

**Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act:
Local Well-being Plan: Contribution of Bangor
City Council (September 2021)**



Report on the progress made on achieving the local priorities

Well-being Objective No.1 – Communities which thrive and are prosperous in the long-term	
	Contribution of Bangor City Council
The Welsh language	The Welsh language is at the heart of everything the Council does. All meetings are held bilingually, all minutes and Council documents are published bilingually. The Council has a Welsh Language Scheme and takes great pride in Bangor being the most Welsh city in the world, based on the proportion of Welsh speakers. Furthermore, the Council works closely with Menter Iaith Bangor to promote the use of Welsh across the city, to organise events such as the St David's Day Parade, and to encourage people to embrace opportunities to learn Welsh.
Homes for local people	Creating local jobs and ensuring that local people can live in Bangor is a Gwynedd Council responsibility/priority and fully supported by the City Council. The City Council opposes Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) because they reduce the availability of appropriate homes for local families, for example. When considering planning applications, the City Council is mindful of the need to prioritise homes for local people, and supports all efforts to build new, green and affordable homes for local people to remain in Bangor.
The effect of poverty on the well-being of our communities	Bangor has a number of deprived areas and an estimated 30% of Bangor children live in poverty. Communities living in poverty are affected in a number of ways, and the Council is aware of the need to help and support these communities as much as possible. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Council quickly established a Covid-19 support committee . The committee continues to meet on a monthly basis, and provides financial support to Bangor food banks who provide help and support to those most in need and the vulnerable.
The effect of climate change on the well-being of communities	The Council is committed to establishing a green city and takes its global commitments seriously: the Council declared a climate emergency in January 2020. The Council fully supports the ' Plastic Free Communities ' status awarded to Bangor in May 2021, the first city in Wales to receive the status. This follows a Council resolution on working towards a plastic-free

	<p>Bangor in June 2018. The Council is also working with Gwynedd Council and Welsh Government on a 'Decarbonising Bangor' proposal, looking at how to reduce fossil fuels by using new approaches to insulating homes and encouraging more people to use active travel and e-bikes/cars. Furthermore, the Council fully supports the Hirael sea defences and regeneration project, and fully recognises the need to protect Bangor's coastal areas from the effects of climate change.</p>
<p>Well-being Objective No. 2 - Healthy and independent residents with a good quality of life</p>	
<p>Health and care of adults</p>	<p>The health and care of adults is a priority for the Council. The Council is mindful that its assets, such as Ashley Jones fields and Bangor Garth Pier, are so important for the physical and mental health of people of all ages. The Pier for example was incredibly important for a number of people during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, a safe place for people to walk, carry out physical exercise and find some peace and quiet. Food poverty has a severe impact on people's health and well-being, and the Council recognises that supporting food banks through the Covid-19 support committee continues to be important. Furthermore, the Council supports all efforts to ensure that people living healthier lives, and regularly promotes opportunities to participate in sport, take advantage of the range of public footpaths within and around Bangor, and develop the active travel offer in Bangor.</p>
<p>The welfare and achievement of children and young people</p>	<p>As above, the health and welfare of children and young people is a priority for the Council. The Council regularly works with Bangor schools on various schemes and projects e.g. establishing links between the young people of Bangor, Gwynedd, and young people of Bangors in Northern Ireland and USA, and encouraging schoolchildren to participate in the 'Feed the Menai Monster' competition on the Pier. The Council fully supports all efforts to get children and young people involved in sports opportunities, in volunteering and learning opportunities in various settings and environments. Furthermore, the Council fully recognises the importance of green spaces and play parks for children and young people. The Council maintains the playing area for children near Storiel, and is working with communities e.g. Maestryfan to ensure that they are able to apply for Lottery funding and improve their local play park facilities.</p>