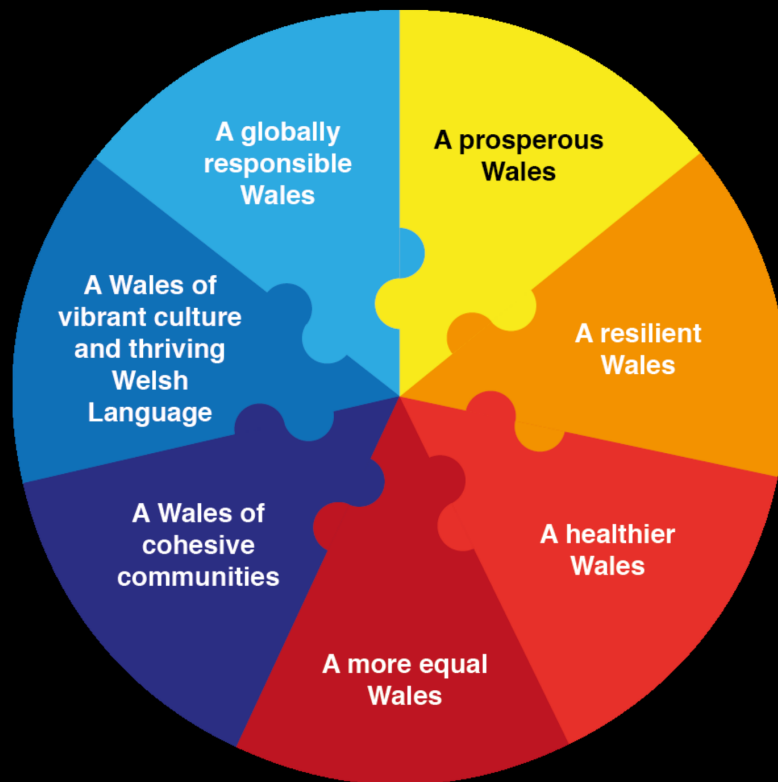


# Gwynedd Council Well-being Statement



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## **Introduction**

As a Council, we are committed to the principles within the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in order to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of communities in Gwynedd.

We will ensure that the Council considers the long term by collaborating and considering people of all ages when resolving and preventing problems. Working in this way will enable us to meet the present needs of our communities while ensuring that today's decisions are not harmful to future generations.

We reviewed the original set of well-being objectives adopted for the Council in its Council Plan for 2017/18 as part of the process of creating the Council Plan for 2018-23. The evidence considered includes information from consultation sessions held with Elected Members across the County, feedback from a consultation session with the Council's Scrutiny Committee members, response to a public consultation on the proposed priorities for the Council Plan and the results of the Anglesey and Gwynedd Public Services Board Well-being Assessment. We also sought to summarise, refine and improve the original set of objectives adopted.

The new set of objectives adopted reflect the main messages which emanated from holding the review.

## **The Council's Vision**

*Our vision as a Council is to support all the people of Gwynedd to thrive and live full lives in their community, in a county which is one of the best counties to live in.*

## **The Council's Well-being Objectives**

Our well-being objectives are to ensure that Gwynedd residents can –

- Enjoy happy, healthy and safe lives
- Live in quality homes within their communities
- Earn a sufficient salary to be able to support themselves and their families
- Receive education of the highest quality which will enable them to do what they want to do
- Live with dignity and independently for as long as possible
- Live in a natural Welsh society
- Take advantage of the beauty of the County's natural environment.

The Council's day-to-day work and the improvement priorities identified in the Council Plan 2018-23 will contribute to the aforementioned objectives.

## National Well-being Goals

A summary of the national well-being goals can be seen below.

### A PROSPEROUS WALES

An innovative society which uses resources efficiently and well-educated people, which generates wealth and employment.

### A RESILIENT WALES

A nation which maintains and enhances biodiversity and healthy ecosystems which supports resilience and has the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).

### A HEALTHIER WALES

A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.

### A MORE EQUAL WALES

A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).

### A WALES OF COHESIVE COMMUNITIES

Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.

### A WALES OF VIBRANT CULTURE AND THRIVING WELSH LANGUAGE

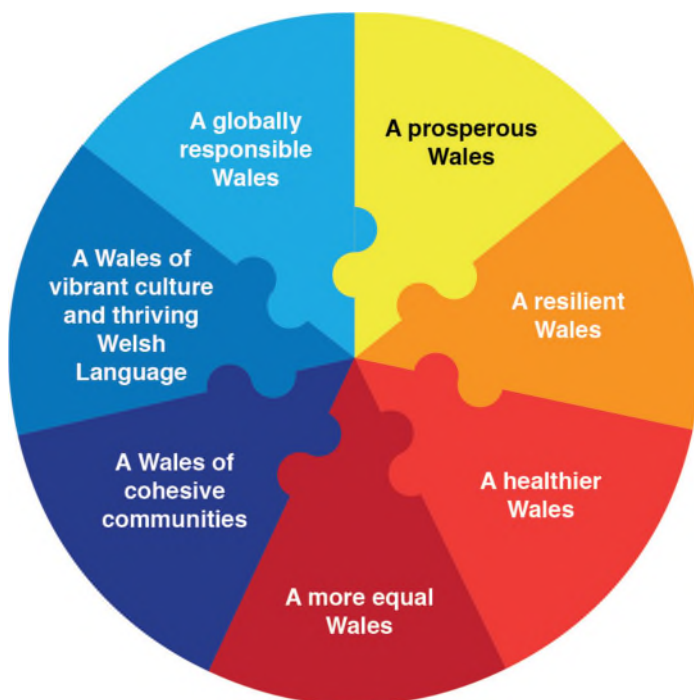
A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.

### A GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE WALES

A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

## How do the Council's well-being objectives contribute to the national well-being goals?

The Council has adopted seven well-being objectives which contribute to achieving the national well-being goals. The table below outlines the link between our well-being objectives and the national well-being goals. It is also noted that our day-to-day work contributes to the national well-being goals as outlined in our well-being statement for 2017/18.



<b>We will ensure that the residents of Gwynedd can:</b>	<b>Prosperous</b>	<b>Resilient</b>	<b>Healthier</b>	<b>Equal</b>	<b>Cohesive Communities</b>	<b>A vibrant culture where the Welsh language is thriving</b>	<b>Globally responsible</b>
Enjoy happy, healthy and safe lives							
Live in quality homes within their communities							
Earn a sufficient salary to be able to support themselves and their families							
Receive education of the highest quality which will enable them to do what they want to do							
Live with dignity and independently for as long as possible							
Live in a natural Welsh society							
Take advantage of the beauty of the County's natural environment.							

### How will we work into the future?

When carrying out our work, we will seek to ensure that we work in accordance with the five sustainable development principles which have been adopted nationally:

- **Long term** - Balance short term needs with long term ones and plan for the future
- **Prevent** - Allocate resources to prevent problems from occurring or getting worse. We will address problems by prevention and early intervention rather than being responsive.
- **Integration** - Have a positive effect on people, the economy, the environment and culture.
- **Collaborate** - Work with other partners to provide services
- **Inclusion (Communication and Engagement)** - Include the people of Gwynedd when seeking to realise our plan and ensure that those people reflect the diversity of the area.

Our services already operate in a way which follows the sustainable development principle while adopting a long term and collaborative approach and working in partnership and including organisations, individuals and communities. In addition, we work in a preventative way, where possible, when responding to current needs and reducing dependency e.g. in the field of Additional Learning Needs.

Having said that, the emergence of the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the Social Services and Well-being Act has offered us as a Council an opportunity to take stock of what we are already doing to work in a sustainable way and to set ourselves an ambition for the coming period.

Any financial decisions will consider carefully our ability to deliver what we have outlined in the Council Plan for 2018-23 and we will continually review what we are doing in order to ensure that the future well-being of the people of Gwynedd is central to the way that we plan and deliver our services.