

KEY POINTS FROM THE WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT

POPULATION AND LANGUAGE

It's predicted that there will be more people aged over 75 in the future which means supporting an aging population and ensuring individuals stay healthy for longer in the interests of the economy and health and care services.

Anglesey is considered a stronghold of the Welsh language but the percentage of speakers has declined over the last decade. Anglesey's communities are concerned about the impact of migration, tourism, the availability of suitable and affordable housing for young people and families has on the Welsh language.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Anglesey's diverse natural environment is an important resource. The coast, lakes and rivers, fens and forests have a positive impact on social, cultural and economic well-being.

Climate change is a global challenge that is having an impact on well-being in Anglesey. It means that some communities are at high risk of flooding, extreme weather conditions and landslides and also putting the area's nature and habitats under increasing pressure.

Protecting nature and biodiversity is important for decarbonisation. In Anglesey there are various habitats and species that store the carbon that contributes to the level of greenhouse gases.

Anglesey is under relatively high agricultural pressure and unsustainable farming is damaging the environment. Opportunities to support sustainable land management need to be explored to support decarbonisation.

SOCIAL

There is concern about the level of obesity among 4-5 year olds in the North Wales region. Evidence from England and Scotland suggests that the percentage is likely to rise as a result of the effect of Covid-19 and the lockdown period.

Covid-19 is likely to have a long-term impact on population health. This includes impact on mental and physical health (for example, Long-Covid) and is exacerbating many existing health inequalities.

The lack of public transport was highlighted as a huge challenge for rural communities. The frequency of bus services made it difficult for residents to access amenities and services, and likely to have a worse impact on some groups, for example, disabled people, young people and older people.

Community spirit is one of the county's main assets and this was reflected in the willingness of residents to help each other during the Covid-19 period.

Lack of digital connectivity is a barrier to people and businesses in the county. Remote working and education during the Covid-19 period has highlighted the importance of broadband availability.

ECONOMIC

There are anticipated changes in working sectors and future working patterns. There is a need to ensure accessible opportunities for all in occupations such as science and technology.

A high percentage of the people of Anglesey work in the skilled trades occupations (which include farmers and agricultural workers). Brexit and the reduction in grants and financial support have had an impact on this sector.

Poverty is a key issue in Anglesey. Responses to the draft booklets highlighted a concern for poverty, at a time when living costs of all kinds are rising.

Housing prices and affordability are major concerns amongst local communities and is likely to have a negative impact on the social, cultural, linguistic and economic well-being of areas.

There are concerns about the state of the local economy - the 'high street' and 'town center'. This was mainly highlighted in the Caergybi and Ynys Cybi Well-being Area.

Compared to the all-Wales figure, a high percentage of year 11 school leavers in Anglesey are NEET (not in education, employment or training)

A lack of high value jobs is having an impact on area well-being. As well as its effect on the economy, it also has an impact on retaining young people and therefore the Welsh language.

Childcare provision is an important provision for the Anglesey economy. The lack of sustainable provision affects communities in some areas of the county and there is also concern about the availability of Welsh medium provision.

CULTURAL

The natural environment is a vital resource that contributes to well-being and health as they enable residents to stay active.

Lack of activities for children and young people is a concern for Anglesey communities. There's a perception that this leads to anti-social behavior and makes the area's young people less keen to stay in the county.

The impact of Covid-19 on cultural and arts events is difficult to assess. It's a data gap that needs attention.

Green spaces are vital to the well-being of Anglesey residents, but they need to be made accessible so that they can be used by everyone.

