



## **Asset Management Strategy 2024-2029: 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:** 1358

**Brief description:** Asset Management Strategy

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**Responsible Service:** Corporate Support Service: Performance, Digital and Assets

**Localities affected by the proposal:** Whole County,

**Who will be affected by the proposal?** All DCC Services

**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 : 32 / 36.**

### Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

#### Long term

All decisions made in relation to council properties are guided by the following underlying principle: We will provide the right buildings, in the right place, and in the right condition to meet current and projected future service delivery needs To this end, the new Asset Management Strategy has sought to align asset plans with the council's strategic priorities, making sure that our property assets play a key role in delivering on these priorities.

#### Prevention

Climate & Ecological Change Strategy – which would include improving energy performance of buildings, reducing the overall building footprint, facilitating reduced travel, increasing carbon sequestration from existing and new properties, improving biodiversity on our sites, etc.

#### Integration

Regeneration – where the council is directly intervening in the property market to promote regeneration and economic development, particularly in town centres. Modernising Education – delivered primarily by Education, but will involve significant investment in our school buildings over the next five years.

#### Collaboration

This Asset Management Strategy has sought to align various asset plans with the council's strategic priorities, making sure that our property assets play a key role in delivering on these priorities.

## Involvement

2. Encourage and enable everyone affected to be involved, if they so choose. 3. Engagement is planned and delivered in a timely and appropriate way. 5. The information provided will be jargon free, appropriate and understandable. 6. Make it easier for people to take part. 7. Enable people to take part effectively. 10. Learn and share lessons to improve the process of engagement.

## Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
<a href="#">A prosperous Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A resilient Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A healthier Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A more equal Denbighshire</a>	Neutral
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of cohesive communities</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A globally responsible Denbighshire</a>	Positive

## Main conclusions

Interaction and collaboration between services is key in identifying and addressing areas of success and opportunities for improvement. Periodic review of the report content will also ensure it remains relevant and applicable.

In order to manage any actions arising from this impact assessment, we may consider the establishment of a property officers forum to ensure there is regular and effective communication between key partner organisations and opportunities for joint working are identified and delivered.

## **The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.**

### **A prosperous Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

It should have a positive impact on collaboration across services and on the council's finances

#### **Further actions required**

Periodic review of the report to ensure up to date information and proactive reaction to the changing climate.

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **A low carbon society**

Identifying opportunities for green initiatives

##### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

Identifying opportunities for improving infrastructure & ICT etc.

##### **Economic development**

Identifying areas for improvement e.g. investment in commercial opportunities

##### **Quality skills for the long term**

Opportunities for communities and joint working across services

##### **Quality jobs for the long term**

Close collaboration between services and external organisations

**Childcare**

Working with education and other services to create better environments

**Negative impacts identified:**

**A low carbon society**

Working directly with services should reduce any negative impacts

**Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

Missed opportunities due to size of the project

**Economic development**

could possibly miss some opportunities

**Quality skills for the long term**

None anticipated

**Quality jobs for the long term**

None anticipated

**Childcare**

None anticipated

**A resilient Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

Report provokes collaboration and interaction across various levels of the council as to ensure awareness of resilience. Following this, opportunities for improvement and potential challenges are explored as to maximise opportunities for improvement and reduce negative impacts.

### **Further actions required**

Any negative impacts would be explored and reviewed as to ensure project feasibility

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **Biodiversity and the natural environment**

Exploring opportunities for implementing green initiatives

#### **Biodiversity in the built environment**

Provokes discussion and collaboration between various departments and external groups

#### **Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

Report scrutinizes the council's performance in regards to waste production as to identify opportunities for improvement

#### **Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

Provokes discussion and collaboration between various departments and external groups to reduce energy and fuel consumption

#### **People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

Report findings are accessible to and involve all levels, including Heads of service and CET. This is one the few opportunities where service managers etc. are able to see the detail of their building costs

#### **Flood risk management**

Provides service managers with an opportunity to discuss issues / potential issues around flooding and gives the Asset management team an opportunity to review and mitigate risk

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Biodiversity and the natural environment**

None anticipated

**Biodiversity in the built environment**

Report may suggest redevelopment of sites to ensure suitability and sufficiency

**Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

This should only have positive impacts

**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

None anticipated

**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

None anticipated

**Flood risk management**

Potential lack of knowledge from individual services

**A healthier Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

A theme of the report is to identify opportunities for improvement within the community that puts our staff and citizens in the best position possible.

**Further actions required**



Collaboration with other departments and on going review of potential negative impacts as to reduce their impact.

**Positive impacts identified:**

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

The report identifies opportunities for improvement within the community that puts our staff and citizens in the best position possible

**Access to good quality, healthy food**

N/A

**People's emotional and mental well-being**

The report identifies opportunities for improvement within the community that puts our staff and citizens in the best position possible

**Access to healthcare**

N/A

**Participation in leisure opportunities**

Reports will assess accessibility to leisure opportunities, ensuring they are being maximised

**Negative impacts identified:**

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

None anticipated

**Access to good quality, healthy food**

N/A

**People's emotional and mental well-being**

None anticipated

**Access to healthcare**

N/A

**Participation in leisure opportunities**

None anticipated

**A more equal Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Neutral

**Justification for impact**

N/A

**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**

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

**Negative impacts identified:**

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**People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

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**Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

N/A

**A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

A theme of the report is to identify opportunities for improvement within the community that puts our staff and citizens in the best position possible.

**Further actions required**

Continuous collaboration with all concerned parties and services

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

By providing the right buildings, in the right places for the right service delivery . The report identifies opportunities for community interaction and education.

**Community participation and resilience**

By providing the right buildings, in the right places for the right service delivery . The report identifies opportunities for community interaction and education.

**The attractiveness of the area**

By providing the right buildings, in the right places for the right service delivery . The report identifies opportunities for community interaction and education.

**Connected communities**

By providing the right buildings, in the right places for the right service delivery . The report identifies opportunities for community interaction and education.

**Rural resilience**

By providing the right buildings, in the right places for the right service delivery . The report identifies opportunities for community interaction and education.

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

None anticipated

**Community participation and resilience**

None anticipated

**The attractiveness of the area**

None anticipated

**Connected communities**

None anticipated

**Rural resilience**

None anticipated

**A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

Report involves interaction within the community and should only have a positive outcome in regards to the Welsh language and culture within Denbighshire

**Further actions required**

Maintain community interaction

**Positive impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

It should encourage good practice around the use of the Welsh language through service collaboration

**Promoting the Welsh language**

Encourages a consistent and positive approach throughout the council

**Culture and heritage**

Encourages a consistent and positive approach throughout the council

**Negative impacts identified:**

**People using Welsh**

None anticipated

**Promoting the Welsh language**

None anticipated

**Culture and heritage**

None anticipated

**A globally responsible Denbighshire**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

The project involves and encourages interaction between all service professionals as reduce potential negative impacts and ensure improvement works are continued and capitalised on.

**Further actions required**

Interaction with service professionals as to minimise negative impacts.

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Local, national, international supply chains**

Current procurement systems already accommodate positive outcomes i.e. meets procurement regulation criteria

## **Human rights**

Denbighshire are a responsible council and will only act in the interest of it's citizens

## **Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

A theme of the plan is to provide the right buildings in the right places. Scrutiny of this is within the report and will identify further opportunities to do so.

## **Reducing climate change**

As part of Denbighshire's council commitment to Net Carbon Zero, reducing our environmental impact is a priority.

## **Negative impacts identified:**

### **Local, national, international supply chains**

None anticipated

### **Human rights**

None anticipated

### **Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

None anticipated

### **Reducing climate change**

Potential for building redevelopment / relocation