



Treasury Management Update Report 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.

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Brief description: An update on the Treasury Management activities for 2023/24.

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Responsible Service: Finance and Audit Services

Localities affected by the proposal: Whole County,

Who will be affected by the proposal? Proposals have little or no direct impact on the vast majority of residents as the strategy involves managing the Council's investments and borrowing.

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 : 23 / 36.

Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

Long term

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

Prevention

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

Integration

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

Collaboration

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

Involvement

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area.

Summary of impact

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

Main conclusions

An effective Treasury Management strategy ensures that the Council's investment and borrowing decisions will contribute towards the goal of maximising income and minimising costs which supports efficient service delivery.

The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

An effective Treasury Management strategy ensures that the Council's investment and borrowing decisions will contribute towards the goal of maximising income and minimising costs which supports efficient service delivery.

Further actions required

Sound financial planning and efficient long term treasury management strategies ensure that the positive impact of this report on the County's prosperity is maximised.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society

Not applicable

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

Financial planning and decision making ensures that proper consideration of the long term impact of financial decisions is given, including the payback period and whole life costs of capital investment decisions, properly impact assessed budget proposals and long term debt and investment (treasury management) strategies.

Economic development

The Treasury Management strategy and Prudential Indicators ensure that the Council's cash is safeguarded as much as possible by making investments in banks recommended in the annual strategy statement.

Quality skills for the long term

The strategy ensures that the Council's borrowing is monitored and is within set limits and is affordable. It identifies current financing requirements for the Capital Plan and estimates the proposed capital requirements for the next three financial years.

Quality jobs for the long term

Sound investment and borrowing decisions relating to the Council's cash will maximise the Council's income within the guidelines set in the Treasury Management strategy.

Childcare

The Prudential Indicators are a statutory requirement which demonstrate the affordability of our plans and contribute towards the overall financial wellbeing of Denbighshire.

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society

Not applicable

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

Not applicable

Economic development

Not applicable

Quality skills for the long term

Not applicable

Quality jobs for the long term

Not applicable

Childcare

Not applicable

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

A sound Treasury Management strategy ensures that the Council's cash is secure and new borrowing is affordable. It also enables the Council to react quickly to market volatility by continual monitoring of the financial institutions throughout the year.

Further actions required

Good investment decisions will help the Council to develop more efficient working practices which will use less resources which will help to maximise the positive impact of this report on the County's resilience.

Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

Not applicable

Biodiversity in the built environment

Not applicable

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

Good investment decisions will help the Council to develop more efficient working practices which will use less resources.

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

The strategy is set at the start of the financial year but it is monitored carefully throughout the year to ensure that the Council reacts quickly to any market volatility and the impact on the banking institutions.

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

Not applicable

Flood risk management

Not applicable

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

Not applicable

Biodiversity in the built environment

Not applicable

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

Not applicable

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

Not applicable

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

Not applicable

Flood risk management

Not applicable

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

Proposals have little or no direct impact on the vast majority of residents as the strategy involves managing the Council's investments and borrowing.

Further actions required

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.

Positive impacts identified:

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

Not applicable

Access to good quality, healthy food

Not applicable

People's emotional and mental well-being

Not applicable

Access to healthcare

Not applicable

Participation in leisure opportunities

The strategy contributes to the overall financial health of Denbighshire and therefore supports the delivery of the annual budget.

Negative impacts identified:

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

Not applicable

Access to good quality, healthy food

Not applicable

People's emotional and mental well-being

Not applicable

Access to healthcare

Not applicable

Participation in leisure opportunities

Not applicable

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

A good treasury management strategy contributes to the overall financial resilience of the Council and supports the on-going work of the Authority without impacting on residents.

Further actions required

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.

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

Not applicable

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

Not applicable

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

An efficient treasury management strategy contributes to the financial resilience of the Council and supports service delivery.

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

Not applicable

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

Not applicable

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

Not applicable

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

A good treasury management strategy contributes to the overall financial resilience of the Council and supports the on-going work of the Authority without impacting on residents.

Further actions required

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

Not applicable

Community participation and resilience

Not applicable

The attractiveness of the area

Not applicable

Connected communities

Not applicable

Rural resilience

Not applicable

Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

Not applicable

Community participation and resilience

Not applicable

The attractiveness of the area

Not applicable

Connected communities

Not applicable

Rural resilience

Not applicable

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

A good treasury management strategy contributes to the overall financial resilience of the Council and supports the on-going work of the Authority. It has no direct impact on the language and the culture because any treasury management decisions are based on the treasury strategy and advice from financial consultants.

Further actions required

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh

Not applicable

Promoting the Welsh language

Not applicable

Culture and heritage

Not applicable

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh

Not applicable

Promoting the Welsh language

Not applicable

Culture and heritage

Not applicable

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

A good treasury management strategy contributes to the overall financial resilience of the Council and supports the on-going work of the Authority. It has no direct impact on the local area.

Further actions required

The impact of this report is neutral in this particular area so this is not applicable.

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

Not applicable

Human rights

All investments are undertaken from national institutions in line with the strategy and financial advice. The strategy determines the institutions with the minimum credit rating which the Authority is permitted to invest with.

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

All borrowing is undertaken from central Government as detailed in the strategy and in line with other local authorities.

Reducing climate change

Not applicable

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

Not applicable

Human rights

Not applicable

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

Not applicable

Reducing climate change

Not applicable