visitors.

Connected communities

The Policy allows all types business to operate to the same standard, including local community business.

Rural resilience

The Policy allows all types business to operate to the same standard, including rural business.

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

The Policy guides businesses in their understanding of licensing requirements. The Policy does not have any positive or negative impacts, save for the mandatory production of bilingual documents.

Further actions required

N/A

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh

N/A

Promoting the Welsh language

All relevant documents produced bilingual format. Policy is bilingual

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 Policy supports other organisations objectives.

Further actions required

N/A

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

A thriving local hospitality trade can attract local business for local supply and also assist in local transport delivery e.g. taxis

Human rights

Policy helps other organisations deliver their policy objectives (e.g. Home Office Immigration)

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

Policy should assist other in their objectives - Public Health, Crime and disorder - as they are part of consultation and help draft the policy

Reducing climate change

N/A

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

N/A

Human rights

N/A

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

N/A

Reducing climate change

N/A