



LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

WELL-BEING STATEMENT

GENERAL

This Well-Being Statement sets out Llanelli Rural Council's commitment to the principle of sustainable development to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, 'the Act', defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals. In this regard the Council recognises the role it has to play. Therefore, it will promote sustainable development in how it goes about meeting its duty under the Act and when working for and with the communities that make up its area.

The Act puts in place seven well-being goals. These well-being goals are indivisible from each other and explain what is meant by the well-being of Wales. The Council embraces these well-being goals and will place them at the heart of its forward planning and decision making arrangements to improve the general quality of life (well-being) within its administrative area. The Act provides a more detailed definition for each of the seven well-being goals. However, for the purposes of this statement the seven goals are:



When applying these well-being goals to the functions, activities and services provided by the Council; the Act requires the Council to think more about the long term, to work better with people and communities and also other public bodies, to look to prevent problems and to take a more joined up approach.

The Council will go about this by making the following commitments:

COMMITMENTS

- Look to the long term so that its actions or lack of action does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Taking an integrated approach to applying the seven well-being goals when deciding upon priorities.
- Involving the diversity of the population in the decisions affecting them, when and where it is applicable to do so.
- Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.
- Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.

- Take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives in the local well-being plan that has affect in its area. In this regard and when the Public Services Board publishes its local well-being plan, the Council will consider and review the local objectives contained in the plan alongside its own objectives for the year ahead.
- Form its own judgement of what steps it would be reasonable for it to take towards meeting the local objectives in its area, on the basis of its own knowledge and consideration of the circumstances and characteristics of its area.
- Report annually for each relevant financial year, detailing the progress it has made in meeting the objectives contained in the local well-being plan prepared and published by the Public Services Board.
- Supporting Welsh Government's Sustainable Development Charter as a Charter signatory.

ACTIONS

The Council commits to the following set of actions:

- Publishing this well-being statement on its website.
- Incorporating this well-being statement into its Strategic Plan. The plan provides an overall framework to focus the Council's activities, investments and spending priorities.
- Incorporating the seven national well-being goals into its Strategic Plan by cross-referencing the well-being goals so that the Council's core aims and values are realigned to correlate directly to the well-being goals.
- Work to deliver the wide ranging interventions identified in the Llanelli Rural Area Whole Place Plan, over the life cycle of the plan: 2015 to 2030. The plan sets out the Rural Area's contribution to the national well-being goals for securing sustainable development.
- Continue to extend its influence and reach into the community to help sustain general well-being in the communities that make up its area. It will do this by dedicating resources to promote community development through the Council's work programme; its dedicated Community Development Officer who will act as an important interface with the communities in the Council's area and through other community initiatives such as the Council's Community Development Fund grants policy and its other forms of grant support.
- To support the Sustainable Development Charter Network by participating in the Charter's Annual Challenge programme.

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Links:

[Strategic Plan](#)

[Annual Service Plans](#)

[Whole Place Plan 2015-2030](#)

[Community Development Fund Grant Policy and application form.](#)