



BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Local Well-being Annual Report 2023/24

(Flintshire & Wrexham Public Service Board)

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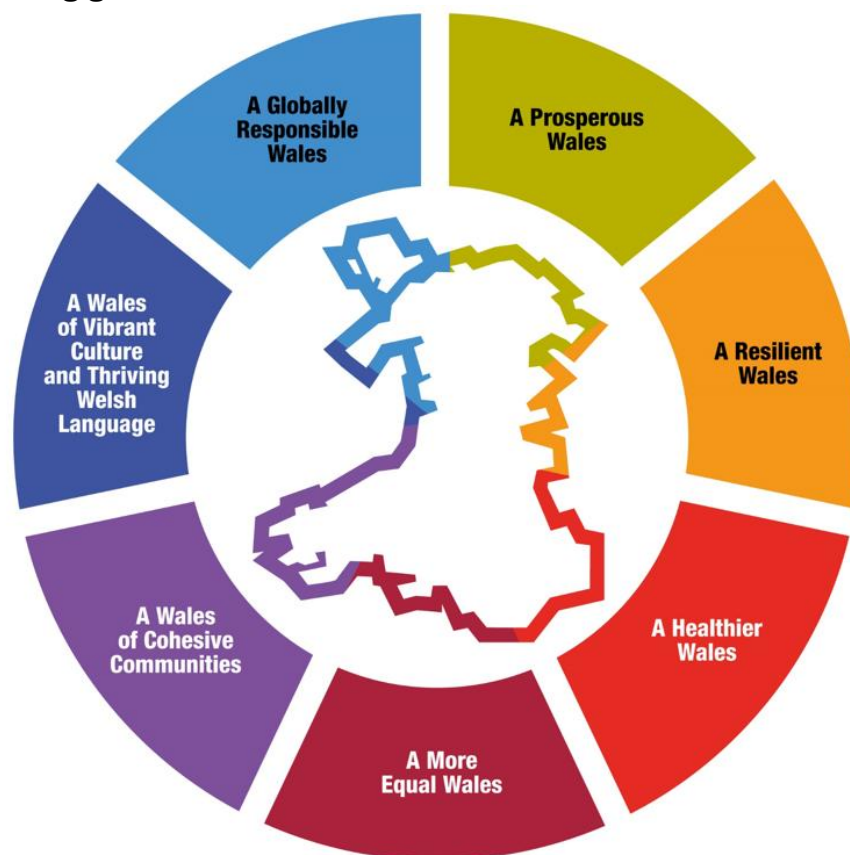
Policy required by: The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, S40

Overview:

The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.

The Act establishes Public Service Boards. Those boards are required to assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the local authority area they serve and then prepare local well-being plans setting out objectives for improving the well-being of the area, supporting the achievement of the seven well-being goals for Wales.

The seven well-being goals for Wales are:



The Flintshire & Wrexham Public Service Board has published the Well-being Plan 2023-2028 which can be viewed online at: [Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board - Well-being Plan 2023-2028](#)

The Act places a duty on Buckley Town Council to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives included in the local well-being plan and it must publish a report annually detailing its progress in meeting the objectives contained in the local well-being plan.

The Flintshire & Wrexham Public Service Board's Well-being Objectives and Outcomes

Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board				
Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities across environment, education, employment, income and housing.		Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live safe, healthy and independent lives.		OBJECTIVES
Ensure children and young people will thrive through making the most of new skills, training and learning opportunities.	Children and Young People	Ensure there is a joined up approach across the public sector to prevention and early intervention for all children and families	OUTCOMES	
Mobilise everyone's skills and talents to tackle climate change and the nature emergency and build a strong, fair sustainable local economy.	Our Communities	Innovate with communities to build good mental health and wellbeing		
Strengthen the connection between PSB organisations and their staff who work and live in our communities.	Where we work	Ensure that the PSB deeply understands the needs and resources of our communities		

How Buckley Town Council contributes to these objectives

Objective 1 - Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities across environment, education, employment, income and housing.

Objective 2 - Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live healthy, safe and independent lives.

Buckley Town Council contributes to these objectives by:

- Maintaining strong links with the secondary school and four primary schools in the town. These links include hosting School Council meetings and organising tours of the Council premises.
- Having members of the Town Council serve on a range of local and regional bodies and organisations that work to improve and enhance the local area.
- Investing in LED lighting for Christmas illuminations, which is more environmentally efficient.

- Contributing financially to Flintshire County Council in maintaining areas of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and common land in Buckley.
- Facilitating a "Warm Rooms" initiative since 2022 to help residents save on energy costs during the high cost of gas and electricity. The Council provides warm spaces at its premises, with financial support from other local organisations.
- Owning and maintaining Coronation Gardens, which was dedicated as a Centenary Field in Trust in 2018. The gardens offer a space for quiet reflection and relaxation and include several historical artefacts.
- Funding Summer Playschemes, which provides education and wellbeing through play for children during the summer holidays.
- Owning and operating the public toilets in the town centre.
- Fully funding a mental health counsellor who operates two days a week from the Council offices to support community well-being.
- Providing an annual "Match Funding" programme with Flintshire County Council (via Aura Leisure) to renovate play areas that need remedial work.
- Organising free annual events, including a Show/Fun Day, a communal Firework Display, and a Christmas Lights Switch-On event. These events attract over 5,000 visitors and are supported by various organisations such as Flintshire County Council, North Wales Police, and North Wales Fire & Rescue.
- Offering financial assistance to local organisations.
- Providing a Bursary Scheme to assist students attending university.
- Funding the maintenance of CCTV cameras in the town, which are monitored by Flintshire County Council. Owning three mobile CCTV cameras that are deployed to areas with problem behaviour.
- Arranging with Flintshire County Council to provide free parking in public car parks during December to encourage shopping in the town. The Town Council also "Match Funds" an additional 30 minutes of free parking in the Short Stay Car Park, giving visitors a total of one hour of free parking.
- Providing financial assistance to the three open churchyard burial grounds in the town.
- Supporting cultural initiatives, including financial contributions to the Urdd, the National Eisteddfod, and the International Eisteddfod.