



BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Local Well-being of Future Generations

Annual Report 2024/25

(Flintshire & Wrexham Public Service Board)

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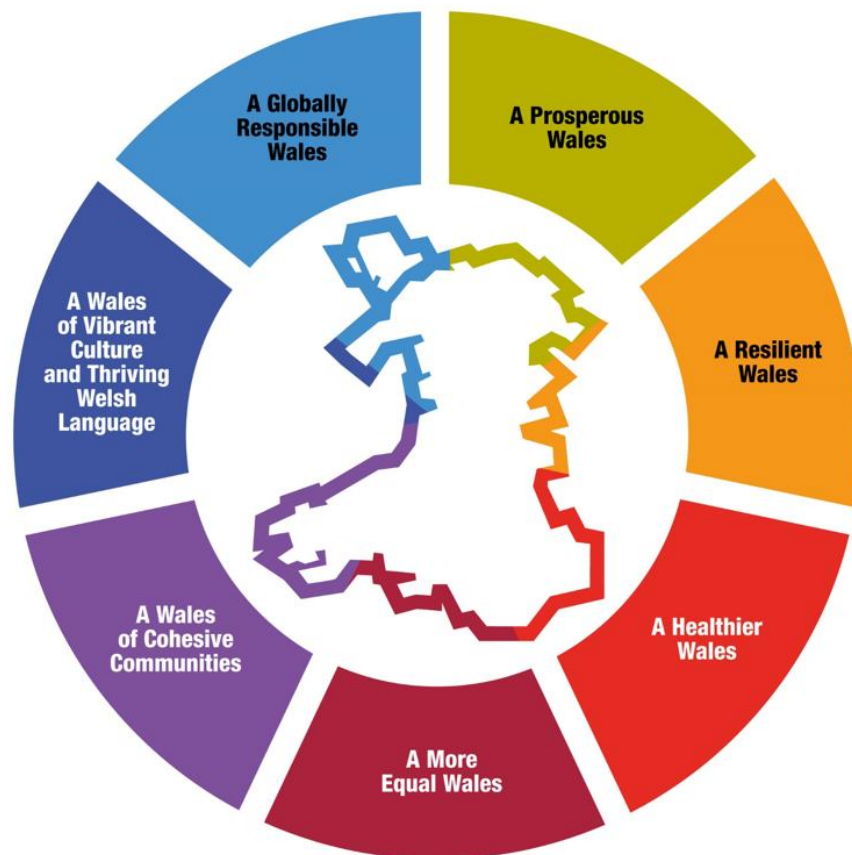
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Policy type: Statutory

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

1. Overview:

- a. The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.
- b. 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.
- c. The seven well-being goals for Wales are:



- d. 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](#)
- e. 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.

2. 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		

3. 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:

- Owning, operating and maintaining the town centre public toilets, ensuring essential hygiene facilities remain available to support dignity, health and independent living for residents and visitors.
- Supporting the delivery of summer playschemes, improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people. 882 children attended play sessions in summer 2024 across four play locations.

- c) Approving match-funding for upgrading children's local play area, improving safe outdoor play.
- d) Owning, maintaining and enhancing Coronation Gardens as a community green space, providing opportunities for quiet reflection and relaxation, preserving important historical artefacts, and progressing an accessibility improvement programme to reduce physical inequality.
- e) Supporting cultural and heritage initiatives, including the Urdd, the National Eisteddfod, and the International Eisteddfod.
- f) Providing space within the Council building for the Buckley Community Fridge, a charity that reduces food waste and supports residents on low incomes. By enabling the charity to operate without rental costs, the Council helps increase access to affordable food, promote sustainability and reduce inequalities.
- g) Continuing delivery of the Bursary Scheme, contributing to reduced educational inequality and supporting young people's and adults' life chances.
- h) Maintaining strong partnerships with Buckley's secondary school and four primary schools by hosting School Council meetings and providing tours of the Council offices. These activities give young people a meaningful voice in local decision-making, strengthen civic understanding, and promote greater engagement between the Council and future generations.
- i) Ensuring that Buckley's interests are represented across the region by having Town Councillors serve on a wide range of local and regional bodies. Through active participation, Members help influence service delivery, strengthen collaboration and support initiatives that enhance the local area and improve outcomes for residents.
- j) Installing a community Bleed Control Cabinet, enhancing emergency response capacity for residents and visitors.
- k) Strengthening the local environment by contributing financially to Flintshire County Council for the maintenance of Buckley's Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and common land, helping to protect important

habitats, support biodiversity, and ensure that high-quality natural spaces remain accessible for the community.

- l) Providing warm, safe and welcoming spaces through the ongoing “Warm Rooms” initiative, helping residents reduce energy costs during periods of high fuel prices. By offering a heated community room within the Council building, supported by contributions from other local organisations, the Council enables people to stay healthy, socially connected and independent.
- m) Fully funding a community mental-health counselling service delivered from the Council offices two days per week, providing free support for suicide prevention, self-harm and depression for residents unable to access private services. This provision strengthens early intervention, improves emotional wellbeing, and enables individuals to live healthier, safer and more independent lives.
- n) Organising a programme of free, inclusive annual community events, such as the Buckley Show, the communal Firework Display and the Christmas Lights Switch-On, which collectively attract more than 5,000 visitors. These events strengthen community cohesion, provide safe and accessible social spaces, and contribute to the connectedness and vibrancy of the local community.
- o) Multiple grants awarded to local organisations which strengthen community participation.
- p) Strengthening community safety through the approval and distribution of a bilingual ASB reporting campaign to encourage prompt reporting; arranging direct engagement with the Police Commissioner and local Police Inspector to address emerging concerns; and funding the maintenance of fixed CCTV cameras monitored by Flintshire County Council while deploying mobile CCTV units to locations experiencing problem behaviour. Together, these actions help to reduce harm, improve feelings of safety and support a resilient community.
- q) Working with Flintshire County Council to provide free parking in Buckley’s public car parks during December, and match-funding an additional 30 minutes of free parking in the Short Stay Car Park to give visitors a full hour

of free parking. This initiative reduces financial barriers for residents, encouraging footfall in the town centre, and strengthening the local economy.

- r) Providing financial assistance to the three open churchyard burial grounds in Buckley, helping to maintain safe, dignified and accessible spaces for remembrance and reflection and preserving important local heritage.
- s) Supporting the regeneration of the Old Buckley Baths through funding, partnership working and community engagement activity, helping to protect an important part of Buckley's heritage while involving residents in shaping its future use.
- t) Raising awareness of national health and wellbeing causes by floodlighting the Town Clock. By using this prominent community landmark to promote timely public messages, the Council helps increase visibility of important health issues and encourages community engagement with national wellbeing campaigns.