

The Denbighshire We Want 2022-2027

Every five years, the Council has to produce something called a 'Corporate Plan'. This plan gives the Council focus and helps all of the Council's services to work together, to plan and achieve specific goals that will help to make Denbighshire a better place to live, work and visit, for everyone.

The current Corporate Plan began in 2017 and will end in 2022. The priorities identified for the Council in the current Corporate Plan included:

Housing: Everyone is supported to live in homes that meet their needs. Find out more about the Housing Corporate Priority

Connected Communities: Communities are connected and have access to goods and services locally, online and through good transport links. Find out more about the Connected Communities Corporate Priority

Resilient Communities: The council works with people and communities to build independence and resilience. Find out more about the Resilient Communities Corporate Priority

Environment: Attractive and protected, supporting well-being and economic prosperity. Find out more about the Environment Corporate Priority

Young People: A place where younger people will want to live and work and have the skills to do so. Find out more about the Young People Corporate Priority

What do we want to know?:

Between May 2021 and July 2021, we ran an engagement exercise called Continuing the County Conversation where we asked people to tell us what they thought of the corporate priorities and whether these were still relevant for 2022-2027.

From this initial engagement activity, we have created some draft themes for our new corporate plan.

We would now like to know what you think.

The closing date for all responses is Friday 11th March 2022.

Survey:

Hello. Please tell us what you think of our draft themes for The Denbighshire We Want 2022-2027

We have come up with the following themes:

- **Housing**
- **Economy**
- **Young People**
- **Connected Communities**
- **Environment and Climate**
- **Addressing Deprivation**
- **A well-run, high performing Council**

We will present an outline and some key proposals for each theme, and ask you to what extent you agree the approach is right.

If you don't want to answer any of the questions, you can leave them blank and skip to the next question.

You can complete the survey anonymously, or you can provide contact details if you'd like to be kept up-to-date as we continue to develop our new corporate plan.

Theme 1: Housing

What we want

Provide sufficient and affordable good quality housing, particularly addressing the provision of was affordable to young people in the area

Examples of what we will do:

- Ensure high energy efficiency for all existing and acquired council homes
- Deliver specialist housing homes for older people
- Reduce the number of people coming into the homelessness service
- Support young people to access suitable housing
- Continue to support landlords to bring empty homes back into use

Theme 2: Economy

What we want

Support post-pandemic economic recovery, including identifying and capitalising on opportunities to upskill residents and enable them to access decent employment and income.

Examples of what we will do:

- Work collaboratively with the North Wales Economic Ambition Board and partners to deliver the projects identified under the North Wales Growth Deal
- Deliver new initiatives that are agreed under the Shared Prosperity Fund and Levelling-Up agenda with the UK Government, partners and communities
- Explore opportunities to grow and promote Denbighshire's Green Economy with businesses, and ensure our residents can secure jobs in this sector

Theme 3: Young People

What we want

Provide excellent standards of education, through the provision of support and care for all learners' preservation of mental health and well-being.

Examples of what we will do:

Deliver new modern education facilities under Band B of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Programme.

Embed the framework for the Whole School Approach to mental health and well-being

Ensure we meet the additional learning needs (ALN) of children and young people within the new ALN code in both schools and non-maintained settings.*

Offer work placements within the council each year for young people.*

Support schools and non-maintained settings to deliver the new curriculum for Wales to ensure our learners become capable, ambitious, enterprising, ethical, healthy and confident adults.

*Equality objective

Please tell us what to what extent you agree with the Young People theme and our initial proposals

Would you like to make any additional comments about our Young People theme?

Theme 4: Connected Communities

What we want

Maintain a good quality road infrastructure with good transport links and broadband connectivity.

Examples of what we will do:

- Provide new investment in our road network, and work with Welsh Government to replace Llannerch Bridge.
- Support broadband connectivity in rural communities through Community Fibre partnerships.
- Develop and install a good public network of electric vehicle charging points throughout the county, working also with our regional partners.
- Deliver new and inclusive Active Travel routes throughout Denbighshire, in partnership with Welsh Government *
- Review transport services in rural communities, working with partners to consider such schemes as Flecsi buses and taxis.

*Equality objective

Theme 5: Environment and Climate

What we want

Protect our natural assets and defend communities against climate change.

Examples of what we will do:

Convert all council-owned light commercial vehicles to electric vehicles

Work with schools to reduce the use of single use plastics

Build our new waste service and depot to increase recycling rates

Continue to deliver flood defence schemes to reduce the risk of flooding

Deliver against our Climate and Ecological Change Strategy and Action Plan, aiming to be a net carbon zero and ecologically positive council by 2030

Theme 6: Addressing deprivation

What we want

Tackle entrenched deprivation and its associated challenges that some of our communities face.

Examples of what we will do:

Expand our free school meals offer to all primary school pupils, in partnership with Welsh Government.*

Enable people on low incomes to have improved opportunities for valued occupation, including volunteering, work experience, and paid employment *

Support our Zero Racism Pledge and promote a zero tolerance to racism throughout the council.*

Continue to support and resettle Syrian refugee families, and provide accommodation to Afghan families through the Afghan Relocation Assistance Programme.*

Ensure that Registered Social Landlords provide healthy accommodation that meet Welsh Government standards.

Develop cohesive plans for tackling deprivation with other sectors.

Theme 7: A well-run, high performing Council

What we want

To be a council that is fair, transparent, performs well, represents value for money, and responds to its customers.

Examples of what we will do:

Improve relationships with the public (including people from diverse backgrounds and seldom heard groups) by paying attention to customer service, being transparent about what we can and can't do, and listening to the views and experience of our communities.*

Ensure good governance and working relationships between Councillors and staff, with high standards of behaviour.

Promote a strong culture around performance management and be transparent in how we are doing as a council.

Cement new working arrangements for our staff, Councillors and the Council to enable more flexibility in day-to-day working practices (roles permitting) and diversity among our staff and Councillors*

Create community-focussed Welsh language opportunities and play our part in achieving one million Welsh Speakers, embedding our Welsh Language Strategy 2022 to 2027 and our Welsh in Education Strategy.

Ensure that there is a strong culture of safeguarding vulnerable adults and children in the council, with all staff having completed mandatory training.*

Ensure equal access to employment opportunities within the council, and that all council employees are paid a fair wage.*

*Equality objective