



Cyngor Dinas Llanellwy St Asaph City Council

Community Engagement Policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This policy sets out the role of community engagement and how St Asaph City Council engages the wider community and identifies the needs and aspirations of the community.
- 1.2 Community engagement provides an opportunity for local people to discuss local issues with the Council.
- 1.3 Community engagement enables St Asaph City Council to consult with and inform the local electorate about its services and performance.

2. Objectives

- 2.1 To improve, plan and shape the future of St Asaph according to local needs and priorities.
- 2.2 To inform decision-making and ensure that new initiatives and projects reflect the needs of the community the Council serves.

3. Who do we engage with?

- 3.1 All residents of St Asaph East and St Asaph West;
- 3.2 Local clubs and community organisations;
- 3.3 Voluntary organisations;
- 3.4 Local schools;
- 3.5 Local Businesses;
- 3.6 Neighbouring community Councils;
- 3.7 Denbighshire County Council;
- 3.8 Local Police;
- 3.9 Natural Resources Wales;
- 3.10 Keep Wales Tidy.

4. Methods of Engagement

- 4.1 The City Council will use a range of methods to engage and inform the residents of St Asaph, including:
 - i. Public Participation agenda item at each Full Council meeting. This gives the public the opportunity to address the Council about any item on the agenda, to ensure their views are heard.
 - ii. Community Groups and Partners are able to request the opportunity to make presentations to the Council about their activities and projects.

- iii. Minutes and meeting summaries for all meetings are made available to the public via the Council website and noticeboards.
- iv. The Council's website and noticeboards provide information to the public regarding the Council's meetings, reports and activities.
- v. The Council appoints Councillors to represent it on local organisations.
- vi. The Council has a grant scheme, which is available to community organisations.
- vii. The Council provides events for the community, such as the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
- viii. Meet the Councillors sessions will be held from time to time to give the residents the opportunity to discuss local issues with the Councillors.
- ix. From time to time the Council may decide that an issue warrants being discussed at a specially convened public meeting, or through some other form of community consultation.
- x. The Council works with its partners, such as Denbighshire County Council, Natural Resources Wales, North Wales Police and Keep Wales Tidy on a range of matters of interest and concern to the community.
- xi. The Council produces an annual report to inform the residents of its activities.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1.1 The adoption of a community engagement strategy will assist in improving communication between the City Council and the wider community. This will enable the Council to better understand the needs and aspirations of local residents, and to be able to meet those needs, creating an enhanced community spirit.

Policy adopted

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