



ASSOCIATION PLAN

2016 to 2022



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1. Introduction

1.1 The Association has decided to formulate an Aims, Objectives, Policy and Action plan for the period of 2017 to 2022.

1.2 This plan sets out the agreed way forward for the Association over the next Electoral period of office for Town and Community Councillors.

1.3 All decisions made by the Association with regard to this plan shall be made by the Full Meeting only, the executive making recommendations when required.

2. Mission statement

2.1 The mission statement for the life of the Plan shall be:

'The Association is to strive to improve the quality of life of the people of Mid and North Wales by the membership working together.'

3. Area covered by the plan

3.1 The North and Mid Wales Association is open to Council Membership from Holyhead and Llandudno in the North, Welshpool in the South, Holyhead in the West and Llangollen in the East.

3.2 A map showing the area covered by the Association is shown on the front cover.

4. Consultation and adoption

4.1 The plan was prepared by the Secretary taking into account suggestions and discussions by the Member Councils.

4.2 A consultation was held on the final plan before being taken forward for adoption.



5. Financial objectives and Cost Plan for delivery of plan

5.1 The cost of delivering the plan as outlined in this document shall be funded by Either/or the Associations funds (including fees and subscriptions) or any grant aid available.

6. Aims and objectives of the Plan

6.1 The aims and objectives contained in this plan shall form the policy of the Association when making decisions on matters put before it.

6.2 The plan is prepared to give direction and to take forward those items within it which are considered by the Members as those of common importance to each Member Council.

6.3 The plan does not seek, nor should it, to restrict any Council making its own representations on any subject irrespective of the views of the Association through its collective membership.

7. Team to deliver the Plan

7.1 The delivery of the plan and the decisions made by the Full Meeting shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the Executive.

7.2 The Association elects each year 2 or 3 assistant secretaries who maybe appointed to take forward sections of the plan by agreement with the Executive.



8. Membership

8.1 Member Councils at the date of this plan are:

Abergele Town Council
Argoed Town Council
Baguillt Community Council
Bangor City Council
Bay of Colwyn Town Council
Buckley Town Council
Caerswys Town Council
Caia Park Town Council
Connah's Quay
Colwyn Town Council
Denbigh Town Council
Flint Town Council
Hawarden Town Council
Holywell Town Council
Llanasa Town Council
Llanfechain Town Council
Llanfair Caereinion Town Council
Llandrino & Ardleen Community Council
Llandysilio Community Council
Llangollen Town Council
Meinai Bridge Town Council
Penmaenmawr Town Council
Prestatyn Town Council
Rhuddlan Town Council
Rhyl Town Council
Rhuddlan Town Council
Ruthin Town Council
St Asaph's City Council
Shotton Town Council
Towyn & Kinmell Bay Town Council
Welshpool Town Council

8.2 Membership shall be open to all Town and Community Councils within the Association's area.



9. Welsh Language

9.1 The Association recognises and supports the need to retain the culture of the Welsh Language and will over a period of time move towards becoming bilingual.

9.2 During the life of this plan the Association will make available material published in English and in Welsh upon request.

10. Training

10.1 The Secretary will provide training when required for members either via Members with experience in that field or via outside agencies.

10.2 The Secretary shall be available for advice either directly or via other sources if the need arises.

11. Consultation from Other bodies

11.1 Consultations from Welsh Government, Parliament or other bodies shall be presented with a recommended response by the Secretariat for approval at the Executive before Full Membership approval.

11.2 Consultations which have a time constraint may be presented direct to the Full Meeting and only in exceptional circumstances by the executive.

11.3 To seek to co-operate on an equal basis with the Welsh Government Association, One Voice Wales and other representative agencies.

12. Section 1: Representation

12.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

a) To respond to all consultations which cover the following subjects:

- i) Planning & development.
- ii) Health.
- iii) Local Government.
- iv) Transport.
- v) Energy

b) To respond to other consultations relevant to the work of Town and Community Councils and their presentation of their communities.



13. Section 2: Local Government

13.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To seek the best result from Local Government Re-organisation whereby the Members views are collectively represented when the proposals are known.
- ii) To take a full part in the consultation process with regards to reorganisation and boundaries.
- iii) To support Members in gaining the best advice when considering taking over services from County Councils.
- iv) To give support to Local Councils where required in their dealings with principle authorities.
- v) To support the introduction of bespoke Charters between principle and local councils.

14. Section 3: Transport

14.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support any proposal which improves the bus network in both Town and rural areas.
- ii) To support any proposal which improves the rail network in both Town and rural areas.
- iii) To support the electrification of the North Wales Coast rail line.
(Holyhead to Crewe)
- iv) To support the introduction of a full hourly service on the main Cambrian line.
- v) To seek improvements to the road network to provide better north to south access.
- vi) To support cross border services on both rail and bus.

15. Section 4: Health

15.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support an initiative which will improve health and hospital care in the North and Mid Wales areas.
- ii) To support cross border services in delivery of health and care.
- iii) To seek to gain an equal NHS service provision with other areas of the UK.



16. Section 5: Police

16.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support the Police in any initiative to improve the life of people in the Association area.
- ii) To support any initiative which seeks to reduce anti-social behaviour in towns and rural areas.

17. Section 6: Education

17.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support any initiative which will improve education in Wales.
- ii) To support any initiative which improves educational facilities such as:
Local infant and junior schools
Secondary Schooling
Higher education within a reasonable distance

18. Section 7: Social Services & Housing

18.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- I) To support the building of more homes (full range of) in areas where the Member Councils are seeking to support such developments through local LDP's.
- II) To support an initiative of 'not selling Council or Social Housing' to tenants at reduced values.
- III) To support a programme of Council House building by the principle and responsible Authorities.
- IV) To support initiatives which provide more rented housing.

19. Section 8: Planning & the Environment

19.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support the introduction of Place Plans as soon as possible.
- ii) To support local councils in their representations with regards to the LDP where they do not disadvantage any other Member council.
- iii) To seek the removal of consultation planning charges.
- iv) To support initiatives which lead to more employment uses in LDP's.



20. Section 9: Environmental Health

20.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support initiatives to extend re-cycling provision.
- ii) To support the return to weekly bin collection in all areas.
- iii) To objective to any reduction in re-cycling facilities.
- iv) To promote local re-cycling facilities to reduce carbon footprints.

21. Section 10: Retail and markets

21.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support the retention of high street retailing.
- ii) To support local councils in their objections to out of town shopping which would affect their local town or community shopping centre.

22. Section 11: Employment

22.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support all employers paying the living wage.
- ii) To seek to restrict the effect of TUPE on transfer of services from principle to local councils.
- iii) To support local councils in retaining and creating employment in their areas. (ie by encouraging inward investment)
- iv) To support the inclusion in LDP's of employment land to meet any growing demand.

23. Section 12: Recreation and Leisure

23.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support initiatives which aid the objectives of the 6 acre rule for open spaces. (ie 6 acres of public open space for each 1,000 of population)
- ii) To seek support from principle authorities to maintain and create more playgrounds through support for local councils.
- iii) To support the basis of principle authorities providing some funding towards local play provision.



24. Section 13: Tourism

24.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support any initiative by principle authorities which promote and support tourism.
- ii) To object to the closure of public toilets and tourist information centres and to seek their re-instatement where they have been removed.
- iii) To support both web based and paper based tourism promotion by both local and principle authorities.
- iv) To seek investment in tourism for both North and Mid Wales.

25. Section 14: Economics

25.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To support economic development of both North and Mid Wales.
- ii) To seek to gain a fair funding system for County Councils with regards to welsh Government Grants.
- iii) To seek a replacement system for Council Tax and Commercial Rating.
- iv) To support any initiative which improves WiFi, mobile telephone signals and broadband provision.

26. Section 15: Energy

26.1 The Policy of the Association on this subject shall be:

- i) To object to onshore wind farm development which is out of scale and which leads to infrastructure which is inappropriate for the area in which it is proposed.
- ii) To object to any off shore wind farms which have an adverse effect on other industries such as tourism.
- iii) To support other renewable energy sources which do not impede on local industry or the local environment in a negative way.
- iv) To support Welsh Government flood defence and sea defence schemes.
- v) To support schemes to reduce coastal erosion.



27. Cost Plan for delivery of the Plan

27.1 Before any activity is carried out involving expenditure it must first have an approved budget by the Full Meeting upon recommendation of the executive.

28. Information and Publicity

28.1 Information on the Associations activities will be posted as follows:

- i) The Web Site which will be kept up to date.
- ii) A facebook page.
- iii) In the file and available in paper form.

28.2 The Association will from time to time issue press releases on its work.

29. Action Plan

29.1 The action plan which shall form the basis of the Association programme is to be as follows:

Subject	
Detail	
Proposal	
Actions required	
Target Date	



30. Adoption of the Plan

30.1 The Plan following consultation and discussion is adopted on

30.2 Signatures:

Signed..... Chair

Signed..... Vice Chair

Signed..... President

Signed..... Secretary

Dated.....

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