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**Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6  
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty  
Reporting on Section 6 – Town and Community Councils (Group 1)  
Reviewed: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Next Review Date: April 2027**

**Environment (Wales) Act 20216 Part 1- Section 6  
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystem’s Duty Report 2026**

**Name of Town or Community Council – Cyngor Tref Dinbych/Denbigh Town Council**

**Introduction & Context**

- We provide a range of services to our local community which has an impact on biodiversity.
- 1. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we work closely with CADW and Denbighshire County Council to ensure that conservation, development, control, education use and public accessibility is maintained to help safeguard this historic walled town.
- 2. We recognise the importance of wildlife conservation which helps maintain ecological balance and biodiversity of the environment. Each year the Town Council enters the Wales in Bloom competition, bringing together local communities to consider the environment, the Town heritage, landscape and horticultural elements. Provision of planters and hanging baskets are organised for the benefit of the Town Council Wards which enhances the Towns historic beauty, brightening our local environment for the benefit of all – including the local wildlife from May to October.
- 3. We have forged links with Incredible Edible whose volunteers maintain vegetable and herb gardens connecting communities and wildlife and supporting mental health.
- 4. We are committed to raising awareness and understanding and encouraging knowledge of environmental and sustainability matters amongst local children.
- 5. Through the Community Development Grant Aid Scheme with provide funding for sustainable community environmental projects which directly benefit the well-being of Denbigh residents and/or the environment within this ward.
- We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainability practices wherever possible.
- We serve approximately 9000 residents.
- The precept for 2026/2027 is £259,770.00

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### Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement	Taking into account biodiversity when considering planning applications and other associated matters in relation to climate change and how these impact on residents, visitors, the wards and the environment	Mayor & Town Councillor's
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Reference to relevant legislation: Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Reference to Council Policies: Environmental & Sustainability Policy	Mayor, Town Councillors & Staff
-tackle negative factors: e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grant aid applicants are requested to indicate how they intend to reduce their usage of single plastics</li> <li>- The council has upgraded to electronic banking and paperless statements in order to reduce the usage of paper due to its <b>resource-intensive</b> nature and <b>inefficiency</b> compared to digital alternatives.</li> <li>- The Town Council supports and gets involved with Spring Clean Cymru in partnership with “Keep Wales Tidy” litter picking each year.</li> <li>- Where the Council is responsible for grass cutting the possibility of wild flower verges will be considered in order to encourage pollinators.</li> <li>- At Council managed events – Reusable or paper plates and cups will be used.</li> <li>- Partner organisations such as “Denbigh in Bloom” ad “Bodfari Environmental” will be informed that the council expects that no un-necessary herbicides or insecticides will be used on council owned or managed land or on projects funded by the council.</li> <li>- The Council will be a plastic free zone</li> <li>- Non-recyclable wrapping paper will not be used. Council funded events will endeavour to use as little non-recyclable waste as possible and recycling facilities will be provided to the public /exhibitors and stall holders.</li> </ul>	Mayor, Councillors & Staff

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<p>-use, improve and share evidence.</p>	<p>The Denbigh Hwb is a registered Keep Wales Tidy Litter Picking Hub, allowing individuals, families, community groups, schools and businesses to borrow a free kit to help look after the areas. Events are often organised throughout the year for volunteers to pick up litter.</p>	<p>Mayor, Councillors &amp; Staff</p>
<p>-support capacity and-/or other organisations</p>	<p>- Individuals/non-profit making organisations can apply for grants demonstrating how this will contribute to supporting biodiversity as part of their project.          - The Council will continue to work with schools to inform them about environmental initiatives. Town Councillors who are also School governors will play an important role in communication between Town Council and the School Councils.          - The Council will encourage local businesses to become aware of the need to adopt environmentally friendly approaches and practices.          - The Town Council has produced stickers for businesses to advertise where water bottles can be refilled free of charge.</p>	<p>Mayor &amp; Town Councillors</p>

**Review of s6 Duty for 2025-2026**

<p><b>- What has worked well?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration with local groups such as Incredible Edible and Denbigh in Bloom has enhanced biodiversity through planting schemes and food-growing initiatives.</li> <li>• Grant funding has supported small-scale environmental projects, helping community groups contribute directly to biodiversity improvements.</li> <li>• Transition to paperless systems has begun, this will reduced the Council’s environmental footprint.</li> <li>• Educational engagement with schools has helped raise awareness of sustainability among younger residents.</li> </ul> <p><b>What have the barriers been?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balancing biodiversity improvements with the conservation requirements of a CADW-protected historic environment can limit certain interventions (e.g. wilding or infrastructure changes).</li> <li>• Some initiatives rely heavily on volunteers, which can affect continuity and long-term delivery.</li> </ul>
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**What will you change?**

- Increase promotion and communication to encourage greater participation from local businesses and residents.
- Explore additional partnerships with environmental organisations to strengthen expertise and delivery capacity.
- Strengthen grant criteria to prioritise projects with clear, measurable biodiversity benefits.

**How and when will the s6 Duty be monitored and the s6 Plan reviewed?**

- Progress will be reviewed annually as part of the Council's reporting cycle.
- Biodiversity actions will be monitored through:
  - Grant reporting requirements
  - Feedback from community groups and partner organisations
  - Observations from Councillors and staff
- The s6 Plan will be formally reviewed every year, or sooner if there are significant legislative or environmental changes, including updates linked to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
- Findings will be used to update priorities, improve delivery, and ensure continued compliance with biodiversity and sustainability duties.

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