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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE **CHAMBER, - COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN. AT 10.00 AM ON MONDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2018** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

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| 1. | Councillor | Anthony Davies |
| 2. | Councillor | Irfon Jones |
| 3. | Councillor | Hugh Shepardson |

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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 25TH JUNE, 2018

SUBJECT: CARMARTHENSHIRE ARTS STRATEGY

Purpose:

To consider and approve the Carmarthenshire Arts Strategy 2018 - 2022

To consider and comment on the following issues:

To recommend to Executive Board that the Carmarthenshire Arts Strategy 2018 – 2022 be approved.

Reasons:

The strategy provides a framework for service development through to 2022 in support of our vision of Carmarthenshire as a place where exceptional arts experiences engage and enthuse our communities and celebrate the unique and bilingual culture of the County.

To formulate views for submission to Executive Board.

To be referred to the Executive Board/Council for decision:

Exec Board Decision Required Yes - 2nd July, 2018

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
25TH JUNE, 2018

SUBJECT:
CARMARTHENSHIRE ARTS STRATEGY 2018 - 2022

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

This strategic plan informs service development for the period 2018 – 2022. The Arts and Theatre services have been fortunate to have secured significant investment in the flagship Ffwrnes theatre aligned to the previous strategy 2008 – 2013. In the development of this strategy we recognise that the contribution from participatory arts activities must provide demonstrable benefits in order to secure a positive future against a backdrop of continued austerity. The arts in Carmarthenshire are well placed from a firm foundation to support the development of the Wellbeing Objectives and the strategy pays particular attention to the development of Welsh language programming in arts and cultural activities across the County as well as the development of projects utilising the arts and culture for improved health and wellbeing. Approval of the Carmarthenshire Arts Strategy 2018- 2022 is sought in order to provide a framework for delivery.

Carmarthenshire Arts Strategy 2018 - 2022 identifies four key objectives that underpin the vision of Carmarthenshire as a place where exceptional arts experiences engage and enthuse our communities and celebrate the unique and bilingual culture of the County.

The strategic priorities focus on:

- Cultural wellbeing;
- Physical and mental wellbeing
- Economic wellbeing through supporting creative and cultural organizations; and
- Developing and sustaining an efficient and effective arts service (through improved income generation, innovative ways of working, collaboration and deepening public engagement).

One of the key developmental areas during the period of this strategy is the contribution of arts projects to improved physical and mental health and wellbeing. We already undertake a range of small scale activities in this area such as our tea dances and encouraging people to age creatively through our arts workshops in the theatres and gallery. We also support ArtsCare, who are the lead organization in this area with their “Young Carers” project. We want to extend this to develop a broader social prescription scheme in collaboration with colleagues across the department, other arts organizations and the Health Board. The recently published research from Arts Council Wales entitled “Arts and Health in Wales” will be an invaluable reference source as the plan develops.

The strategic priorities are supported by key aims and measureable actions.

A one page analysis of the outturn 2013-14 to 2017-18 and the budget for 2018-19 is included as an appendix to this report.

2. OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

Evidence of strategic planning is a key indicator taken into consideration by external funding bodies when considering applications. Whilst the plan recognises that much can be done to contribute to key corporate priorities from existing resources there has to be an acknowledgement that future capital investment and the potential to secure for example internal production development support would rely on support from funders such as Arts Council Wales.

The plan provides a measurable framework for service improvement.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carmarthenshire Arts Strategy• Appendix - Outturn 2013-14 to 2017-18 and the budget for 2018-19• Presentation
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: *Ian Jones*

Head of Leisure

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Carmarthenshire Arts Strategy 2018 - 2022 is informed by Carmarthenshire County Council Corporate Strategy 2015-2020; Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015; Carmarthenshire County Council Strategic Equality Plan 2015-2020; and Inspire – the Arts Council of Wales strategic vision for creativity and the arts in Wales.

The strategy informs service development and supports attendances at participatory arts, culture and heritage events, measured as an National Indicator for Wales – a requirement for section 10(1) of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

3. Finance

The Carmarthenshire Arts Strategy 2018 - 2022 refers to a number of service developments. The financial implications of these will be addressed separately as part of the Council's approved project management process. To include the proposed redevelopment of Oriel Myrddin Gallery.

6. Staffing Implications

A review of the theatres staffing structure will be undertaken in accordance with the corporate policy in order to support the structural requirements of the service to deliver this strategy.

7. Physical Assets

Property has been acquired on King Street in order to support the proposed development of Oriel Myrddin gallery. Should the project not progress an alternative use / disposal of the property will be necessary.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: *Ian Jones*

Head of Leisure

1. Local Member(s)

N/A

2. Community / Town Council

N/A

3. Relevant Partners

Arts Council Wales are regularly consulted on program support and the redevelopment of Oriel Myrddin Gallery in particular.

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

AS OUTLINED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Carmarthenshire County Council Corporate Strategy 2015-2020		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/strategies-and-plans/corporate-strategy/
Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015		http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/contents/enacted
Carmarthenshire County Council Strategic Equality Plan 2015-2020		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/2337/strategic-equality-plan-2016-20.pdf
Inspire – the Arts Council of Wales strategic vision for creativity and the arts in Wales		http://www.arts.wales/about-us/plans-and-strategies/inspire
Arts and Health in Wales – A Mapping Study of Current Activity		http://www.arts.wales/140333

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Arts Strategy 2018-22

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1. Introduction

Carmarthenshire County Council recognises the importance of arts and culture; we believe that the arts should touch everyone's lives and be a part of our work, leisure, education and environment. A vibrant and diverse arts and culture scene is essential for economic, social and personal wellbeing.

We also recognise the importance of the local authority's role in developing the arts, and that public funding of the arts enables citizens to access quality arts activities, to become more creatively active, and to benefit from a higher quality of life.

The introduction of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 places a duty on all public bodies in Wales to demonstrate a commitment to seven wellbeing goals, one of which being a *Wales of vibrant culture and a thriving Welsh language*. The arts, however, have the power to make a difference across all seven goals.

We pride ourselves on being a pro-active and high performing Council, providing high quality services that make Carmarthenshire a better place in which to live, work, and visit. Carmarthenshire has a rich culture and is fortunate to have a portfolio of excellent local authority run arts venues and a rich history of local voluntary and community arts. The Council has a good track record of supporting the arts, and has been leading the way as one of the most culturally-committed local authorities in Wales, as we continue to value and invest in the arts despite the challenge of austerity and public funding cuts.

This strategy sets out the vision and objectives required to make a positive impact on health and cultural wellbeing in the county, and Wales as a whole. Through this strategy we aim to continue putting Carmarthenshire on the map.

However, public funding continues to decrease and it is anticipated that pressures on local services will continue to be challenged over the lifetime of this strategy. Therefore it's important for us to focus on diversifying and increasing income to continually improve our services, to collaborate effectively, and to reflect and keep abreast and ahead of developments, to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible arts service on the allocated resources.

2. Context

2.1 The Current Arts Services

The arts service sits within the Leisure Division of the Communities Directorate under the Cultural Services section of Carmarthenshire County Council, and comprises the Arts Development service and Theatres services, sitting alongside Libraries, Museums, and the Archives.

The main aim of the Leisure division is to get *More People, More Active, More Often*, in whatever their interest – whether that's sport, artistic or any other cultural activity. Success is currently measured through a departmental performance management framework looking at attendances and participation, Income generation and the quality of our services whilst we are also moving towards demonstrating and measuring benefit through preventative health interventions.

2.1.1 Arts Development

The Arts Development Section oversees community participation and engagement within the Arts. It financially supports the Arts Council of Wales Night Out scheme to enable professional performances in the community.

The section line manages three very different venues which contribute different cultural experiences for residents and visitors to Carmarthenshire, these are

- Dylan Thomas Boathouse & Writing shed.
- Oriel Myrddin Gallery
- The Gate Craft Centre

The Arts development section employs 1 FTE Officer plus the facility based staff and has a controllable budget of £66,732 (2018/19) with visitor numbers to the three facilities of 86,000 per annum and arts participation numbers in the region of three hundred and thirty thousand based on outreach work and events hosted by Crafts from Carmarthenshire.

Dylan Thomas Boathouse

The Boathouse in Laugharne is where Dylan Thomas lived for the last 4 years of his tragically short life. The facility offers a museum/tourist destination and gives an insight into the life of Dylan Thomas and the parlour has original artefacts. It also houses a small bookstore and an award winning tearooms. It is operational for 51 weeks of the year and is open daily. It attracts in the region of twenty three thousand visitors per annum from around the globe.

The facility operates with 3.26 FTE with additional seasonal staff. Income of £97,312 (2018/19 budget) is generated from the tearooms, admission charges and retail sales. Expenditure is £147,898 giving a net controllable budget for 2018/19 of £50,586.

The writing shed sits off Dylan's walk overlooking the estuary and allows visitors to view through a window off the walkway.

The Gate

This facility in the heart of St Clears has been developed into an evolving arts facility and rural community hub attracting around thirty seven thousand visitors per annum. It comprises of 3 floors:

- a) Top Floor – 4 artists’ studios and kiln room. It operates on a 100% occupancy rate with a waiting list.
- b) Middle floor – accommodates a community hub with offices for St Clears Town Council, Police and local library. It also has two meeting rooms available for hire.
- c) Ground Floor – houses a retail area showcasing Welsh arts & crafts, an exhibition area programmed to develop emerging and established artists in a variety of mediums as well as a tearoom.

The facility operates on 3 FTE. Income of £33,733 (2018/19 budget) is generated from arts activities at this venue which is currently the subject of discussions around improving sustainability. Expenditure is £85,009 giving a net controllable budget for 2018/19 of £51,276.

Oriel Myrddin

Oriel Myrddin Gallery is run by the Oriel Myrddin Trust with primary funding and operational support from Carmarthenshire County Council.

Oriel Myrddin Gallery is the main publicly funded art and craft gallery for the south-west Wales region. It presents ambitious contemporary programming and is highly regarded within the sector. Located in a listed Victorian building in the centre of Carmarthen, the gallery is pivotal to the cultural energy and identity of the town. As a member of Arts Portfolio Wales, the Gallery receives a recurrent grant from Arts Council Wales for core activities.

The programme generally includes exhibitions of 50% craft and/or design and 50% fine art. Approximately 50% of exhibitions will represent Welsh artists and makers, with at least one originated by the gallery. The gallery works in partnership with other established and prestigious organisations to research and develop exhibitions or to present existing touring exhibitions.

Oriel Myrddin Gallery offers exciting artist led opportunities for schools to engage with the exhibitions programme which link with a range of cross-curricular subjects and are often applicable to cwricwlwm Cymreig (Welsh curriculum). Tailor-made projects and guided visits are promoted to support creative learning, literacy and oracy, visual literacy and other transferable skills.

Community participation is vital to the life of the gallery, which also offers a range of workshops, events and off site projects for all ages and abilities to complement the exhibition programme.

The gallery houses a retail space which reflects and compliments its ethos of stocking and promoting the work of local, national and international makers of quality.

Beautifully designed and made, the items on sale are unique, desirable and collectable.

The gallery trust receives a net annual grant from CCC of £88,206 (2018/19). The Gallery is also an Arts Council Wales revenue funded organisation attracting a grant of £47,762 per annum (2017/18).

Ambitious proposals for the expansion of the Gallery taking into consideration the opportunity to house exhibitions of national standards, broaden the education program and improve access to arts and creativity are in development. The plans will also consider the opportunity to expand income generating opportunities to secure a sustainable future for the gallery which lies at the corner of the Cultural Quarter in Carmarthen.

2.1.2 Theatres

The theatres service comprises three performing arts venues which are all major cultural assets to the local community. These being:

- Y Ffwrnes, Llanelli
- Lyric Theatre, Carmarthen
- Miner's Theatre, Ammanford

The service's aim is to bring to the people of Carmarthenshire and beyond a varied programme of high quality arts and entertainment events across all theatres. The theatres also encourage people to get involved in arts participation whether as part of a local performing amateur company, classes or workshops.

Each theatre is very different in nature; Y Ffwrnes is a modern state-of-the-art venue opened in 2013 in a prime town-centre location. It comprises two adaptable multi-function performance spaces; a main house seating up to 504, a studio theatre seating up to 100, and the Ffwrnes Fach, a listed chapel which has been developed as a social enterprise centre occupied by clusters of cultural social enterprises, arts organisations, and practitioners.

The Lyric, originally a 1930's art deco cinema which was repurposed as a traditional proscenium arch theatre in the late 1980's, seats up to 665. And the Miners', which was originally a miners' welfare hall built in 1935, seating up to 144 with fantastic acoustics. The three distinct theatres give the service the flexibility to put on a varied programme that appeals to all.

Through the theatres we enjoy an opportunity to further develop the work of the Council in supporting the development of the Welsh language where we are committed to attracting and promoting the Welsh language and bilingual performances within the county theatres.

The theatre service work under one umbrella: Theatrau Sir Gâr / Carmarthenshire Theatres, and employs 30.5FTE. Income of £687,920 (2018/19 budget) is generated from the ticket sales, theatre hires, booking and conference fees and secondary retail sales. Expenditure is £1,535,968 giving a net controllable budget for 2018/19 of £848,048. The theatres service attracts around one hundred and eight thousand visitors per annum.

2.2 Council Priorities

2.2.1 Carmarthenshire County Council Corporate Strategy 2015-2020

The Corporate Strategy sets out the Council's strategic priorities and aspirations and outlines what the Council plans to do to achieve its vision for Carmarthenshire over the next five years. The vision is for a Carmarthenshire that enables people to live healthy and fulfilled lives by working together to build strong, bilingual and sustainable communities.

The Corporate Strategy, in line with the current Annual Report and Improvement Plan, outlines the core values, overarching themes and strategic objectives, which are:

- Making better use of resources
- Building a better Council
- People in Carmarthenshire are healthier
- People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential
- People who live, work and visit Carmarthenshire are safe and feel safer
- Carmarthenshire's communities and environment are sustainable
- Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy.

2.2.2 Moving Forward In Carmarthenshire: The next 5 Years

In addition to the Corporate Strategy the Council published Moving Forward In Carmarthenshire: The Next 5 Years in February 2018 which confirms a commitment to the review and re-development of the Council's Theatre services provision focussing specifically on participation, community engagement and the development of the Welsh Language program.

2.2.3 Carmarthenshire County Council Strategic Equality Plan 2015-2020

This plan describes the Council's legal duties and its commitment to equality and diversity as an employer and a service provider, and its key actions in promoting tolerance, understanding and respect within the wider community. It also refers to the need to have regard of the Welsh Language, which ties in with the Welsh Language Measure 2011.

2.2.4 A Curriculum for Carmarthenshire

The New Curriculum for Wales has been warmly welcomed in Carmarthenshire as we strive to ensure that we support our pupils to become both well qualified and well educated. A practitioner-led design approach and the flexibility to interpret the architecture of the curriculum (Subsidiarity) permits flexibility for school leaders and teachers to design learning activities according to specific needs and local circumstances. This will assist with developing an authentic and relevant curriculum for our learners, which is consistent with the high level design principles of the new curriculum.

These ideals assist us in developing a local curriculum for Carmarthenshire – a curriculum which is firmly referenced within the national framework, with an added emphasis on incrementally building young peoples' global citizenship and sense of

place and historical context, by drawing upon the attributes of school localities, Carmarthenshire, the Welsh Dimension and further afield.

Within the context of the Arts and other relevant council strategies, there are fertile opportunities for schools to capitalise upon the resources available locally. Pupils' education can be enriched and extended by interacting with our theatres, arts facilities, museums and libraries, where rich learning tasks and activities can be built around these valuable facilities. The aim, therefore, is that our learners can draw upon, and actively contribute to, the vibrant and evolving cultural scene in Carmarthenshire.

2.3 Regional Context

2.3.1 Strategic Regeneration Plan for Carmarthenshire 2015-2030

The regeneration of Carmarthenshire is well underway and many major developments came into fruition in 2015. The economic landscape is evolving with Carmarthenshire's position in the new Swansea Bay City Region for which the strategy has been adopted by the Council; by 2030, Carmarthenshire will be a confident, ambitious and connected component of a European City Region.

The Regeneration plan will encourage collaboration by key partners on key opportunities in relation to Sport, Culture & Heritage which raise Carmarthenshire's profile, nationally and globally, to new and existing audiences.

There are 6 key transformational projects within the regeneration plan: Ammanford, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire Coastal Belt, Cross Hands Growth Zone, Llanelli, and The Rural Economy. Notable strategic regeneration sites include Delta Lakes (a 'world class' Wellness and Life Science Village), The Beacon centre for enterprise, and Yr Egin.

The decision by S4C to re-locate to Carmarthen will catapult the county into one of significance for the Creative Industries sector in Wales. 'Yr Egin – The Creative Exchange', a new media and culture hub at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David's Carmarthen campus will be developed with the Welsh broadcaster as the anchor tenant for the site. Yr Egin will also excel in promoting Carmarthen as a gateway to 'Y Fro Gymraeg', the Welsh-speaking heartland.

2.3.2 Swansea Bay City Deal

The City Deal is expected to give the Swansea Bay City Region, which includes Carmarthenshire, a permanent uplift in its gross added value (GVA) of £1.8billion and will generate almost 10,000 new jobs over the next 15 years.

The City Deal programme encompasses 11 projects across 4 key themes of Economic Acceleration, Life Science and Well-being, Energy, and Smart Manufacturing. An enhanced Digital Infrastructure & next generation wireless networks and the development of workforce skills and talent will underpin each.

2.3.3 Destination Management Plan

The Destination Sir Gâr Management Plan outlines the future opportunities for Carmarthenshire and how to realise them. Carmarthenshire has 5 key priorities to achieve economic growth in tourism:

- Priority 1: Raising the profile of Carmarthenshire
- Priority 2: Improving the tourism infrastructure
- Priority 3: Enhancing the tourism experience
- Priority 4: Enhancing the Sense of Place
- Priority 5: Invest in people

Carmarthenshire's vision for its tourism economy is:

“To develop a prosperous visitor economy in Carmarthenshire based on its unique strengths and character, which generates higher spend and local income, enhances its image and reputation and improves the quality of life for local communities.”

2.4 National Context

2.4.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act also establishes Public Services Boards (PSBs) for each local authority area in Wales. Each PSB must improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area by working to achieve the well-being goals, and publish a county Well-being Plan by May 2018.

The well-being objectives identified for Carmarthenshire for 2017-18 are:

1. Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences
2. Help children live healthy lifestyles
3. Continue to improve learner attainment for all
4. Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training
5. Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, help people into work and improve the lives of those living in poverty
6. Create more jobs and growth throughout the county
7. Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes
8. Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour and obesity)
9. Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities

10. Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity and independence in their later years
11. A Council-wide approach to support Ageing Well in the County
12. Look after the environment now and for the future
13. Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity
14. Promote Welsh Language and Culture
15. Governance and use of resources

2.4.2 Arts Council of Wales

Inspire is the Arts Council of Wales (ACW)'s strategic vision for creativity and the arts in Wales. Its vision is of a creative Wales where the arts are central to the life of the nation, and is centred around three key principles:

- Make
- Reach
- Sustain

Ten creative challenges provide the focus and drive the funding and developmental decisions for ACW, and for anyone seeking the financial support of ACW. These are:

1. Creating the right environment for the artist and the arts to flourish
2. Being fit for Purpose
3. Leading from the front – our National organisations
4. Making more of our Arts buildings
5. Wales in the world
6. More people creating, enjoying and taking part in the arts
7. Nurturing young talent, lighting the spark
8. Putting communities first
9. Making new places
10. Our Digital Times

Key initiatives of the Arts Council Wales include 'Creative learning through the arts – An action plan for Wales, 2015-2020'; a joint initiative with the Welsh Government which seeks to improve attainment through creativity and increase and improve arts experiences in schools, and a 3-year agreement with the Welsh NHS Confederation to promote the arts for Welsh health and wellbeing.

2.4.3 New Curriculum for Wales

Wales is embarking upon a major curriculum reform programme for 3-16 year olds, instigated by Professor Graham Donaldson's Successful Futures Report (2015). The Arts and creativity feature prominently within the overarching architecture of the new curriculum:

- There are **4 curriculum purposes** – one being to nurture ‘Enterprising, creative contributors’ where there are opportunities to ‘express ideas and emotions through different media’
- There are **6 Areas of Learning and Experience** - one being the ‘Expressive Arts’ – where opportunities will be afforded to young people to ‘develop their creative appreciation and talent and their artistic and performance skills’ in areas which cover areas such as Art, Music, Drama, Dance, Digital Media and wider creative competencies such as improvisation.
- **Cross curriculum links** to other core purposes and areas of learning will be encouraged such as design, literature and creative writing
- **Creativity and innovation** feature amongst the curriculum’s **wider skills** and encompass generating ideas, openness and courage to explore ideas and express opinions

The new Curriculum will be available for feedback by April 2019, and will be implemented for nursery to year 7 from September 2022 onwards.

3. Current Position

The previous arts strategy covered the period 2008-2013, and much has changed since then. Most notably, the previous strategy called for a strengthened physical infrastructure of cultural facilities; The Ffwrnes has since replaced Llanelli Entertainment Centre with a £15 million investment in Llanelli, the case was successfully made for refurbishment of the Lyric, and restoration of the Dylan Thomas Writing Shed ahead of the Centenary Celebrations in 2014. Some of the previous strategy’s themes continue to be relevant; the need for more to be done around Welsh language, the scope for collaboration, and meeting national and government priorities.

Today, it is clear that due to the importance of wellbeing featuring in all local, regional and national strategies, (a direct impact of Welsh Government’s Wellbeing of Future Generations Act on all public bodies in Wales), that there is a need for this current arts strategy to focus on, reflect, and to support a broad range of wellbeing objectives. Some excellent examples of work in arts and wellbeing have already been developed within the arts service, such as the theatres’ programme for people affected by Dementia, but there is potential for this to be developed further over the duration of this strategy. The arts service will need to make stronger links to internal council departments and external organisations to deliver targeted arts and health-based interventions.

The Welsh Government recently revealed its vision for one million Welsh speakers by 2050. Nearly half of the population of Carmarthenshire speak Welsh, the largest number of Welsh speakers in Wales. The long term vision within the *Strategy to Promote the Welsh Language in Carmarthenshire 2016-2021* is to make the Welsh language the county’s main language. This presents some real opportunities for the authority to take the lead on Welsh language cultural activity. However, it is acknowledged that there is not enough Welsh language cultural provision, particularly for the bought-in professional programme at Theatrau Sir Gâr, to sustain audience development from the theatres, and demand from audiences. There is a need for a

wider conversation around the Wales-wide provision and support for Welsh language theatre, but this provides an opportunity for the authority's arts services to take a leading developmental role for culture and the Welsh language, and by working closer in partnership with key partners such as Theatr Genedlaethol, and other Welsh language theatre companies and artists it could make great strides ahead.

The Ffwrnes is the county's flagship performing arts venue. Opened in 2013, it is one of Wales' newest and most modern theatres, and one of the nation's best technically equipped venues. However, there still lies a challenge of developing it to its full potential. Some of the social enterprise units for let in the Ffwrnes Fach remain unoccupied at the time of writing this strategy, and the facilities have contributed to a handful of smaller co-productions. There are exciting opportunities for more partnerships and stronger collaborations between the Ffwrnes and key partners, and the theatres service will need to keep ahead of regional infrastructure projects, e.g. Yr Egin, to ensure it can contribute to and benefit from key cultural developments, and to take more of a leading role as a producing and social hub.

The Lyric Theatre and the Miner's Theatre in Ammanford however, under the shadow of the investment in the Ffwrnes, are challenged in finding ways to present a balanced and sustainable programme. The management of these theatres transferred from local charitable trusts to the local authority in the 2000's. The Ammanford Miners' Theatre Trust continues to exist, to support community and participatory arts and to raise funds to promote the theatre. There is the potential for stronger partnership working between the arts service and the Miners' trust, in order to sustain a balanced programme with strong local engagement. A replication of this model could also be explored for the Lyric.

A major source of programming across all three theatres comes from the amateur sector, and Carmarthenshire is fortunate to have a wealth of community and amateur organisation and a rich history of voluntary arts. This brings opportunities for developing audiences, against the backdrop of a challenge of balancing the programmes and of maximising income. The theatres' programme aims to strike the right balance between work that is popular with audiences, (and generates an income), but also by being bold and programming more challenging work which usually requires additional or external subsidy to sustain. There is room to develop the distinct programmes further and build on what's already been achieved, but also to be proactive in addressing the gaps, and to support the sector to develop the programme that is ultimately going to sustain the theatre industry.

The Arts Development Section has the responsibility of overseeing Arts networks within the County as well as line-managing three facilities namely The Gate, Oriol Myrddin Gallery and Dylan Thomas Boathouse.

Future developments will focus on delivering arts activities that contribute to the reduction of isolation and loneliness in rural communities and link to social prescribing. Links are being made with local surgeries in order to develop a pilot scheme that focuses on engaging with vulnerable people and groups. Support has been given over the years to Young Carers who have an Arts Break during the Summer holidays and this has always produced poignant results for children who become adults before their time. Crafts from Carmarthenshire remain a strong force – set up by the Arts Development (AD) Unit in 2006. They currently have 20 members who produce Crafts

in the County and regularly exhibit and sell their artwork within Carmarthenshire and beyond. During the last year the AD section of CCC (who successfully applied for funding in 2007 for this Project) were gifted back the 9 market stalls by St Clears Town Council. These are now hired out to various groups for Arts events and attendance/footfall figures for this 2017/18 have topped 330k. Llais the umbrella body for Youth Theatres set up in 2001 was deemed no longer fit for purpose and was dissolved in November 2017 as it emerged all Companies are time poor and use their limited resources and man-power to concentrate on their own productions . Individually the Companies remain robust and there have been a number of new Youth Theatre Companies over the last few years so the future seems very bright. One of the Arts Development Unit key objectives during the course of this strategy is to resurrect the Community Arts Fund which support local groups within the Community to champion the arts in whatever genre for the benefit of all within their local Community.

The Gate, Craft Centre in St Clears looks forward to an exciting robust future. It is currently challenged in relation to its sustainability but the current team are lively, energetic, full of ideas and ready to take this facility to the next level. The artists' studios are all currently full with a waiting list which demonstrates the need. The second floor houses the Community hub of the Library, The Town Council and Police. The conference and meeting rooms' infrastructure was invested in recently and remains a vital source of income. The customer experience is paramount so staff training remains high on the agenda. Catering at this facility has recently been brought back in house and will be at the forefront of the development of the Carmarthenshire catering brand also providing an exciting opportunity to re-examine the space to ensure arts and craft are at the core of the facility. The Health and Wellbeing agenda and tackling isolation and befriending in a rural community will be worked into the immediate future programming. The ground floor also houses an exhibition area and retail space with emphasis on Welsh Crafts and makers as a high percentage of its offering so it is an important platform to showcase work that otherwise might not have an opportunity to come to market or public view.

Dylan Thomas Boathouse remains as popular as ever with approx. 30k visitors per year. Since the last Strategy it has hosted a Royal visit, was the Anchor leg of the Queen's Commonwealth Baton visit as well as the Rugby World Cup. DT100 (the centenary year in 2014) saw a surge in visitor numbers and the legacy remains that footfall is strong. The Dylan Thomas mobile Writing Shed commissioned during that year remains available and will be used during the next few years as pop-up spaces for artists and writers. To look at alternative income sources we are applying for the Writing Shed to be a venue for Civil Ceremonies. In future the venue will need infrastructure investment to update the visitor experience sympathetically with technology.

Oriel Myrddin Gallery remains an Arts Council of Wales Portfolio revenue client with an exciting Capital development project in development. The scheme aims to transform the Gallery and enable it to extend the offering to a much wider client base as well as catering on the educational front for those who are less mobile as the Old School of Art building is not wholly DDA compliant. The Oriel aims to remain the main Gallery in West-Wales programming local, national and international work of standard.

4. Vision, Mission, Values

4.1 Vision

Our vision is of Carmarthenshire as a place where exceptional arts experiences engage and enthuse our communities and celebrate the unique and bilingual culture of our County.

4.2 Mission

Our mission is to ensure that the arts make a positive contribution to the County's cultural output, its prosperity, wellbeing, and sustainable development, and to make Carmarthenshire a place where people want to live, work and visit.

4.3 Values

We believe that...

- Attending and participating in the arts enhances the quality of life of local citizens.
- The arts have a positive impact on the physical and mental well-being of people and the environment in which they live.
- Quality arts practice can be used to create a healthy local economy, provide local job opportunities and contribute to where people choose to live and work.
- The arts are a good way for local authorities to deliver key priorities, can help key services run better, and are crucial to the preventative agenda.
- That everybody deserves to have equal access to high quality arts in the language of their choice.

Strategic Aims & Objectives / Action plan

Strategic Priority 1: To contribute to the **Cultural Wellbeing** of Carmarthenshire; where the arts help support culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and encouraging as many people as possible to participate in and attend high quality cultural experiences.

Key Aims:

- To use the arts in supporting Carmarthenshire's aim of leading with the Welsh language, and to be the gateway to 'Y Fro Gymraeg'
- To encourage and deliver cultural provision of the highest quality and of artistic excellence
- To reach as many audiences as possible
- To develop and support the local arts community

Actions:

Objective:	Action:	Measure:	Timescale:	Resources:
Increase use of Welsh throughout arts programme	To ensure programming in all Arts Facilities features the Welsh Language, and to increase the amount of Welsh language activity programmed and presented.	% of programmed activity in Welsh language	April 2018 & ongoing	Both Theatre & Arts Development revenue budget ACW Lottery grants.
Increase use of Welsh throughout arts programme	Theatrau Sir Gâr to take a leadership role in programming, producing or co-producing Welsh language or work made in Wales.	Increase in % of programmed activity in Welsh language	April 2019 & ongoing	ACW Lottery grants Officer time
Quality & Excellence	Deliver high quality participatory art sessions in a range of artforms.	Number of participants engaged	April 2018	Both Theatre and Arts Development revenue budget. External/Internal Project funding
Quality & Excellence	Bold and high quality professional arts programmed and presented in all of the arts venues including the best national and international work	Customer Satisfaction Increased audience frequency Increased attendances	April 2019	APW Revenue funding ACW lottery grants
Quality & Excellence	Maintain VAQAS accreditation in arts	Accreditation maintained	April 2018	Arts Development

	facilities	each year		revenue budget
Audience Development	Continue delivering the Night Out Scheme to support professional theatre programming in community venues.	Number of Night Out events supported	April 2018	Arts Development revenue budget
Local arts community	Develop arts facilities as cultural and social hubs and to facilitate networking and co-working opportunities for artists and arts organisations.	Footfall in CCC's arts venues Number of units occupied at Y Gat and Ffwrnes Fach	April 2019	Both Theatre & Arts Development budgets Officer time
Local arts community	Supporting community and amateur organisations to access our quality arts facilities, showcase and celebrate local talent	Number of local artists and arts groups supported	April 2018	Both Theatre & Arts Development revenue budgets

Strategic Priority 2: Ensure the arts contribute to the **Health & Wellbeing** of Carmarthenshire, encourage people to attend and participate in creative activities to promote good physical and mental wellbeing, and to use the arts as a mechanism for delivering positive health, social, and wellbeing outputs

Key Aims:

- a) To promote and encourage widespread access and regular participation in the arts
- b) To develop arts projects which promote good physical and mental health and wellbeing
- c) To work in partnership with health and social care services to explore the importance of creativity as a tool for improved wellbeing

Actions:

Objective:	Action:	Measure:	Timescale:	Resources:
Widespread access & regular participation	A wide range of participatory arts provision delivered to promote good mental and physical health	Number of audiences and participants regularly engaged in directly delivered arts activity	April 2018 & ongoing	ACW Lottery and/or Internal and External Project Funding
Promote good health and wellbeing	Deliver and support a range of events and activity targeted at promoting creativity in older age, and for the wellbeing of older people, and tackling isolation and loneliness.	Number of Dementia friendly events/projects	April 2019 & ongoing	ACW lottery funding External funding targeted at older people, e.g. Baring Foundation, Gwanwyn / Age Concern
Widespread access & regular participation	Promote increased equality & inclusion across all arts programmes including Theatres service joining the HYNT scheme	Number of accessible events Concessions schemes Number of Hynt card-holders accessing events	October 2018	Both Theatre & Arts Development revenue budgets
Arts as a tool for improved wellbeing	. Ensure a range of targeted arts activity interventions are put in place to support the wellbeing of those who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing health problems and social isolation.	Number of participants in projects targeting arts and health interventions	April 2021	Internal social care budget External non-arts funding Arts Development revenue budget
Arts as a tool for	To work in partnerships with health and	Arts and wellbeing	April 2022	CCC Budget

Improved wellbeing	social care services, other internal departments within the Council to develop a framework to measure health outputs and to advocate for the use of arts to deliver wellbeing outcomes	evaluation framework developed		Officer time
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Strategic Priority 3: Ensure the arts contribute towards the **Economic Wellbeing** of Carmarthenshire, by supporting the regeneration of

communities, supporting local creative and cultural industries, and making the county a more attractive place to visit, live and work.

Key Aims:

- a) To be a key contributor to cultural tourism in the county and to support the tourism economy
- b) To make Carmarthenshire an attractive place to visit, live and work
- c) To contribute to the lifelong learning of local residents, and to promote valid and rewarding career paths in the arts and creative industries

Actions:

Objective:	Action:	Measure:	Timescale:	Resources:
Cultural tourism	Work in partnership with CCC'S Marketing & Tourism Departments and other partners to ensure that arts activity is featured in regional events.	Number of regional events held which include arts activity	April 2019	CCC Events Budget Officer time
Living & working	To support initiatives for the continued professional development of artists and people working in the creative industries	No of training opportunities delivered	April 2020	ACW Lottery grants or External Lottery Funding
Living & working	To promote the venue's creative facilities, and to attract and persuade creative individuals and organisations to be based in the county.	Number of units occupied in Ffwrnes Fach & The Gate	April 2018	Marketing budget Officer Time
Living & working	To develop good working partnerships with Yr Egin, Y Llwyfan, Theatre Genedlaethol Cymru and regional media companies, to ensure the arts service's contribution to the county's cultural economy.	No of projects / events delivered in partnership	April 2020	Officer time
Lifelong learning	Develop partnerships with the education department and consortia, local schools,	Number of formal learning opportunities	Sept 2018	Officer time

	Coleg Sir Gar and UWTSD to link the service's offer with formal and informal learning opportunities.	delivered within or in partnership with arts service. Arts and education implementation plan developed		
Community Development	Engaging and contributing to the anti-poverty agenda through the Arts	No of participants engaged in arts activities through anti-poverty programme	April 2019	Officer time & Anti-poverty programme funding
Community development	Support community development through the Community Arts Fund	No of events supported via Community Arts Fund	March 2019	Arts Development budget

Strategic Priority 4: To develop and **sustain** an efficient and effective arts service; to develop innovative ways of working, to deepen public engagement, and to value, understand and celebrate the arts, and the impact they can make to resident's lives.

Key Aims:

- a) To develop effective services, by improving working practices, working in partnership, and ensuring value for money.
- b) To ensure that arts facilities and practices are environmental sustainable.
- c) To celebrate and champion the arts, and to advocate for the positive impact they create.
- d) To develop efficient services, reducing costs and increasing or diversifying income where possible.

Actions:

Objective:	Action:	Measure:	Timescale:	Resources:
Increasing and Diversifying income	To develop robust business plans for the theatre and arts development service; identification and exploitation of commercial opportunities and increased revenue.	Number of audiences engaged Earned income as % of total turnover	April 2018	Both Theatres and Arts Development Revenue budgets Officer time
Increasing and Diversifying income	To develop robust marketing & audience development initiatives, and implement a customer relationship management (CRM) approach to engaging audiences.	Customer satisfaction Number of new audiences engaged Increased frequency Earned income as % of total turnover	April 2018	Officer time
Develop strong partnerships	To develop partnerships and collaborations with other organisations and agencies, including other arts services, charitable trusts, town councils, educational establishments, and third sector organisations, by sharing resources, joint projects, and accessing external and non-arts funding.	Number of audiences and participants engaged	April 2018	Officer time

Advocacy for the arts	To develop the arts service's performance management framework and key indicators, to capture and evidence the impact of our services	Qualitative data collected to evidence impact	April 2019	Officer time
Infrastructure development	To advocate and make applications for capital improvements to ensure sustainability and to reduce environmental impact, and explore capital improvements to develop the viability of the venues, Such as Oriel Myrddin	Reducing energy costs, increasing income, number of new participants / audiences engaged.	April 2020	CCC Capital funding , External funding from ACW
Effective service delivery	To invest in the development of our staff and value our staff as the service's most valuable asset, and to ensure a staffing structure that is fit for purpose. Review of theatres staffing structure.	Staff satisfaction Sickness days lost. No of performance reviews conducted	April 2019	Officer time Training budget
Effective service delivery	To exploit, utilise and embrace digital and emerging technology, to broaden access, and to deepen public engagement with the arts service.	% of people booking online Increased visitor numbers	April 2021	External grant funding
Diversifying income	Contribute and mirror ACW strategic priorities and to make applications for arts grant funding	ACW funding as % of total turnover	April 2018	Officer time
Advocacy for the arts	Celebrate local success and excellence, and publicly showcase the richness and diversity of local culture.	Annual regional cultural events (e.g. Culture Awards, Town/Village of Culture)	March 2019	CCC Budget and inter departmental working group. Officer time
Efficiency	Contribute to council's efficiency programme.	External income as % of total turnover in order to support reduction in net budget	April 2019/20	Both Theatres & Arts Development Revenue budget.
Environmental	Develop an arts service environmental	Reduction in energy use	April 2019	Both Theatres & Arts

Sustainability	impact action plan and adapting buildings & practices to reduce energy consumption & carbon foot-print.	and waste consumption		Development Revenue budget. Officer time.
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Key Milestones

	Arts Development	Theatres	Oriel Myrddin	Y Gat	Dylan Thomas Boathouse
2018-19	<p>Manage and oversee the smooth and cost effective running of three facilities namely The Gate St Clears, Dylan Thomas Boathouse and Oriel Myrddin Gallery</p> <p>Support the development of the Town and Village of Culture and deliver the Cultural awards celebrations</p> <p>Distribute monies for Cultural activity via the Community Art Fund making a case for the reintroduction of said Fund.</p> <p>Support and administrate the Performing Arts activity via the ACW Night Out Scheme.</p>	<p>At least 8 professional Welsh language theatre productions presented</p> <p>Submit grant application to ACW for theatres artistic programme support</p> <p>New theatres staffing structure to be implemented (with new recruitment)</p> <p>Celtic Media Festival hosted in the county</p> <p>Theatres part of Circus 250 Festival</p> <p>Theatres joint the national Hynt scheme</p> <p>Increase attendances by 7.5%</p>	<p>Present 6 exhibitions – 2 major international exhibitions/3 Welsh artists/1 media installation</p> <p>Increased attendance by 10%</p> <p>Develop and strengthen connections, collaborations and partnership with the visual arts sector in Wales</p> <p>Develop ‘off-site’ programme and partnership with ‘Fusion’</p> <p>Secure a funding decision on the Gallery Redevelopment</p>	<p>Through a programme of arts activities and exhibitions we will encourage the development of the Welsh Language.</p> <p>Operate Café in house incorporating Arts activities within the space.</p> <p>Apply for Brown sign to signpost The Gate off the A40 to divert traffic to the facility.</p> <p>We will forge links and partnerships to promote the health & wellbeing agenda ensuring arts at the heart within the Community.</p> <p>We will work on a programme to tackle isolation and</p>	<p>Maintain VAQAS accreditation</p> <p>Work to maintain high rating on Trip Advisor.</p> <p>Align closer with The Gate as a Sister organisation by driving traffic to the facility – one action will be to park the Dylan Thomas mobile shed on a temporary basis outside the Gate for Artists to hire out on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Launch the Writing Shed as a venue for Civil Ceremonies to a UK and Worldwide platform to drive income.</p>

	<p>Commission arts activities aligned to various strategies and notable events.</p> <p>Support and assist the development of Crafts from Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>Align and work closely with strategic partners and funding bodies e.g ACW, Arts & Business, ADUK. ETC</p> <p>Arts and education implementation plan developed in partnership with the education department.</p>			<p>befriending and submit grant applications/apply for funding to under-pin.</p> <p>Maintain VAQAS accreditation.</p>	
2019-20	<p>Arts on referral scheme researched and recommendation report drafted</p>	<p>Submit grant application to ACW for Research & Development grant for new Welsh language production</p> <p>Submit grant application to ACW</p>	<p>SCENARIO 1. Gallery Redevelopment delivery phase (assuming funding is in place)</p> <p>Present 2 exhibitions (Jan – March, March</p>	<p>Increase substantially through occupancy rates the Conference and Meeting room facilities by ensuring quality offering and great customer service</p>	<p>Re introduce a substantial Literary events programme throughout the year with particular emphasis on Schools and Young People.</p>

		<p>for theatres artistic programme support</p> <p>At least 10 professional Welsh language theatre productions presented</p> <p>Environmental action plan developed</p> <p>Increase attendance by 10%</p> <p>Relationships developed with UWTSD & Coleg Sir Gar</p>	<p>– Jul) GALLERY CLOSED FOR REFRUBISHMENT Redevelopment complete – RELAUNCH</p> <p>SCENARIO 2. Present 6 exhibitions – 2 major international exhibitions/3 Welsh artists/1 media installation. Increased attendance by 10%</p> <p>Develop and strengthen connections, collaborations and partnership with the visual arts sector in Wales</p>	<p>Underpin the arts offering through grant applications to various bodies through project funding.</p> <p>Look at the feasibility of setting up a Community Cinema/Film Club</p>	<p>Continue to promote and establish the venue for Civil Ceremonies.</p>
2020-21	Arts on referral scheme piloted	<p>Formal learning opportunities offered in partnership with UWTSD / Coleg Sir Gar</p> <p>Submit grant application to ACW grant for Welsh</p>	<p>SCENARIO 1. Present 7 exhibitions – 2 major international exhibitions/3 Welsh artists/2 media installation.</p>	<p>Look at developing and securing funding for a Rebecca Riots Festival linking both facilities with the legacy being a Heritage trail.</p>	<p>Build on previous year's events programme and aim to extend reach and inclusion with a varied programme underpinning the offering with grant funding.</p>

		<p>language production (and national touring)</p> <p>Submit grant application to ACW for community & outreach work in the Welsh language to support audience and participation development.</p> <p>Friends of the Lyric Theatre established</p> <p>Increase participant numbers by 10%</p> <p>Feasibility study on adaptations for the Lyric to become more suitable for the presentation of drama.</p> <p>At least 12 professional Welsh language theatre productions presented</p>	<p>Increased attendance by 15%</p> <p>To create relationship across Wales and international with individual artists and artist networks</p> <p>To be a champion and launch-pad for emerging Welsh artists nationally and internationally</p> <p>Provide workshop and learning opportunities that develops the skills and understanding of fine and applied art for all</p> <p>SCENARIO 2. Present 6 exhibitions – 2 major international exhibitions/3 Welsh artists/1 media installation.</p>	<p>Work with partners across both facilities to strengthen the arts and literary offering.</p>	
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			<p>Increased attendance by 7.5%</p> <p>To develop and strengthen connections, collaborations and partnership with the visual arts sector in Wales</p> <p>To contribute to at least 3 national events seminars, conferences etc. to share learning and raise the profile of the arts in Wales</p>		
2021-22		<p>100% occupancy rate in Ffwrnes Fach</p> <p>Increase participant numbers by 10%</p> <p>Develop bilingual participatory activity for young people (e.g. bilingual county youth theatre).</p> <p>At least 14 professional Welsh</p>	<p>SCENARIO 1. Present 8 exhibitions – 2 major international exhibitions/3 Welsh artists/1 media installation/2 contemporary design. Increased attendance by 15%</p> <p>Engage with education and learning institutions</p>	<p>Expand the arts offering through continued partnership working</p>	<p>Look at applying for funding to enhance the visitor experience through the latest technology on offer.</p>

		<p>language theatre productions presented</p>	<p>across the region to experience learning and participatory engagement with artists, exhibitions and contemporary art Expand the reach of learning opportunities to the community in particular young people, elderly and social deprived</p> <p>SCENARIO 2. Present 6 exhibitions – 2 major international exhibitions/3 Welsh artists/1 media installation. Increased attendance by 7.5%</p> <p>To develop and strengthen connections, collaborations and partnership with the visual arts sector in Wales</p> <p>To contribute to at least 3 national</p>		
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7.0 Monitoring & Ownership

This strategy was adopted by Carmarthenshire County Council on xxxx.

The strategy will be delivered on an operational level by the Theatres Development Manager, Principle Arts Officer and the respective operational arts teams and at a strategic level by the Senior Cultural Services Manager.

It will underpin the divisional annual Leisure Services business plan.

The strategy will be monitored, reviewed, and reported on an annual basis.

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	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Budget
ARTS AND THEATRES TOTAL						
Expenditure	1,834,930	1,802,047	1,835,976	1,749,702	1,976,268	1,923,813
Fees & Charges	-716,644	-745,351	-757,997	-644,612	-718,589	-789,249
Grants	-4,000	-25,716	-27,000	-30,000	-16,500	-29,716
Controllable	1,114,286	1,030,981	1,050,980	1,075,090	1,241,179	1,104,848
Visitor Numbers	203,190	205,794	195,905	184,594	182,763	
Net Cost per visitor	£ 5.48	£ 5.01	£ 5.36	£ 5.82	£ 6.79	
Income %	39%	43%	43%	39%	37%	43%

DETAIL:

7701 Lyric Theatre

Expenditure	202,839	273,922	307,366	279,396	303,632	322,360
Fees & Charges	-114,161	-166,077	-200,088	-138,595	-155,236	-199,287
	88,679	107,846	107,278	140,801	148,396	123,073
Visitor Numbers	30,298	32,407	32,718	27,488	27,618	
Net Cost per visitor	£ 2.93	£ 3.33	£ 3.28	£ 5.12	£ 5.37	
Income %	56%	61%	65%	50%	51%	62%

7702 Y Ffwrnes

Expenditure	736,363	707,074	732,320	745,130	910,198	717,480
Fees & Charges	-438,489	-378,542	-383,869	-337,969	-386,279	-427,007
	297,874	328,532	348,451	407,161	523,919	290,473
Visitor Numbers	79,255	79,150	72,878	73,864	70,370	
Net Cost per visitor	£ 3.76	£ 4.15	£ 4.78	£ 5.51	£ 7.45	
Income %	60%	54%	52%	45%	42%	60%

7706 Ammanford Miners Theatre

Expenditure	36,171	40,052	47,097	48,329	51,886	54,938
Fees & Charges	-10,677	-7,021	-8,908	-12,942	-14,932	-16,630
	25,494	33,031	38,189	35,387	36,954	38,308
Visitor Numbers	3,882	2,467	2,339	3,082	3,710	
Net Cost per visitor	£ 6.57	£ 13.39	£ 16.33	£ 11.48	£ 9.96	
Income %	30%	18%	19%	27%	29%	30%

7710 Entertainment Centres General

Expenditure	397,416	375,119	356,200	284,275	276,013	441,190
Fees & Charges	-19,451	-11,143	-13,886	-10,286	-16,395	-15,280
Grants	-4,000	-25,716	-27,000	-30,000	-16,500	-29,716
	373,965	338,259	315,314	243,989	243,118	396,194

7704 St Clears Craft Centre

Expenditure	74,948	48,857	56,826	70,285	110,747	85,009
Fees & Charges	-27,962	-30,035	-30,043	-30,206	-35,826	-33,733
	46,986	18,822	26,783	40,079	74,921	51,276
Visitor Numbers	37,745	41,765	37,647	35,768	36,240	
Net Cost per visitor	£ 1.24	£ 0.45	£ 0.71	£ 1.12	£ 2.07	
Income %	37%	61%	53%	43%	32%	40%

7705 Laugharne Boathouse

Expenditure	150,171	191,807	169,521	168,640	184,023	147,898
Fees & Charges	-105,904	-152,533	-121,202	-114,613	-109,922	-97,312
	44,267	39,274	48,320	54,027	74,101	50,586
Visitor Numbers	22,956	23,666	26,150	23,457	22,715	
Net Cost per visitor	£ 1.93	£ 1.66	£ 1.85	£ 2.30	£ 3.26	
Income %	71%	80%	71%	68%	60%	66%

7703 Arts General

	135,826	63,772	62,202	65,441	51,563	66,732
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7659 Oriel Myrddin - contribution from CCC

	101,194	101,444.00	104,444.00	88,206.00	88,206.00	88,206.00
Visitor Numbers	29,054	26,339	24,173	20,935	22,110	
Net Investment per visitor	£ 3.48	£ 3.85	£ 4.32	£ 4.21	£ 3.99	

Grand Total	1,114,286	1,030,981	1,050,980	1,075,090	1,241,179	1,104,848
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Strategaeth Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin ar gyfer y Celfyddydau

2018-2022

Carmarthenshire County Council Arts Strategy

Pam mae'r celfyddydau'n bwysig? Why the Arts matter



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Why the Arts matter

Mae'r celfyddydau'n bwysig oherwydd maent yn ein helpu ni i weld y byd o safbwyntiau gwahanol. Maent yn rhoi empathi i ni ac yn ein helpu ni i ddeall pobl, llefydd, cyfnodau o hanes a materion a allai fod yn anghyfarwydd i ni fel arall. Maent yn ein cysuro ni yn ystod adeg o alar ac yn rhoi egni i ni yn ystod adeg o ddathlu. Maent yn bwysig oherwydd gallant fod yn gatalydd ar gyfer newid...yn chwyldroadol hyd yn oed! Mae'r celfyddydau'n tanio rhywbeth yn ein hymennydd na allaf ei esbonio ond rwy'n gwybod ei fod yn hanfodol i fywyd.

— (cyfieithiad) Jennie Terman, National Endowment for the Arts

The arts matter because they help us see the world from different perspectives. They give us empathy and help us understand people, places, periods of history, and issues with which we may otherwise be unfamiliar. They comfort us in grief and energize us in celebration. They are important because they can act as a catalyst for change...they can start a revolution! The arts ignite something in our brains that I can't explain, but I know it's essential for life.

— Jennie Terman, National Endowment for the Arts



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Gweledigaeth Vision

Ein gweledigaeth yw Sir Gaerfyrddin lle mae profiadau celfyddydol eithriadol yn denu ein cymunedau gan danio eu brwdfrydedd a dathlu diwylliant unigryw a dwyieithog ein Sir.

Our vision is of Carmarthenshire as a place where exceptional arts experiences engage and enthuse our communities and celebrate the unique and bilingual culture of our County.

Ble'r ydym ni nawr? Where are we now?

- Cartref a Sied Ysgrifennu Dylan Thomas
- Oriel Myrddin
- Canolfan Grefftau'r Gât
- Datblygu'r Celfyddydau
- Y Ffwrnes, Llanelli
- Y Lyric, Caerfyrddin
- Theatr y Glowyr, Rhydaman
- Dylan Thomas Boathouse & Writing shed
- Oriel Myrddin Gallery
- The Gate Craft Centre
- Arts Development
- Ffwrnes, Llanelli
- Lyric, Carmarthen
- Miners' Theatre, Ammanford

Ble'r ydym ni nawr? Where are we now?

- Cyfranogi
- Rhagoriaeth
- Llesiant
- Artistiaid a gwneuthurwyr o Gymru
- Cymunedau
- Theatrau - 71,469 o gynulleidfaoedd a 32,965 o gyfranogwyr 2016/17
- Cyfleusterau'r Celfyddydau - 86,000 o ymwelwyr a 330,000 o gyfranogwyr 2016/17
- Participation
- Excellence
- Wellbeing
- Welsh artists and makers
- Community
- Theatres - 71,469 audiences and 32,965 participants 2016/17
- Arts facilities – 80,160 visitors and 330,000 participants 2016/17

Blaenoriaethau Priorities

- Mwy o Bobl yn Fwy Egnïol yn Amlach
- Llesiant
- Prosiectau trawsnewid rhanbarthol a'r diwydiannau creadigol
- Yr Iaith Gymraeg
- Cynaliadwyedd
- Cydweithio
- More People, More Active, More Often
- Wellbeing
- Regional transformation projects and the creative industries
- Welsh language
- Sustainability
- Collaboration

Prif Nodau ac Amcanion Key Aims & Objectives

Blaenoriaeth Strategol 1: Arwain o ran Llesiant Diwylliannol Sir Gaerfyrddin; lle mae'r celfyddydau'n helpu i gefnogi diwylliant, treftadaeth a'r Gymraeg ac annog cynifer o bobl â phosibl i fynychu a chymryd rhan mewn profiadau diwylliannol o ansawdd uchel.

Strategic Priority 1: To contribute to the Cultural Wellbeing of Carmarthenshire; where the arts help support culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and encouraging as many people as possible to participate in and attend high quality cultural experiences.

Prif Nodau ac Amcanion Key Aims & Objectives

Blaenoriaeth Strategol 2: Sicrhau bod y celfyddydau'n cyfrannu at lechyd a Llesiant Sir Gaerfyrddin ac annog pobl i fynychu a chymryd rhan mewn gweithgareddau creadigol er mwyn hyrwyddo llesiant corfforol a meddyliol da ac i ddefnyddio'r celfyddydau fel modd o ddarparu canlyniadau iechyd, cymdeithasol a llesiant cadarnhaol.

Strategic Priority 2: Ensure the arts contribute to the Health & Wellbeing of Carmarthenshire, and encourage people to attend and participate in creative activities to promote good physical and mental wellbeing, and to use the arts as a mechanism for delivering positive health, social, and wellbeing outputs.

Prif Nodau ac Amcanion Key Aims & Objectives

Blaenoriaeth Strategol 3: Sicrhau bod y celfyddydau'n cyfrannu tuag at Lesiant Economaidd Sir Gaerfyrddin, drwy gefnogi adfywio cymunedau, cefnogi diwydiannau diwylliannol a chreadigol lleol a gwneud y sir yn lle mwy deniadol i ymweld â hi, i fyw ynddi ac i weithio ynddi.

Strategic Priority 3: Ensure the arts contribute towards the Economic Wellbeing of Carmarthenshire, by supporting the regeneration of communities, supporting local creative and cultural industries, and making the county a more attractive place to visit, live and work.

Prif Nodau ac Amcanion Key Aims & Objectives

Blaenoriaeth Strategol 4:

Datblygu a chynnal gwasanaeth celfyddydau sy'n effeithlon ac effeithiol; datblygu ffyrdd arloesol o weithio, cryfhau ymgysylltu â'r cyhoedd ac i werthfawrogi, deall a dathlu'r celfyddydau a'u heffaith ar fywydau preswylwyr.

Strategic Priority 4: To develop and sustain an efficient and effective arts service; to develop innovative ways of working, to deepen public engagement, and to value, understand and celebrate the arts, and the impact they can make to resident's lives.

Mewn 4 blynedd... In 4 years time...

- **Byddwn ni wedi...**

Datblygu ac ymchwilio i raglen o gelfyddydau ar bresgripsiwn. Gweithio gyda'r sector iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol i ddatblygu system atgyfeirio ar gyfer ystod briodol o weithgaredd artistig a chreadigol lle profwyd ei fod yn fuddiol i lesiant meddyliol a chorfforol. Byddwn ni'n defnyddio fframwaith gwerthuso sy'n dangos enillion cymdeithasol ar fuddsoddiad.

- **We will have...**

Researched and developed a programme of arts on prescription. Working with social care and the health sector to develop a referral system for an appropriate range of artistic and creative activity where it has been proven to be beneficial to mental and physical wellbeing. We will utilise an evaluation framework which demonstrates the social return on investment.

Mewn 4 blynedd... In 4 years time...

- **Byddwn ni wedi...**

Trawsnewid ein cyfleusterau yn hybiau creadigol a chymdeithasol gan adeiladu ar y gwaith sydd eisoes yn digwydd i drawsnewid Oriel Myrddin ac i gael hyd i denantiaid ar gyfer Hwb y Ffwrnes Fach.

- **We will have...**

Transformed our facilities into creative and social hubs, building on the work already in progress to transform Oriel Myrddin and locate tenants for the Ffwrnes Fach hub

Mewn 4 blynedd... In 4 years time...

- **Byddwn ni wedi...**

Cwblhau adolygiad o'n rhaglenni Iaith Gymraeg, paru rhaglenni â disgwyliadau cynulleidfaoedd a chyflawni ein gwaith cynhyrchu neu gyd-gynhyrchu cyntaf os bydd bylchau o ran darpariaeth yn cael eu cadarnhau fel yr amheuir.

- **We will have...**

Completed a review of our Welsh Language programming, matching program with audience expectation and delivered our first produced or co-produced work if gaps in provision are confirmed as suspected.

Mewn 4 blynedd... In 4 years time...

- **Byddwn ni wedi...**

Dathlu, hyrwyddo a chodi proffil y celfyddydau yn Sir Gaerfyrddin trwy ddiwyddiad 'Dathlu Diwylliant' blynyddol a thrwy fentrau tref a phentref diwylliant.

- **We will have...**

Celebrated, championed and raised the profile of the arts in Carmarthenshire through an annual Celebrating Culture event and through town and village of culture initiatives.

Diolch Thank You



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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25th June 2018

DRAFT - CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017/18

The Council's draft Annual Report together with the relevant Well-being Objective detailed reports for this Scrutiny.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

The Council's draft Annual Report

Reasons:

1. Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 we must publish an Annual Report on past performance by the end of October each year.
2. Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 we are required to publish an Annual Report on our Well-being Objectives
3. As we combined our duties under both of the above acts for the publication of our plans for 2018/19– it makes sense for us to combine reporting as well.
4. This will be our first report on our Well-being Objectives

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: YES – 30th July 2018

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- Cllr. Emlyn Dole (Leader)
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- Cllr. Linda Evans (Housing)
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25th June 2018

Draft Annual Report for 2017/18

- The Council's Annual Report together with the relevant Well-being Objective detailed reports for this Scrutiny
- The following sections within the document are relevant to Community Scrutiny:
 - Introduction
 - **WBO 2.** Help children live healthy lifestyles
 - **WBO 6.** Creating more jobs and growth throughout the county
 - **WBO 7.** Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes
 - **WBO 8.** Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour and obesity)
 - **WBO 14.** Promoting Welsh language and culture
 - Appendices
- *Please Note: The draft detailed commitment progress updates for **all** the WBOs are available as document links within the document – at the bottom of each Well-being Objective.*

The report:-

1. Provides an overview of 2017/18 Performance
2. Provides two page progress reports for all 15 Well-being Objectives
3. Provides a link to track progress on every specific action and target set for each Well-being Objective
4. Within the appendices, the report also provides other performance information on Out-turn data (September) and National Survey for Wales Results (June) - to be updated when results become available.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

We confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Wendy Walters Director of Regeneration & Policy
 Ian Jones Head of Leisure
 Jonathan Morgan Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	No	No	No	No

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

To comply with the Well-being of Future Generations (WbFG) Act 2015, we must (in carrying out sustainable development) :-

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set and publish well-being objectives 	<p>This was done when we published our Well-being Objectives in March 2017. This was included in the New Corporate Strategy – June 2018.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish a statement about well-being objectives 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish an annual report of progress 	<p>This will be accomplished by the enclosed Annual Report</p>

Only when a public body can demonstrate it has taken into account the sustainable development principle in the setting, taking steps and meeting of its well-being objectives will it be compliant with the Act. Public bodies may take other matters into account when making their decisions, but in order to comply with the Act they **must** take into account the 5 ways of working.

1. Long term
2. Integrated
3. Involving
4. Collaborative
5. Preventative

In May the Future Generations Commissioner published her expectations for Annual Reports. Despite the late publication of these expectations this Annual report does address a lot of what is expected. See Appendix 5 of the Annual Report.

These expectations will be addressed in more depth in next year's Annual Report.

2. Legal

We have to publish our Annual Report by the 31st October to comply with the Local Government Measure 2009

3. Finance

See the Making Better use of Resources theme

CONSULTATIONS

We confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Wendy Walters Director Regeneration & Policy
 Ian Jones Head of Leisure
 Jonathan Morgan Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities

1. Local Member(s)

2. Community / Town Council

3. Relevant Partners

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - All Departments have been consulted and have had the opportunity to provide comments

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
 List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015	-	The Essentials Guide
Shared purpose:shared future Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015	-	SPSF 1 Core guidance SPSF 2 Individual Role (public bodies)
Local Government Measure (2009)	-	Local Government Measure (2009)
Corporate Strategy 2015-2020	-	Corporate Strategy 2015-2020
Moving forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 years	-	Moving forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 years
Well-being Objectives 2017-18	-	Well-being Objectives 2017-18
Well-being in Wales: the journey so far. Future Generations Commissioner for Wales-May 2018	-	Well-being in Wales: the journey so far. Future Generations Commissioner for Wales-May 2018

Annual Report 2017/18



Welcome from the Leader of the Council

TO FOLLOW.....

We welcome constructive comments on our strategies and services. Feedback from customers and service users is essential in identifying opportunities for improvement and we hope that if you have any comments or suggestions that you believe would help that you will share them with us. Please contact us at:

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Cllr Emlyn Dole
Leader



Mark James CBE
Chief Executive



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Introduction

Our first Annual Report on our Well-being Objectives

In March 2017, we published our Well-being Objective (Incorporating our Improvement Objectives) plans for 2017/18.

This document, is an Annual Report for 2017/18 that examines our progress against the published plans for the year. It is produced by the Council because we believe we should provide comprehensive and balanced information to the public about our services, so that they can see how we are performing and the challenges we are facing.

This publication brings together two separate but interconnected statutory duties. Under the [Local Government \(Wales\) Measure 2009](#) and the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) we must publish an annual report on the previous year (2017/18). See Appendix 1.

Working with Partners

As a Council we are not alone in working to improve the lives of Carmarthenshire's citizens. We are collaborating with other Public Bodies. We have set up a Public Sector Board and this partnership has recently published a [Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan](#). All the separate public bodies in the partnership published their own Well-being Objectives last year and we will be working to meet many common objectives.

Equality and Diversity

Strategic Equality Plans (SEPs) are important documents that set out how public bodies will consider the needs of groups with protected characteristics, as outlined in the Equality Act 2010. This is intended to ensure that all individuals receive just and equitable treatment in respect of service delivery and strategy/policy formulation. Carmarthenshire County Council's SEP includes three key themes which look at our role as an employer, a service provider and a community leader. Under those three themes are six strategic objectives. A detailed [Action Plan](#) has been prepared to demonstrate how we will meet those Objectives.

During the year, our work with external protected groups has continued to grow and our partnership with community groups has strengthened. The Carmarthenshire Disability Partnership, chaired by the Executive Board Disability Champion has continued to develop, with a key aim of making sure that services delivered by the Council meet the needs of disabled people throughout the county. Our Regional Community Cohesion Coordinator has continued to support key areas of work such as the Syria Sir Gâr resettlement programme and has promoted training opportunities in partnership with Victim Support other national organisations.

Welsh Language (also, please see Well-being Objective 14)

2017/18 is the second year in the implementation of the Welsh Language Standards across the Council. A great deal of internal communication was done across the organisation and key messages were conveyed to staff at various opportunities, including the internal staff roadshows. Meeting staff face to face and discussing any issues that arise in their daily work is key in the success of the Standards. The opportunity was also taken to promote the online audio clips, glossaries, videos and new templates as well as promoting the variety of courses available to learn or improve Welsh.

During the year, we have appointed a Learning and Development Advisor - Welsh Language, to be responsible for developing the language skills of the workforce. The officer is based in the Council's Learning and Development team but close liaison is maintained with the Policy and Partnership team, Managers, Heads of Service and our learners. The officer has increased the opportunities available to staff by researching and delivering a variety of courses that meet the different needs of our staff.

The County Strategic Forum, which is led by the Council and includes representation from the county's language promotion organisations, as well as public bodies with language policy officers, has also continued its role in developing a programme of promoting the Welsh language in the county and has contributed extensively to the preparation of the Promotion Strategy for Carmarthenshire, in line with the Promotion Standard.

Life is for living, let's start, live and age well in a healthy, safe and prosperous environment



Well-being Objectives

1. Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences.

2. Help children live healthy lifestyles.

3. Continue to improve learner attainment for all.

4. Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training.

5. Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, helping people into work & improving the lives of those living in poverty.

6. Creating more jobs and growth throughout the county.

7. Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes.

8. Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour & obesity).

9. Supporting good connections with friends, family and safer communities.

10. Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity & independence in their later years.

11. A Council wide approach to supporting Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire.

12. Looking after the environment now and for the future.

13. Improving the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity.





















14. Promoting Welsh language and culture.






















15. Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources

Our Success Measures for our Well-being Objectives

See appendix 2 for comparative ranking of performance

The Council, working with local, regional and national partners, have worked to improve the following measures.

Well-being Objective		Success Measures	Progress
1 	Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences	Children in care who had to move 3 or more times (PAM/029)	
2 	Help children live healthy lifestyles	Childhood obesity (Child Measurement Programme NHS)	
3 	Continue to improve learner attainment for all.	Educational attainment - Average Capped 9 points score (Year 11 pupils) (PAM/032) (Pupils best 9 results including English/Welsh, Mathematics–Numeracy, Mathematics and Science)	New Measure for 2017/18
		School attendance rates (Primary)(PAM/007) (Secondary) (PAM/008)	
		Satisfaction with child's primary school (NSW)	Awaiting result
4 	Reduce the number of young people that are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Number of leavers Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) (PAM/009) Year 11 & Year 13 (5.1.0.2)	 (Year 11)  (Year 13)
5 	Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, help people into work & improve the lives of those living in poverty	Educational attainment - Average Capped 9 points score (Year 11 pupils) who are eligible for Free School Meals (4.1.2.4) (NWBI) (Pupils best 9 results including English/Welsh, Mathematics–Numeracy, Mathematics and Science)	New Measure for 2017/18
		Households successfully prevented from becoming homeless (PAM/012) (NWBI)	
		Households in material deprivation (NWBI)	
		Households Living in Poverty (CACI's 'PayCheck' Data)	
		Adults that are able to keeping up with bills without any difficulties (NSW)	Awaiting result
6 	Create more jobs and growth throughout the county	Average Gross weekly pay (ONS – Annual Survey of hours and earnings)	
		Jobs created with Regeneration assistance (EconD/001)	
		The level of Private Sector Investment / external funding secured (EconD/008)	
7 	Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes	Number of affordable homes in the County (7.3.2.24)	
8 	Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour and obesity) Page 70	Adults who say their general health is Good or Very Good (NSW)	Awaiting result
		Adults who say they have a longstanding illness (NSW)	Awaiting result
		Adult mental well-being score (NSW) (NWBI)	No Year on Year data available
		Adults who have fewer than two healthy lifestyle behaviours (NSW) (NWBI) (Not smoking, drinking > 14 units, eating 5 portions fruit & veg, having a healthy body mass index, being physically active at least 150 minutes the previous week).	Awaiting result

Well-being Objective		Success Measures	Progress
9 	Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities	% Say they have a sense of community (NSW)(NWBI) (Derived from feeling of belonging; different backgrounds get on, treat with respect'.)	
		People feeling safe (NSW)(NWBI) (At home, walking in the local area, and travelling)	No Year on Year data available
10 	Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity and independence in their later years	The rate of people kept in hospital while waiting for social care (PAM/025)	
		Agree there's a good Social Care Service available in the area (NSW)	
		Number of calendar days taken to deliver a Disabled Facilities Grant (PAM/015)	
11 	A Council-wide approach to support Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire	People who are lonely (NSW)(NWBI)	Awaiting result
12 	Look after the environment now and in the future	Use of renewable energy	Awaiting result
		Rates of recycling (PAM/030)	
13 	Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity	Road conditions (PAM/020, PAM/021 & PAM/022)	Class A  Class B  Class C 
		Road casualties (5.5.2.21)	Awaiting result
14 	Promote Welsh Language and Culture	Can speak Welsh (NSW)(NWBI)	Awaiting result
		Pupils assessed in Welsh (first language) at the end of the Foundation Phase (PAM/033)	
		People attended arts events in Wales in last year (NSW)	
		People visited historic places in Wales in last year (NSW)	
		People visited museums in Wales in last year (NSW)	
15 	Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources	'Do it online' payments	
		People agree that they can access information about the Authority in the way they would like to. (NSW)	Awaiting result
		People know how to find what services the Council provides (NSW)	Awaiting result
		People agree that they have an opportunity to participate in making decisions about the running of local authority services. (NSW)	Awaiting result
		Staff sickness absence levels (PAM/001)	
		Organisational 'running costs'	Awaiting result
		People agree that the Council asks for their views before setting its budget. (NSW)	Awaiting result

Key: PAM – Public Accountability, National Measures; ONS – Office for National Statistics; NSW - National Survey for Wales; NWBI – National Well-being Indicator

One of the fundamental approaches advocated by the Well-being Future Generations Act is a shift in focus from gains in service output to a stronger link between the actions of public bodies and the outcomes that enhance the quality of life of citizens and communities both now and in the future. The Act is founded on Outcome Based Accountability which encourages a focus on the difference that is made, rather than just the inputs and processes that an organisation has. Success in the context of this Act is seeing positive action drive a positive contribution to the achievement of all the well-being goals through individual or collective action. (Paragraph 9 SPF2 – Statutory guidance)

Other Assessment Information

Citizen Satisfaction

National Survey for Wales-----Results expected from June onwards

Carmarthenshire was the first Council in Wales to include the results of this survey when it first started and has continued to do so ever since. The Council has been identified for having notable practice in its willingness to publish a wide range of evidence when assessing its performance.

From 2016/17 onwards, the National Survey replaced the 2012-15 National Survey, the Welsh Health Survey, Active Adults Survey, Arts in Wales Survey and the Welsh Outdoor Recreation Survey. The results published are based on over 10,000 interviews carried out across Wales between April 2017 and March 2018. Over 600 were interviewed in Carmarthenshire.

See Ranking Table in Appendix 3

Public Accountability Measures

There is a suite of measures that all Councils in Wales report.

-----**Out turn data is usually available in September**

See Appendix 4

Regulatory Verdict

-----**Annual Improvement Report was expected in May but delayed**

There is also a **National suite of measures** that all councils in Wales have to collect.

-----**Comparative data will be published around September 2018**

The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales - Expectations of Annual Reports

In May 2018 the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales published her report on Well-being in Wales: the journey so far. She set out 9 key expectations for Annual Reporting. This guidance will inform future Annual Reports and where possible has been included in this publication. See our progress on these expectations in **Appendix 5**

Start Well





Well-being Objective 1

Start Well - Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences

Placement stability for looked after children has significantly improved

Placement stability for looked after children has significantly improved over the last two years, and children’s social work practice is being transformed following implementation of systemic practice within Pod’s, incorporating *Signs of Safety* model, and the new *Edge of Care* team.

Flying Start expansion has continued enabling increased support to more children 0-3 living in deprived communities.

Newly-commissioned Families First projects are in place with a focus on preventing (and minimising the effects of) [Adverse Childhood Experiences](#) (ACE’s).

School grounds are increasingly being utilised outside of school hours to enable greater access to play opportunities.

Why it is important

- Because giving every child the best start in life is crucial to reducing inequalities across the life course.
- Because what happens during these early years has lifelong effects on many aspects of health and well-being - from obesity, heart disease and mental health, to educational achievement and economic status.
- Because Looked After Children (LAC) are more likely to have been exposed to multiple risks associated with poor long term outcomes before entering care (Jones, 2011).

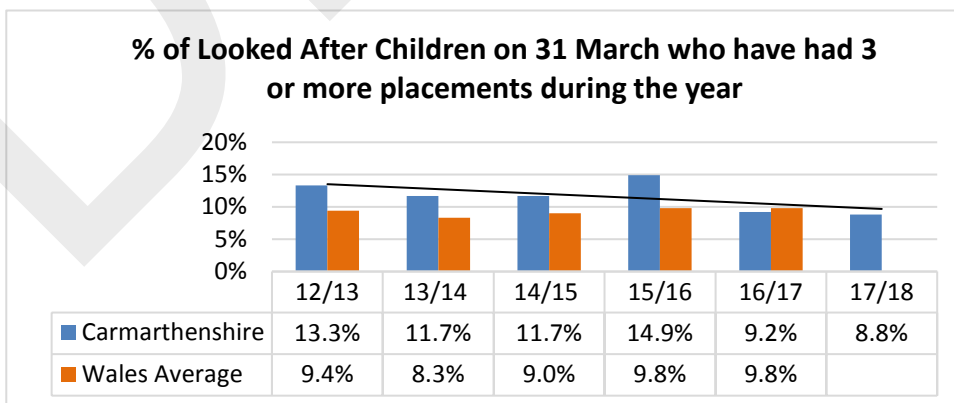
Success Measure

8.8% of children in care who had to move 3 or more times (improved result from 11.2% in previous year)



Explaining the Results

During the last two years we have seen a significant improvement in **placement stability** for our looked after children with the % of looked after children having experienced 3 or more placement moves reduced by 6% **from 14.9%** as at 31st March 2016 **to 8.8%** as at 31st March 2018.



Close monitoring will continue through placement and permanency panels. In the **long-term** our continued focus remains on prevention and maintaining children at home with families and out of the care system wherever possible, as well as providing extra resources for foster carers to support the children in their care. The new **‘Edge of Care’** team will focus on intensive support to families to achieve improved outcomes for children.

Progress Made

- ⦿ The Education and Well-being (LAC) Team are continuing to deliver **Attachment awareness** training, advice and support to all schools to better equip them in being able to meet the emotional needs of vulnerable children.
- ⦿ The revised Families First programme, comprising 13 projects is ready to commence 1st April 2018. The projects will work towards preventing **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)** as well as helping to mitigate the effects of ACEs on those already exposed to them. ACE awareness training for schools is taking place. Stronger Links, Stronger Families Event took place in March to identify and take forward new ways of working together with families to improve their wellbeing.
- ⦿ **Flying Start** Expansion into Ammanford is now complete. Capital investment has enabled the creation of new Flying Start offices with a combined Contact Centre for families, and a new childcare facility at the recently opened Ysgol Pen Rhos in Llanelli.
- ⦿ We are continuing to extend the **Team Around the Family (TAF)** approach across the county for 0-25 year olds. Requests for TAF services is increasing with 18-25 referrals a week, and greater alignment between TAF and Flying Start has enabled a seamless service for families.
- ⦿ **Child sexual exploitation (CSE)** remains a high priority issue both locally and regionally. Carmarthenshire actively engages in all CSE events, and ensure regular multi-agency (MA) meetings take place. We are also participating in a Barnardos pilot, and regional action plan. **CSE** is included in basic safeguarding training for all staff. MACSE meetings are continuing and developing.
- ⦿ **Substance misuse** team has re-located to Ty Elwyn which has enabled improved joint working arrangements with Youth Offending and Children's teams ensuring people affected by drug and alcohol issues are able to receive the support they require when they need it. In particular it has helped ensure more effective care pathways for young people in the transition from children's to adult services.
- ⦿ Children's services continue to find innovative ways of working with families. All teams have now implemented the **systemic model** of delivering social work services (within pod's) incorporating the **Signs of Safety** model. The format of assessments, care and support plans, reviews and child protection case conferences have all been adjusted to reflect this approach. The new Edge of Care Team is also focusing on preventative work at the point of referral.

Picture & Story

Flying Start Case Study currently being made anonymous, following new guidance



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Well-being Objective 2

Start Well - Help children live healthy lifestyles

Starting to turn the corner on children who are overweight or obese by 0.2%.

This is a long term invest to save objective laying down the foundations for the long term health of children. We will continue to monitor if current measures and actions are making any difference. We have increased the number of children participating in sport and continue to raise awareness of healthy eating.

Why it is important

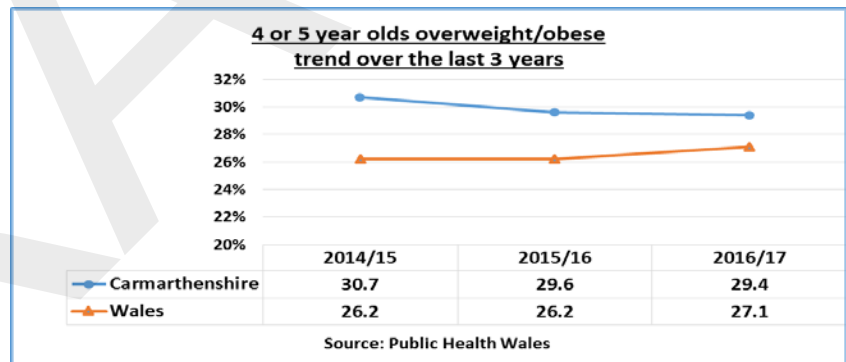
- Because projections suggest an increase in trends for childhood obesity going forward with figures showing males between the ages of 2 – 15 being at greatest risk.
- Because the [Play Sufficiency Assessment](#) identified playing outside as the most popular setting for children but also found that 32% of parents worried so much about their child's safety that it affected their children's opportunity to play.
- Because assessment engagement activity with primary school children showed being physically active to be the second most important factor for positive well-being of children aged 6 – 11, after connections with family and friends.
- Because living healthy lives allows children to fulfil their potential and meet education aspirations.
- Because habits established early in life remain with people to allow them to play a full part in the economy and society of Carmarthenshire.

Success Measure

29.4% of children are overweight or obese



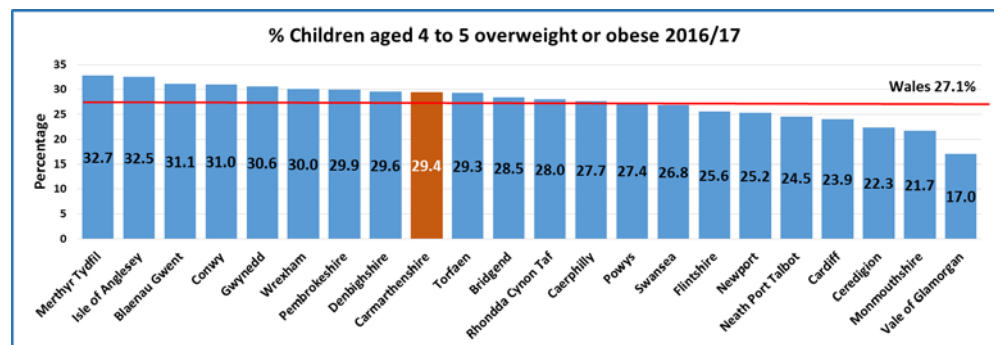
(A slight improvement on the previous year)



Explaining the Results

[Public Health Wales](#) (PHW) NHS Trust published its data on the 2016/17 Child Measurement Programme (CMP) for Wales which contains findings of the programme of child measurements carried out with children attending reception class in schools in Wales. 93.2% of eligible children participated in the programme in Carmarthenshire with 94.1% in Wales.

- The **% overweight or obese** in Carmarthenshire has reduced slightly from **29.6%** in 2015/16 to **29.4%** in 2016/17 and we have moved from 3rd highest to 9th highest in Wales but continue to be above the Welsh average of 27.1%.



- The proportion of children who are **obese** has increased from **12.9%** in 2015/16 to **14%** in 2016/17.
- Obesity in childhood often persists into adult life, leading to related health problems like type 2 diabetes, liver disease, higher rates of heart disease, and some cancers.

Progress Made

- ⊙ Another successful year for the Leisure Service saw *increasing physical activity* for children, particularly for the swim programme; teaching 3,700 children to swim and increasing the percentage of pupils who can swim 25m by the end of year 6 from 66% to 77%.
- ⊙ Percentage of school children that are **'Hooked on Sport'** increased from 40% to 47% (Sport Wales survey comparison 2015 to 2013 - compared to 48% across Wales)
- ⊙ Over 600 young people have taken part in sporting events including the *Gwent Cross Country League*.
- ⊙ Over 1,700 pupils have used *Pendine Outdoor Education Centre* for the residential outdoor education centre experience in the past 12 months.
- ⊙ Work is continuing with schools regarding the potential of utilising school grounds outside of teaching hours to enable children greater access to **play opportunities**. Some schools have already implemented it and all new schools are being designed to allow this access. Various Play training is being delivered to childcare and play settings along with primary schools across the county to raise the quality of play experiences for children
- ⊙ The **Healthy Schools Scheme** saw an increase in schools achieving all Phases of the scheme, with Peniel Community School becoming the second Carmarthenshire School to achieve the National Quality Award. Other key commitments were also achieved;
 - Ensuring all schools embedded the Food & Fitness, Health & Mental & Emotional Health topics;
 - Continued to ensure that schools are abiding by the Healthy Eating in schools (Wales) Measure 2009 and Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards & Requirements) (Wales) Regulations 2013;
 - Promoted the **'10 steps to a Healthy Weight'** in partnership with the Sustainable Ore-school Healthy Schools Scheme.

Successful Conferences focus on young peoples health and well-being



Diwrnod Gwael, Dim Bywyd Gwael
It's A Bad Day, Not A Bad Life

The Youth Council's 15th Annual Conference entitled **'It's a Bad Day, Not a Bad Life'** was held on the 22nd of November at Parc y Scarlets and focused on the mental health of children and young people. Activities were organised in order that participants achieved a better understanding of mental health and how to provide support.

Our **Healthy Schools Conference** held at Parc y Scarlets focussed on the well-being of pupils and staff. Following a welcome and setting the scene by Cllr. Glynog Davies, Executive Board Member for Education & Children's Services, there were contributions by Aeron Rees, Head of Curriculum & Well-being, Professor Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales and Sian Griffiths, Education Lead of the ACE's Hun. Drama students from the University of Wales Trinity St David, directed by Jain Boon, Theatrical Director & Creative Practitioner, presented a powerful piece of theatre to highlight the impact of ACEs and the importance of supporting children & young people affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences. This was followed by a series of workshops and time to spend in the 'Marketplace' showcasing the services available to schools.



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Well-being Objective 2

Start Well - Help children live healthy lifestyles

The following are our commitments and end of year progress comments for this Well-being Objective during 2017/18.

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
A - Increase physical activities for children		
We will explore the potential of utilising school grounds, outside of teaching hours to enable children to have greater access to play opportunities. <i>(Action ID 12492)</i>	✓	All new schools are being designed to allow access outside of teaching hours, and enable a more play friendly environment. Work underway with existing schools. Toolkits provided to all schools and Play training being delivered. DVD being produced by children to develop the Children First area.
We will review and launch an overhauled suite of party packages and a progressive term-time activity programme for children that puts a pathway in place to develop the physical literacy of future generations. <i>(Action ID 12493)</i>	✗	An Innovative Physical Literacy `Passport` has been soft-launched across Carmarthenshire as a progressive term-time activity programme for children. As new staff and the new programme are being embedded, this has delayed the review of party packages which will now be completed by 1st September 2018. In the meantime, promotion of the existing birthday party packages has been undertaken to ensure take-up and associated income is not affected.
We will continue to develop the Carmarthenshire Outdoor Schools Project through the Healthy Schools Scheme to increase learning through Physical Development. We will attempt to increase the number of schools participating in the Project by 10 on an annual basis. <i>(Action ID 12495)</i>	✓	A total of 10 new schools enrolled on the Carmarthenshire Outdoor Schools initiative this year. A Steering group for the initiative was established in order to lead the new schools forward and two half day training sessions were organised and run for the 10 schools in collaboration with The National Botanic Garden of Wales.
We shall continue to hold our annual Carmarthenshire Schools' Pedometer Challenge and provide schools with pedometers, recording sheets and guide. We shall reward the winning schools with Physical Activity equipment. <i>(Action ID 12496)</i>	✓	A total of 23 schools completed the Pedometer challenge with a total of 92 pupils and 92 staff taking part in the challenge. This has resulted in a total of 184 people increasing their physical activity levels over the duration of 1 month.
We shall continue to ensure that all schools are embedding the Food and Fitness Health topic, ensuring that schools are delivering 2 hours of quality PE lessons per week, during visits and Healthy School Assessments. <i>(Action ID 12497)</i>	✓	During every initial visit, progress visit and assessments within the schools, we remind schools of the Statutory Healthy Eating Regulations (2013). We question the School Council with regards to the food that is provided to them during break and lunch-times and how many hours of PE they receive each week. We also ask to see the PE timetable to ensure that this is the case.
We shall increase the % of children who can swim 25m aged 11 <i>(3.4.2.1)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 66.4% / 2017/18 Target - 68%)</i>	✓	2017/18 Result - 77.3%. Improvements in pass rates have occurred across most sites resulting in net increase in achievement. This result can be attributed to improved mentoring and teaching via the interim aquatics staff.

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
<p>We shall maintain the number of young people (0-16) accessing free swim sessions (3.4.2.2) (2016/17 Result 18,991 /2017/18 Target 18,991)</p>	✗	<p>2017/18 Result – 9,351. This is off target and showing a decline. The ability to achieve target has been significantly disrupted by staffing issues spanning much of the year. We have now implemented a restructure at management and coordinator level and are now optimistic that performance in 18/19 will improve. Free Swimming for 0-16 years is a Welsh Government sponsored activity on weekends and during school holiday periods. Carmarthenshire has traditionally provided more than the minimum time allocation for free swimming but has reduced this provision more recently due to increasing demands on the pool timetable as we continue to grow and develop the learn to swim programme. Aquatics income broke through the £1m barrier in 16/17 for the first time, and has continued to grow through 18/19. It is anticipated that with the additional staff now in place, we will be able to further promote the free swim programme next year and thus increase numbers again.</p>
<p>We shall increase the number of attendances at Sporting Opportunities facilitated by Sport & Leisure Officers (3.4.2.8) (2016/17 Result - 211,701 /2017/18 Target 222,286)</p>	✓	<p>There were 235,457 attendances at Sporting Opportunities facilitated by Sport & Leisure Officers during 2017/18. An additional grant from 'Play Sufficiency' enabled additional development work to provide activity opportunities over and above what was expected. This has resulted in exceeding last year's performance and 2017-18 targets.</p>
B – Address mental health		
<p>We will continue to support schools in their implementation of the Mental and Emotional Health and Well-being health topic as part of the Healthy Schools Scheme and ensure that schools have the most up-to date policies relevant to Mental and Emotional Health and Well-being such as the Anti-Bullying Policy, through cluster meetings, visits and assessments. (Action ID 12498)</p>	✓	<p>We have placed exemplar Guidance regarding Bullying for schools/teachers, parents and pupils on the Healthy Schools Network on Hwb, including an Anti-Bullying Policy. We also signpost schools to the Healthy Schools Network in order to access the Guidance material during school visits and cluster meetings.</p>
<p>The Healthy Schools Scheme will continue to co-ordinate the Carmarthenshire Personal and Social Education (PSE) - Professional Learning Community (PLC) meeting twice a year for Secondary PSE leaders, where current Mental Health issues will be addressed. (Action ID 12499)</p>	✗	<p>The Personal and Social Education (PSE) - Professional Learning Community (PLC) for November 2017 did not go ahead due to the unavailability of Deliverers / Speakers. It was due to be delivered in March 2018, but it was not possible to select a suitable venue and key deliverers on the same dates. March with a suitable It is now hoped that a suitable date will be selected during the Summer term.</p>
<p>We will co-ordinate and deliver a 'Well-being Conference' to teaching practitioners on Mindfulness and pupil Well-being and a 'Well-being Day' for school pupils with 5 practical</p>	✓	<p>A Conference was successfully delivered with a total of 90 delegates in attendance. Evaluation and feedback was very positive.</p>

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
workshops focussing on Mental and Emotional Health and Well-being issues. <i>(Action ID 12500)</i>		
We will attempt to increase the number of Secondary schools who are actively on board the School Health Research Network. <i>(Action ID 12501)</i>	✓	All Secondary Schools are now on board the School Health Research Network (SHRN) and attended the SHRN event at the National Botanical Gardens for Wales on the 13th of June, 2017.
We will re-establish the Carmarthenshire Anti-Bullying Steering Group. <i>(Action ID 12502)</i>	✗	Due to new documentation & policies regarding Bullying being released by the Welsh Government, it has been decided that Carmarthenshire's Anti Bullying Steering Group will re-establish once these documents have been released, which will be during 2018-19.
C – Promote healthy eating		
We will seek to further develop healthy eating in schools, beyond statutory Welsh Government regulations, working with dieticians from the health service. <i>(Action ID 12503)</i>	✓	A meeting was held with a Dietician at end of July on how to improve the new Winter menu nutritionally over and above the guidelines whilst still maintaining uptake in Primary Schools. The outcome was very reassuring with the Dietician very happy with our menu and could not offer any advice as to how we could improve, when she understood our service.
We will seek to increase take-up of school meals (including free school meals). <i>(Action ID 12504)</i>	✓	We have looked at various ways of promoting school meals i.e. newsroom; school websites; theme days once a month e.g. Fairtrade as well as using our mascot 'Dylan the Dragon' to visit Primary school pupils. We have also developed a welcoming leaflet for all new starters / parents in order to have a better understanding of school meals, how to pay or apply for Free school Meals. We have new graphic designed menu to look more attractive and ensured a balanced menu of meet nutritional standards as well as what the pupils like based on feedback. These together with the introduction of online payments into both Secondary and Primary school will hopefully help increase numbers. Have we got actual numbers available?
We shall continue to ensure that schools are abiding by the Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards & Requirements) (Wales) Regulations 2013, during cluster meetings, schools visits and assessments. <i>(Action ID 12506)</i>	✓	Schools were reminded and presented with the Healthy Eating in Schools Measure (2009) and Nutritional Standards (2013) during the Spring Term Cluster Meetings. Schools are also reminded and checks are undertaken during School visits and Assessments.
We will increase the % of schools achieving phase 4 of the Healthy Schools Initiative <i>(8.3.1.5)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 63%/ 2017/18 Target – 79%)</i>	✗	2017/18 result - 63%. This is off target but has remained the same as last year. While the target was based on 4 additional schools achieving Phase 4 which has been achieved, the calculation has been affected by school closures. Carmarthenshire has the highest number of schools completing Phase 4 of the Scheme across Wales. Of the 113 schools in Carmarthenshire, 112 have joined the Welsh Healthy Schools scheme with 3 schools currently at phase 1, 7 at phase 2, 31 at phase 3, 36

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
		at phase 4, 32 at phase 5, 1 at phase 6 while Peniel Community School has become the second Carmarthenshire school to achieve the National Quality Award together with Nantgaredig Primary School.
We shall increase the percentage of children seen by a registered dentist within 3 months of becoming looked after (scc/30) (2016/17 Result - 71.4%/2017/18 Target - 74.3%)	✗	2017/18 result - 69.6%. Result is well above the All Wales figure of 59.4% (2016/17) although off target and showing a decline. The number of looked after children in the cohort for 2017/18 has decreased to 23 compared to 35 in 2016/17 which is a positive, however, the small numbers and any variation can significantly affect findings year on year
We shall increase the percentage of children looked after at 31 March who were registered with a GP within 10 working days of the start of their placement (scc/31) (2016/17 Result - 94%/ 2017/18 Target - 95.2%)	✗	2017/18 result - 94.6%. Performance remains good and well above the All Wales figure of 91.7% (2016/17). End of year result just below target, however, numbers in the cohort are very small and any fluctuation can have a significant bearing on figures year on year.
D – Increase awareness		
We shall continue to work in partnership with the Sustainable Pre-School Healthy Schools Scheme in promoting the '10 steps to a Healthy Weight'. (Action ID 12507)	✓	Nerys Burton the Lead on the Pre-School Healthy Schools Scheme, delivered a presentation at our Healthy Schools Award Ceremony on the 4 th July, 2017 regarding the '10 Steps to a Healthy Weight' Campaign, in order to raise awareness to primary schools. Focus was placed on 'Screen Time' and 'Outdoor Provision'.
We will ensure that Educational resources for practitioners regarding the 7 Healthy schools topics will be placed on the Healthy Schools Network on Hwb. (Action ID 12508)	✓	Educational resources are continuously being placed on the Healthy Schools Network on Hwb throughout the year, including the most recent updates, policies and guidance concerning health issues.
We will continue to promote and raise awareness to campaigns specific to healthy eating, physical activity and mental health such as 'Walk to school Week', the 'Daily Mile', National Obesity Awareness Week and Mental Health Awareness Week and promote the School Health Research Network through the Healthy Schools' Twitter account, Healthy Schools Network on Hwb, cluster meetings and raise awareness with parents and carers via parents evenings. (Action ID 12509)	✓	We continue to promote and inform schools of annual health campaigns. We recently promoted and informed schools of Sustrans' 'Big Pedal' Competition, which aims to increase Active Travel to School. Every school in Carmarthenshire received an e-mail during the end of the Spring Term, informing them of how to enter and complete the competition. Previous campaigns promoted included 'National Anti Bullying Week, which is held annually in November and the 'Daily Mile' and 'Walk to School Week' during the Summer term 2017.
We shall continue to promote and raise awareness on the benefits of healthy eating, regular physical activity and mental health strategies during our annual Healthy Schools Award ceremony by inviting key partners to deliver workshops regarding these health areas. (Action ID 12510)	✓	The Healthy Schools Award Ceremony was held on the 4 th of July, 2017 at Parc y Scarlets Llanelli. 22 schools were represented by 45 pupils and 21 teachers. We had 2 workshops, one on healthy eating recipes, where they had the opportunity to make their own healthy snacks such as sushi and the second was a physical activity workshop based on skill development. There were several key

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
		<p>partners present at the ceremony with stands promoting healthy eating and physical activity including a Public Health Dietician and School Nurses, Active Young People Officers, Carmarthenshire`s School Meals Service, Lisa Fearne- Director of the Pumpkin Patch & Garden as well as Aled Owen - Ynni Da.</p>
<p>We will undertake a programme of alcohol and cigarette 'test purchases' to ensure that premises decline to sell to underage customers <i>(7.4.3.5) (2017/18 Target - 100% of those tested)</i></p>	✗	<p>Intelligence logs from Dyfed Powys Police are being received and monitored with very few incidences of underage purchasing from off-licences have been reported. As a result the test purchases initiative were not undertaken and resources were directed towards other priorities. However during the summer of 2018 we will be undertaking a test purchase exercise from the few premises that have been allegedly identified as having being sold to under-age persons. It should also be appreciated there were no sales when we last undertook this initiative in 15/16.</p>

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Well-being Objective 3

Start Well - Continue to improve learner attainment for all

Learner attainment has been maintained despite changes to examination specifications and financial challenges

Following substantial policy and key changes to Key Stage 4 performance measures by Welsh Government, comparisons with previous years isn't appropriate. Carmarthenshire's outcomes at GCSE mirrors performance across Wales with 57.2% of our learners achieving the key Level 2 Inclusive indicator (at least 5 GCSE passes at grade A* to C including mathematics and language). Our result places us comfortable above the Wales average by 2.6 percentage points. Outcomes of national literacy and numeracy tests at other key stages of education declined very slightly but results at Key Stage 3 continued an encouraging upward trend in performance.

Why it is important

- We all want all of our children and young people to have the best possible start in life by supporting them to gain the skills and knowledge they need to lead happy, healthy, fulfilling lives.
- We want to improve outcomes for all ages through lifelong learning, to enable them to thrive in 21st Century living and the world of work.
- Research by *The Institute of Education* suggests that attending a good pre-school and primary school can have more impact on children's academic progress than their gender or family background (Taggart, 2015)
- Our service remains committed to both the principles and priorities as outlined in the Welsh Government's most recent strategic document '[Education in Wales: Our National Mission.](#)'

Success Measures

No year on year comparison available

360.8 is the average score (best 9 exam results) for Year 11 pupils



7th highest in Wales
Source: StatsWales



94.4%

Attendance at Primary Schools

94.3%

Attendance at Secondary Schools



Both results have declined from previous year (Primary 94.8% & Secondary 94.5%)
Source: StatsWales

Awaiting Result

??%

are satisfied with their child's primary school



Source: National Survey for Wales

Explaining the Results

- The average score based on the **best 9 exam results** for Year 11 pupils during 2017/18 (2016/17 Academic Year) is 360.8 where girls had an average score of 372.6 and boys 349.4.
- **School attendance** in both Primary and Secondary schools in Carmarthenshire *declined* during 2017/18 (2016/17 Academic Year). Primary school attendance reduced from 94.8% to 94.4% and from 13th to 21st position in Wales. Secondary school attendance reduced from 94.5% to 94.3% and from 8th to 9th position. There will be robust consultation with Headteachers, Educational Welfare Service and related professionals to develop an action plan to improve school attendance moving forward.
- The [National Survey for Wales](#) shows that **??** were satisfied with their child's primary school

Progress Made

- Outcomes of **national literacy and numeracy tests** at other key stages of education declined very slightly but results at Key Stage I continued *an encouraging and ongoing upward trend* in performance. Our outcomes for the Key Stage I Core Subject Indicator (learners achieving Level 5 for English or Welsh, Maths and Science) have achieved *higher results* than the Wales average for the past four years.
- Our performance at the Level I threshold (learners attaining two or more 'A' levels or equivalent qualification) continues to remain strong with an impressive 97.8% of our learners successfully achieved this goal. The result places us *above the Wales average* of 97.1%. Our performance has been **above the national figure for five consecutive years**.
- Six Carmarthenshire schools were invited to **ESTYN's Recognising Excellence in Education** event in Cardiff in October. These excellent schools were commended for their hard work, strong leadership, clear vision and relentless commitment to improvement. Representatives from these schools received a certificate and congratulations from Meilyr Rowlands, *Chief Inspector* and Kirsty Williams, *Cabinet Secretary for Education*. They were - Ysgol Bynea, Ysgol Parcyrhun, Ysgol Saron, Ysgol Heol Goffa, Ysgol Glan-y-mor and Ysgol Bryngwyn. A further eight schools were inspected during the year; four schools were placed in the Estyn Monitoring category and one was placed in the Estyn Significant Improvement category.
- Our **Modernising Education Programme** (MEP) continued apace benefitting thousands of our learners with the completion of major projects, valued at over £20 million, at Ysgol Bro Dinefwr, Maes y Gwendraeth, Carreg Hirfaen, Bryngwyn, Coedcae, St. John Lloyd, Trimsaran and Pen Rhos.
- A common theme for all Carmarthenshire schools this year has been engaging with the **Digital Competence Framework**, using workshops and networking sessions to support development of digital skills. Carmarthenshire schools were strongly represented at the 2017 National Digital Learning Event (NDLE). Ysgol Bro Banw won the Online Safety award for Developing Digital Competence through Flip Teaching & were Joint Winners of the Digital Project award for The Superheroes. Coedcae School won the 2017 Hwb Community award for Resources for new GCSE Religious Studies. Online safety continues to be promoted and evidenced with 100% engagement by Carmarthenshire schools through the Welsh Government and SWGfL 360° Safe Cymru online framework.

Ysgol Pen Rhos – First Day

Mr Gareth Morgans, Director of Education and Children, joined Ysgol Pen Rhos pupils as they started their first day in their new school premises in Llanelli. The new school building is considered exceptional and there were wide smiles on the faces of pupils, parents and staff alike.

After managing for many years in challenging school building Mr Joe Cudd, Headteacher and his staff had ensured that the school was ready to receive pupils and to get on with their learning.

The scheme is part of the 21st Century Schools Programme, funded by Carmarthenshire



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Well-being Objective 4

Start Well - Reduce the number of young people that are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

Continuing progress towards reducing NEET

A range of actions linked to the six elements of the Welsh Government's Youth Engagement and Progression Framework are on-going in Carmarthenshire, contributing to the reduction of young people becoming NEET.

Why it is important

- Because reducing the number of NEET reduces the effects of poverty and the wider cost to society of support services, reliance on benefits and offending.
- Because it is essential to maximise the life opportunities of children, ensuring that as many young people as possible are able to progress to school 6th forms, Further Education Colleges, training provision or work.
- Because it enables young people to contribute positively to their local communities.

Success Measures



1.4% year 11 pupils &
3.0% year 13 pupils
are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
(Previous year - Yr 11: **2.1%** & Yr 13: **2.0%**)



Year 11

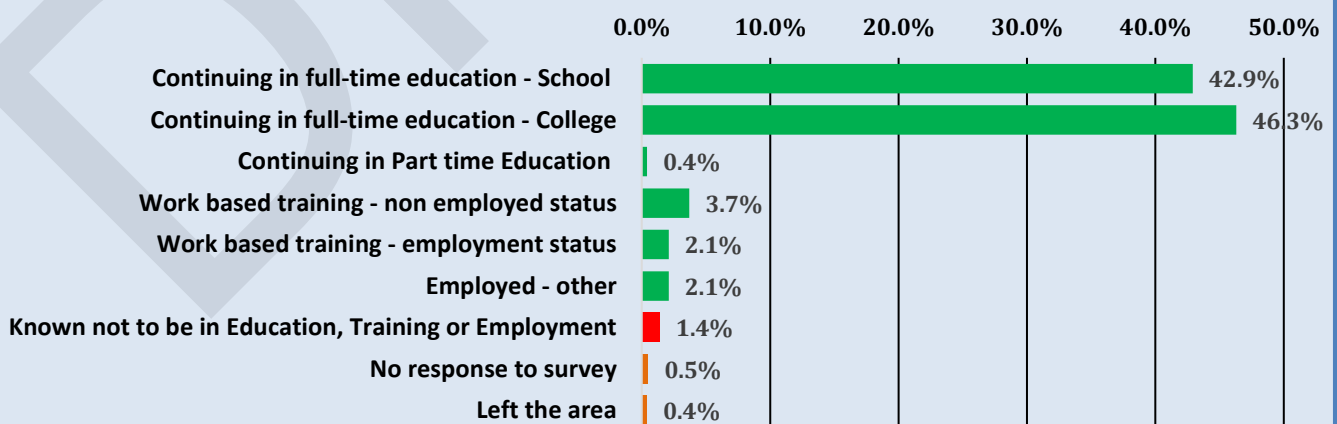


Year 13

Explaining the Results

- 1.4%, or 27 of **Year 11** pupils becoming NEET equated to 98.6%, or 1,830 pupils remaining in Education, Employment or Training. A small number of pupils (27), either did not respond to contact or were known to have left Carmarthenshire. The result ranked 12th in Wales and below the Welsh average of 1.6%.

Destination data for Carmarthenshire Year 11 pupils (Academic Year 2016-17)



- 3.0%, or 20 out of 663, **Year 13** pupils were known to become NEET, with only 10 pupils either not responding to contact or being known to have left the area. Factors affecting the result include the rising cost of higher education, young people's awareness of training and employment opportunities and limited identification of this group of young people by schools following the A Level results.

Progress Made

- ⦿ Carmarthenshire's delivery of the **Youth Engagement and Progression Framework** includes identification of young people most at risk of disengagement, brokerage and co-ordination of support, tracking and transition of young people through the education system, provision to meet identified needs and developing the employability skills and opportunities for employment. This work is delivered primarily by the County Council's Youth Support Service, together with schools, Coleg Sir Gar, training providers, voluntary organisations and Careers Wales.
- ⦿ Involvement in the Regional European Social Fund (ESF) Projects *Cynnydd* and *Cam Nesa* will mean that **nearly £4m** of additional ESF funding will be available to provide support services for young people at risk of becoming NEET in the period 2018-2021.
- ⦿ Further development of the local, bilingual 11-19 Curriculum, closely linked to the Welsh Government's Successful Futures review and the projects within the Swansea Bay City Region will enable young people to develop the skills they need to gain jobs in the local and regional economy.

Cynnydd Project Case Study

The young person was identified via referral from the school, and following a series of meetings with the young person and their family he was engaged on the *Cynnydd* project.

The young person was given a flexible package of support to help him overcome his anxieties. He had been a complete school refuser with no aspirations or progression plans for the future and had received previous support from *CAMHS*. We were able to accommodate him on a one to one basis, which proved very successful.

With the support and intervention of *Cynnydd* he has progressed from zero attendance to a secured place on *Youth Access* in Yr11. He has grown in confidence and as a result has been willing to meet with *Careers Wales* to discuss a possible work placement. He has already identified that he would like to pursue a course in photography after he leaves school and has shown commitment and enthusiasm in embracing the steps necessary to achieve this. He has also been attending group trips, which would have been unachievable previous to *Cynnydd* support.

The young person is very positive about the changes that have happened in his life and has a hope for the future that was non-existent when we first met him. He says that he is far happier, is excited about moving forward with his life and has more confidence and feels better about himself.



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Live Well





Well-being Objective 5

Start Well/Live Well - Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, help people into work & improve the lives of those living in poverty

800 less households living in poverty (down from 35.9% to 35%)

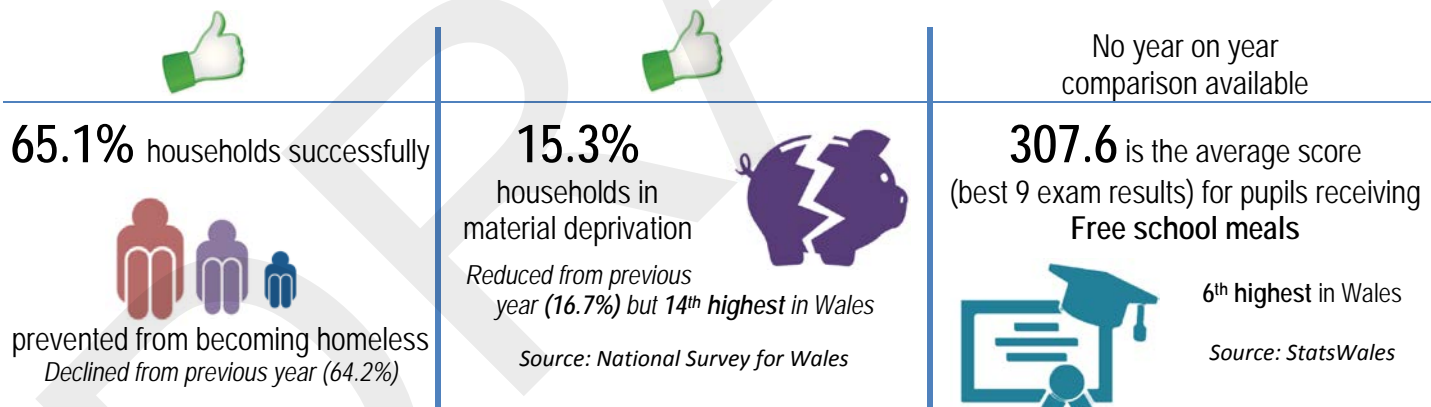
Welsh Government defines poverty as when “household income is less than 60% of the GB median income”. This means a household where income is less than £18,553 a year (2017 - 60% of £30,921). On this definition, 35% can be defined as living in poverty Carmarthenshire, well above the Welsh average of 33% and 8th worst in Wales.

Household Income Figures Source: CACI's 'PayCheck' data								
Households Living in Poverty	2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales
	29,956 (37.1%)	446,586 (33.6%)	29,086 (36.3%)	459,283 (35%)	29,020 (35.9%)	460,322 (34%)	28,223 (35.0%)	450,616 (33%)

Why it is important

- Poverty and deprivation have serious detrimental effects across all aspects of well-being. It limits the opportunities and prospects for children and young people, damages the quality of life for families and communities.
- Research shows that children growing up in workless households experience consistently poorer outcomes than other children whose parents are always working, in relation to educational attainment and cognitive ability.

Success Measures



Explaining the Results

- Of the 413 households **threatened with homelessness** during 2017/18, 269 were successfully prevented from becoming homeless – 65.1%. There were 111 unsuccessful preventions and 33 withdrawals.
- According to the 2016/17 [National Survey for Wales](#), 15.3% of participating households in Carmarthenshire were classed as **living in material deprivation** (just above the Welsh average of 15.1%). It is encouraging that it has reduced from the 2014/15 result of 16.7%, but we have moved down from 13th to 14th position
- The average score based on the best 9 **exam results** for Year 11 pupils that received **Free School Meals** is 307.6 compared to a score of 360.8 for those who don't.

Progress Made

- ⦿ We have established the *Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme (FESS)* which consolidates ten initiatives in to one to detect and support victims of financial abuse and prevent victimisation. The *FESS* initiative creates a network where third sector and local authority partners agree to work together with Trading Standards to identify, refer and support victims of financial abuse.
- ⦿ Financial literacy is now on the school curriculum.
- ⦿ With the aim helping to tackle poverty, the *School Holiday Enrichment Scheme* focuses on providing a healthy breakfast, lunch and healthy activities for Year 6 free school meals and the working poor.
- ⦿ During the year a pilot Wi-Fi initiative to boost connectivity and drive economic regeneration in the community commenced. The Council, on behalf of the *Grŵp Cefn Gwlad* Local Action Group was successful in securing funding up to the value of £120,000 from the *LEADER* scheme, with additional contributions being made by the Council and participating rural towns.
- ⦿ A pilot to identify and provide pre-tenancy support to those tenants who may struggle to make their rent payments has been launched in Carmarthen area. This includes efforts to obtain more robust financial information at the first point of contact and identify those who may require further assistance. All new applicants will receive pre-tenancy guidance and specific one to one pre-tenancy advice is also available to successful applicants
- ⦿ There are a number of projects working to address issues of rural poverty highlighted through the rural poverty study 2015 which have been delivered in 2017/18. These include; educating younger and future tenants to better manage their finances and avoid debt; expanding the way services are offered at the 'Hub' location in Llanelli to people living in rural areas; a mental wellbeing and mental health awareness project; providing support for rural community members to become work ready and a project by *UWTSD* which aims to maximise the social and economic benefit of the relocation of *S4C* to Carmarthen. However, further opportunities to address these issues are currently being identified through the work of the newly establish *Rural Affairs Advisory Panel*.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Pupils at *Ysgol Gymraeg Brynsierfel* in Llanelli and their parents are benefiting from a new after school club (and recently a holiday club) which provides fun activities and child care in a safe environment.

The Club runs Monday to Friday during term time and is a vital resource for parents and carers, in particular those who are working and are seeking high quality, low cost childcare and low income families are eligible for help with funding.



Executive Board Member
For Communities and Rural Affairs
Cllr Cefin Campbell



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Well-being Objective 6

Live Well - Create more jobs and growth throughout the county

Median Gross Weekly Pay has increased by 4.7% (from £494.5 to £517.5)

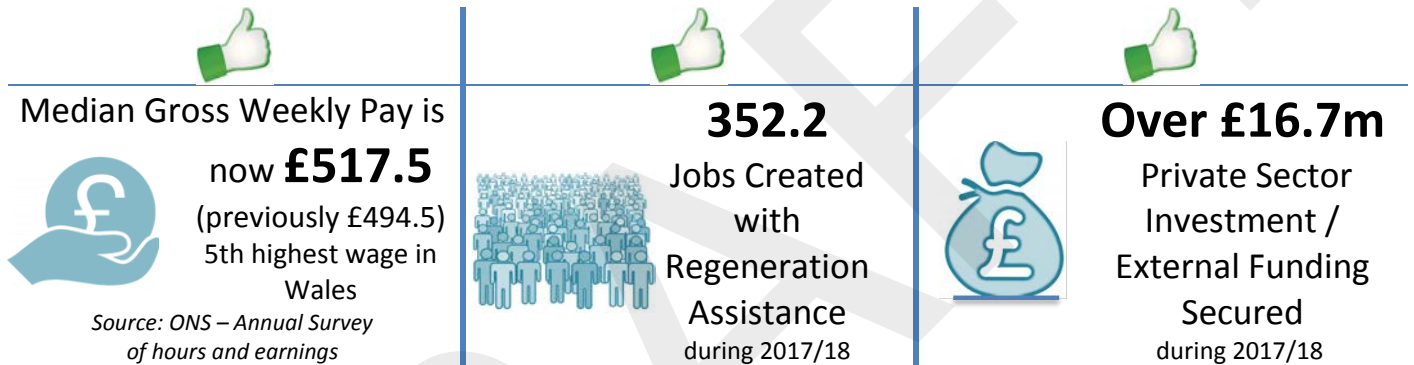
Carmarthenshire has the 5th highest wage in Wales for 2017, 8th highest the previous year

This is above the Welsh average of £505.9

Why it is important

- *Well paid jobs* for local people is the Council's number one priority.
- *Increasing employability* is fundamental to tackling poverty, reducing inequalities and has a dramatic impact on our health and ability to function in everyday society.

Success Measures



Explaining the Results

- **352.5 jobs were created** with regeneration assistance during 2017/18 at the following locations:- Parry Thomas Centre; Business Support; Beacon Bursary; Opportunity St; Cross Hands Growth Zone and through the Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund Projects. In addition 250 people were placed into jobs and over a 1,000 people were helped into volunteering.
- A total of **£16.7m of private sector investment** was secured during 2017/18 via Community Bureau, Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund, Transformation Commercial Property Development Fund (TCPDF), Pendine Attractor, Jacksons Lane, Cross Hands Growth Zone and Wetlands Projects.

Progress Made

CITY DEAL

- ⊙ Since the *City Deal* was signed, considerable progress has been made with eight of the eleven project business cases having now been submitted to the UK and Welsh Governments for final sign-off:-



1. The new building, part funded by the City Deal, on the University of Wales Trinity Saint David campus, called '**Yr Egin**', will give creative industries top quality office spaces which will benefit from state-of-the-art digital technology and will also feature the new headquarters for S4C.
2. In Llanelli, an outline planning application has been submitted for the **Life Science and Well-Being Village** at Delta Lakes. This £200m project will include a cutting-edge new leisure centre, spaces for medical research, health service provision and extensive landscaping that will lead to opportunities for cycling and scenic walks.

KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY & INNOVATION

- ⦿ The **Skills and Talent project** being led by the [South West Wales Regional Skills Partnership](#), is already exploring the gaps that currently exist in the provision of skills and how this can best be addressed, both now and in years to come, by introducing courses that are tailor made to the City Deal projects.
- ⦿ Our **Rural Affairs** Task Group aims to identify actions the Council, in partnership with other public bodies and organisations, can take to address issues effecting rural communities in Carmarthenshire. This includes economic development, broadband, housing, transport, agriculture, service provision, education and community life to name but a few and will also ensure and support rural regeneration in future years.

TRANSFORMATIONS – A STRATEGIC REGENERATION PLAN FOR CARMARTHENSHIRE 2015-30

- ⦿ We have made progress on the **6 transformational projects** within the [Strategic Regeneration Plan](#):
 1. A number of projects identified in the **Carmarthen** Town Centre Regeneration Masterplan are progressing with funding and permissions being secured to deliver both the Jackson’s Lane Redevelopment Proposals & Carmarthen Wetlands and Gateway projects.
 2. A number of **Ammanford** Task Force action plan projects have also progressed during 2017/18. Work has commenced on: Tir Y Dail Junction, Margaret St Road Widening Scheme, and Railway Crossing Enhancement Schemes, whilst 41 Quay St has been acquired to develop a new Hwb.
 3. **Llanelli** Town Taskforce projects have progressed - the Opportunity Street project to acquire 15 properties and 1 development site has been successfully completed. Future funding is being sought in relation to Targeted Regeneration Fund to expand work on the portfolio purchased through the Opportunity Street Programme. Llanelli Joint Venture is progressing with demolition of Pontrilas Factory in North Dock with outline planning to redevelop the site for housing.
 4. Funding has been secured to deliver second phase of the **Cross Hands** East Strategic Employment Site.
 5. We are working on a number of tourism projects such as the Parry Thomas Commercial Centre in **Pendine** which has been fully let and funding has been secured to deliver the £7m Pendine Attractor project. See more on tourism in Well-being Objective 15-Promoting Welsh Language Culture.
 6. In the **rural area** of the county a number of business growth projects have been supported with assistance from the Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund. To date 16 applicants have completed or are in the process of completing projects that will deliver new employment opportunities for rural Carmarthenshire. In addition 4 capital projects are under construction (through the TCPDF) that will significantly increase commercial employment space in the county.

LIFT people in to work! - Moving to Llanelli from South Shields after losing his job, Gary had lost a significant amount of confidence in his ability to find work. He was not sure whether he had the skills to enter an unfamiliar workplace and to succeed in a new job. Through discussion with his *LIFT* mentor, Gary’s transferable skills were identified and it was decided that manufacturing or construction were the best routes for him to follow as many of his skills would carry over. Gary was supported by the *LIFT* programme to successfully complete CSCS training and apply for his CSCS green card. Through the *LIFT* programme Gary secured a work placement at *Lloyd and Gravell* and upon completing his placement was offered a job as a full time paid employee.

“I can’t thank Lift enough for their support and guidance. My career finally looks like it is aettina back on track!”



Executive Board Member
For Economic Development
Cllr Emlyn Dole (Leader)



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Well-being Objective 6

Live Well - Create more jobs and growth throughout the county

The following are our commitments and end of year progress comments for this Well-being Objective during 2017/18.

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
A - Knowledge Economy & Innovation		
<p>We will engage regionally via the roles of the Regional Learning & Skills Partnership (RSLP) and Regional Engagement Team. <i>(Action ID 12566)</i></p>	✓	<p>The RSLP engaged with over 70 businesses during the preparation of the 2017/18 Employment & Skills Plan which was published on the 31.7.2017. During the year we also engaged with a further 350 businesses in relation to the Plan and the regional group has supported 6 EU funded projects. The RLSP also engaged with sector cluster groups to feedback/ review the actions in the Plan and to review the priorities and identify any new skills needed to meet the Swansea Bay City Deal projects.</p>
<p>We will maximise external funding in order to realise economic potential. <i>(Action ID 12567)</i></p>	✓	<p>To date £22m has been secured from European programmes to deliver a number of initiatives including employability initiatives such as Communities 4 Work and Workways +; initiatives targeted at supporting young people who are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training); redevelopment of Pendine as well as initiatives designed to increase tourism in partnership with partners in Ireland and across West Wales, as part of the Celtic Routes initiative. The Authority continues to support communities to access funding via the Rural Development Plan and to promote opportunities available via the EU programmes both internally and externally with further funding applications currently being developed.</p>
<p>We will develop and deliver the Countywide Employment and Skills Plan in line with key strategic priorities. <i>(Action ID 12568)</i></p>	✓	<p>The 2017 Employment and Skills Plan for the South West and Mid Wales region was consulted on with industry and training providers and this helped to develop the 2017/18 Plan. The Plan was submitted to the Welsh Government who gave positive feedback and it was launched by the Minister Julie James on the 5th October 2017. Work for the 2018/19 Plan has already started.</p>
<p>We will work with schools in the County to increase awareness of the employment and training options that will lead to employment in the County (the RLSP will work with ERW, Education, Industry, Careers Wales and DWP to improve awareness). <i>(Action ID 12569)</i></p>	✓	<p>During the year presentations were given to regional groups of headmasters with a follow up for individuals to understand needs of specific schools. This involvement has informed the Skills Plan. We have also worked with secondary schools to raise awareness of opportunities relating to SBCD projects and with ERW to identify new ways of working with schools. There has been identification of pilot projects for years 9 and 11 to raise awareness of the skills needed for SBCD projects which employers will need. Trial projects have been developed with schools</p>

Last Year's Commitments	✓ x	Progress Comment
		on the digital, creative and health competencies required for the 3 projects in Carmarthenshire.
<p>We will work with the City Deal projects to understand the skills requirements within each sector and develop new courses/training opportunities in partnership with FE & HE institutions in the region. <i>(Action ID 12570)</i></p>	✓	<p>We have met with all of the City Deal projects to discuss the training requirements from each project and how this can be developed as part of the City Deal. From these meetings the Regional Learning Skills Partnership (RLSP) completed a 5 case business model and developed an implementation plan for delivering the new key skills needed in the region required by both industry, schools and adult learning opportunities. The draft business case for the City deal skills and talent project was submitted to the Welsh and UK Governments at the end of October and initial comments were received and the work to add the additional information was undertaken and the business cases were then resubmitted to the Government officials. To date the draft business case plan revisions have been updated and submitted to the Regional office for presentation to the UK and Welsh Governments and work has been continuing with gathering of data from the projects and inputting this information into a plan for skills development in the region.</p>
<p>We will promote and support entrepreneurship in the County by delivering activities such as the Beacon Bursary, Beacon Incubation and a Business Start Up Fund. <i>(Action ID 12571)</i></p>	✓	<p>The Beacon Bursary was launched early Spring 2018. Beacon Incubation space is progressing with 5 applicants under consideration. The Business Start-up funds are approved and look to be launched late spring.</p>
<p>We will support Third Sector Growth and deliver the Knowledge Hub. <i>(Action ID 12572)</i></p>	✓	<p>During the year the new Third Sector spend centralisation team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established the Challenge Panel and agreed the Terms of Reference • Established a centralised database • Communicated with HOS and Budget Managers to raise awareness of the new function • Held Budget Manager briefings and welcomed feedback on the process • Introduced the new service to the Procurement Board meeting • Engaged with colleagues in Procurement to align new function with improvements to contract management • Utilised Atamis - Spend Analysis and Contract Management software • Developed a Communication and Engagement Strategy • Developed an online Third Sector Spend registration process <p>Also we have established a comprehensive Third Sector Spend ID Supplier list, which will make it easier for budget managers to identify third sector organisations. The Working Group will continue to meet regularly with representation from Audit,</p>

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✘	Progress Comment
		Procurement, Finance and Economic Development. The Third Sector Spend ID Supplier list (Knowledge Hub) has been finalised and will be available to Budget Managers who have been asked to register all Third Sector Spend for 2018/19.
We will develop and deliver Digital Activity to enhance access to key service provision and boost economic performance. <i>(Action ID 12573)</i>	✓	Local Carmarthenshire contractors Antur Teifi have been successful in securing the contract to install and deliver the Strategic Rural Towns WiFi network across Carmarthenshire. Once the programme of installation is completed, a full technical and development support package will then be in place for the two year period up to February 2020. The support package will include the placement of two apprenticeship places to work with and support both Town Councils and business's to develop and maximise economic benefits and enhance the visitor experience, from utilising digital connectivity on the high street.
We will promote and support event development by developing activities such as the Event Network Circle and utilising a mix of funding. <i>(Action ID 12575)</i>	✓	Using resources gained through a successful RDP Leader application, over 180 event organisers have signed up the Carmarthenshire event network circle with 49 active within the closed Facebook page. Further promotion has been implemented to widen the awareness of the information now available on line in the form of case studies and templates and there is still much scope in increasing uptake and usage, especially in terms of promotional and sponsorship planning Llandovery, Carmarthen and Newcastle Emlyn were picked to act as "pilot towns" in order to explore the development and growth of events with local businesses. Focus group events were organised in each of the towns bringing together businesses and community group leaders with event organisers.
B - Transformations – a strategic regeneration plan for Carmarthenshire 2015-2030		
We will develop and deliver across the three Transformation Area Teams (Carmarthen & Rural Area, Ammanford & Cross Hands Growth Zone, Llanelli & Coastal Belt) and the Skills & Enterprise Team, initiatives and projects to support job creation . <i>(Action ID 12576)</i>	✓	There were 352 jobs created in the year which exceeded the annual target. These were via the Parry Thomas Centre, Opportunity St, Bureau, Business Support, Cross Hands Growth Zone (Cross Hands West), Delta Lakes and Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund Projects.
We will develop and deliver across the three Transformation Area Teams (Carmarthen & Rural Area, Ammanford & Cross Hands Growth Zone, Llanelli & Coastal Belt) and the Skills & Enterprise Team, initiatives and projects to support jobs accommodated . <i>(Action ID 12580)</i>	✓	195 Jobs have been accommodated as a result of the Opportunity St Project in Llanelli Town Centre and Cross Hands Growth Zone projects. This figure exceeds the annual target figure.
We will develop and deliver across the three Transformation Area Teams (Carmarthen & Rural Area, Ammanford & Cross Hands Growth Zone, Llanelli & Coastal Belt) and the Skills & Enterprise Team, initiatives and	✘	250.5 people have been placed into jobs via support projects including workways+, the Communities first initiative, Community Bureau and Un Sir Gar during the year. However, due to a delayed start for the Workways + programme, the target figure was not

Last Year's Commitments	✓ x	Progress Comment
projects to support number of people placed into jobs. (Action ID 12581)		attained and therefore targets have been re profiled across an extended period up until 2022.
We will develop and deliver across the three Transformation Area Teams (Carmarthen & Rural Area, Ammanford & Cross Hands Growth Zone, Llanelli & Coastal Belt) and the Skills & Enterprise Team, initiatives and projects to support number of people placed into training. (Action ID 12582)	✓	The Annual target of 1187 has been significantly exceeded via the work of the Community Bureau, Communities First/Communities4Work (C4W)/LIFT, Workways, Un Sir gar and Opportunity St projects. In total 3306 individuals have been placed into training this year
We will develop and deliver across the three Transformation Area Teams (Carmarthen & Rural Area, Ammanford & Cross Hands Growth Zone, Llanelli & Coastal Belt) and the Skills & Enterprise Team, initiatives and projects to support number of people helped into volunteering. (Action ID 12583)	✓	1141 individuals have been helped into volunteering to date via the Workways+, Un Sir Gar, Community Bureau and Communities First / C4W / Lift programmes.
We will develop and deliver across the three Transformation Area Teams (Carmarthen & Rural Area, Ammanford & Cross Hands Growth Zone, Llanelli & Coastal Belt) and the Skills & Enterprise Team, initiatives and projects to support additional business/office floorspace (Sq ft) created. (Action ID 12584)	✓	83,680 sq ft of floor space was created / improved via Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund (CREF), Cross Hands Growth Zone and Opportunity street projects. In addition a number of projects are under construction via the Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund & Transformational Property Development Fund (TPDF) that will realise additional floor space early in 2018/19
We will develop and deliver across the three Transformation Area Teams (Carmarthen & Rural Area, Ammanford & Cross Hands Growth Zone, Llanelli & Coastal Belt) and the Skills & Enterprise Team, initiatives and projects to support the amount of land (hectare) developed. (Action ID 12585)	✓	8.4 ha land has been developed or improved through the Delta Lakes project, CREF, Opportunity St and Cross Hands Growth Zone. In addition construction is ongoing on a number of projects including North Dock Pontrillas that will see further land developed early in 18/19.
We will develop and deliver across the three Transformation Area Teams (Carmarthen & Rural Area, Ammanford & Cross Hands Growth Zone, Llanelli & Coastal Belt) and the Skills & Enterprise Team, initiatives and projects to support the level of Private Sector Investment (PSI) / external funding secured. (Action ID 12586)	✓	£16.7 Private Sector Investment / external funding has been secured this year via: Community Bureaux (£5.9m), Jacksons Lane, (£128k) Carmarthen Wetlands (£128k) and Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund (£1.15m, TPDF (£365k), Cross Hands Growth Zone (£5.967m) and the Pendine attractor project (£3m).
We will deliver the initial implementation plan - Planning process; Business case agreements; Pathways development; Training courses for the Wellness and Life Science project (Action ID 12380)	✓	2017/18 has been a year of demonstrable progression for the Llanelli Wellness and Life Science Village , with key milestones reached across all project domains. A Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) exercise was successfully executed in February, with an outline planning application registered on March 15 th (ref no. S/36948). It is aimed to secure outline planning consent August/September 2018. A 5 Case Business Plan (FBC) has been submitted to UK and Welsh Governments to draw down £40m of City Deal money. Considerable resource and effort was directed to a 12 month procurement exercise to identify a private sector development partner, including a call to competition (OJEU notice) and dialogue sessions with

Last Year's Commitments	✓ x	Progress Comment
		<p>bidders. It is hoped to formally announce the preferred partner in May. Our business planning, principal work stream groups have scoped out services for delivery in the Village, culminating in a Clinical Delivery Strategy and Wellness Hub Specification Paper. These are being taken through relevant governance processes for endorsement. Lastly, implementation of a communication and engagement strategy has improved stakeholder awareness and understanding of the Village concept. A public exhibition to showcase proposals for the Village attracted 234 local residents, pupils and organisations/businesses.</p>
<p>We will develop and deliver Countywide Tourism Destination Management Plan 2015-2020 & deliver actions utilising a mix of funding to support promotion of Carmarthenshire as an attractive & quality place to visit & stay & as a commercially viable place to invest in as part of regional and national campaigns. <i>(Action ID 12577)</i></p>	✓	<p>Promotion of Wales as a Country Destination is coordinated by Visit Wales, part of a division within the Welsh Government. We have proactively supported them in the delivery of the Year of Legend and Sea campaigns by leading on a series of actions funded through the Regional Tourism Fund on behalf of a South West Wales partnership. Actions included the promotion of themed group travel itineraries including the organisation and management attending the British Tourism and Travel Exhibition at the NEC as part of the Visit Wales pavilion. 28 major articles on Carmarthenshire were generated by CCC in the media ranging from: Olive magazine: Circulation 32,497 Fabulous magazine Sun on Sunday: Circulation 1.4million Sunday Mirror: Circulation 488,609 Western Mail: Circulation 13,419 Public Relations (PR) has also been utilised as a promotional tool as we can access exposure across the UK.</p>
<p>We will develop the quality, quantity and economic value of events and festivals utilising Leader, Ireland Wales Cooperation Scheme, Regional Tourism Engagement Fund and other funding streams. <i>(Action ID 12579)</i></p>	✓	<p>Officers attended a horizon scanning session with the major events unit of the Government in January, gathering information on potential areas of interest and possibilities of hosting events in the future, as well as taking the opportunity to explain the facilities and areas the County can offer now and in the future. It was welcomed that the Council now offers a financial scheme to support events based on strict criteria. The Ireland Wales cooperation scheme went live on 1st January. Partners from both countries met for a 2 day workshop in February, as future ideas were firmed up and knowledge of each area was given a revised set of criteria based upon "lessons learnt".</p>
C - City Deal		
<p>We will deliver Phase 3 of the project plan for the Wellness and Life Science Village. <i>(Action ID 12365)</i></p>	✓	<p>Following submission of the 5 case business plans to the UK and Welsh Governments, Phase 3 has been brought to a close. Moving forward, new actions will be considered under a `phase 4` parent action, with associated sub-actions.</p>

Last Year's Commitments	✓ x	Progress Comment
<p>We will continue to support the development and delivery of the Swansea Bay City Deal proposal. (Action ID 12587)</p>	✓	<p>2017/18 has been a year of demonstrable progression for the Llanelli Wellness and Life Science Village, with key milestones reached across all project domains. A Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) exercise was successfully executed in February, with an outline planning application registered on March 15th (ref no. S/36948). A 5 Case Business Plan (FBC) has been submitted to UK and Welsh Governments to draw down £40m of City Deal money. Considerable resource and effort was directed to a 12 month procurement exercise to identify a private sector development partner, including a call to competition (OJEU notice) and dialogue sessions with bidders. Our business planning, principal work stream groups have scoped out services for delivery in the Village, culminating in a Clinical Delivery Strategy and Wellness Hub Specification Paper. These are being taken through relevant governance processes for endorsement. Lastly, implementation of a communication and engagement strategy has improved stakeholder awareness and understanding of the Village concept. A public exhibition to showcase proposals for the Village attracted 234 local residents, pupils and organisations/businesses.</p>
<p>We will establish appropriate governance arrangements and support structures to ensure the successful delivery of the City Deal. (Action ID 12588)</p>	✓	<p>The Joint Committee Agreement is in its final stages and is currently with legal teams in the Welsh Government and UK Government. This will enable the establishment of fit for purpose governance structures and processes to ensure the successful delivery of the SBCD</p>
<p>We will support the development of a 5 case business case for each of the 11 projects. (Action ID 12589)</p>	✓	<p>8 out of the 11 City Deal projects are currently being assessed by the Welsh Government and UK Government for approval.</p>
<p>We will establish business engagement mechanisms to ensure that the City Deal achieves maximum benefit locally and regionally. (Action ID 12590)</p>	✓	<p>We have recruited a Business Engagement officer for the City Deal and this officer will develop an action plan for business engagement</p>
<p>We will aim to develop all 11 City Deal projects. (Action ID 12591)</p>	✓	<p>The Regional Office is working closely with the 11 project leads to ensure the development of Business cases.</p>
<p>We will aim to hold 4 City Deal business engagement events. (Action ID 12592)</p>	✓	<p>An Engagement Action Plan is currently being developed. A Communications and Marketing officer for the City Deal has been appointed. Also a business engagement officer has been recruited.</p>
D – Overarching Performance Measures		
<p>We will aim to create 282 more jobs. (EconD/001) (2016/17 Result - 253.5 / 2017/18 Target 282)</p>	✓	<p>352.5 jobs were created with Regeneration assistance during 2017/18 which exceeded the target. These were created with the assistance of the Parry Thomas Centre, Business Support, Beacon Bursary, Opportunity St, Bureau, Cross Hands Growth Zone, Delta Lakes and Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund Projects.</p>

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✘	Progress Comment
We will aim to accommodate 49 jobs. <i>(EconD/002)</i> (2016/17 Result -28 / 2017/18 Target - 49)	✓	195 Jobs were accommodated during 2017/18 as a result of Opportunity Street Project in Llanelli Town Centre and Cross Hands Growth Zone Project Cross Hands West.
We will aim to place 280 people into jobs. <i>(EconD/003)</i> (2016/17 Result – 344 / 2017/18 Target - 280)	✘	250.5 individuals have been placed into jobs with regeneration assistance via Workways, Un Sir Gar, Community Bureau and Communities First / Lift /C4W programmes. This is below the expected target as the workways+ programme was delayed, as such targets have been re profiled across extended period up until 2022
We will aim to place 1,187 people into training. <i>(EconD/004)</i> (2016/17 Result -3,128 / 2017/18 Target -1,187)	✓	3,306 people were placed into training during 2017/18 via work of the Community Bureau, Communities First / Lift / C4W, Workways +, Un Sir gar and Opportunity St Projects. This significantly exceeds our Annual target of 1,187.
We will aim to place 1,132 people into volunteering. <i>(EconD/005)</i> (2016/17 Result -1,598 / 2017/18 Target -1,132)	✓	1141 individuals were helped into volunteering during 2017/18 via the Workways+, Un Sir Gar, Bureau and communities first / lift/C4W programmes
We will aim to create 40,069 sqft of Floorspace <i>(EconD/006)</i> (2017/18 Target - 40,069 sqft)	✓	83,680 sq ft floor space was created / improved during 2017/18 via CREF Opportunity street and Cross Hands Growth Zone projects, well exceeding our target.
We will aim to develop 8.4 ha of land <i>(EconD/007)</i> (2017/18 Target – 8.4 ha)	✓	8.4ha of land was developed or improved during 2017/18 through Delta Lakes, opportunity 1 st and Cross Hands West projects together with Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise and Transformational property Development Fund Projects.
Level of Private Sector Investment / external funding secured £11,303,361 <i>(EconD/008)</i> (2016/17 Result -£23,551,839 / 2017/18 Target - £11,303,361)	✓	£16,721,475 of Private Sector Investment was secured during 2017/18, significantly above target This was done via Community Bureau, CREF, TCPDF, Pendine Attractor, Jacksons Lane, Cross Hands Growth Zone and Wetlands Projects.
We will ensure that a high percentage of undisputed invoices are paid within 30 days to help local businesses cash-flow. <i>(CFH/006)</i> (2016/17 Result - 94.3% /2017/18 Target -93.5%)	✘	92.8% of invoices were paid within 30 days during 2017/18. This is off target and declined on the previous year. All relevant areas below target have been notified and officers to investigate and address issues.
We will ensure that we conduct trading standards inspections for all high risk businesses <i>(PPN/001i)</i> 2016/17 Result - 100% / 2017/18 Target -100%)	✓	All 150 Trading Standards High Risk Businesses were inspected during 2017/18 - 100%
We will ensure that we conduct animal health inspections for all high risk businesses <i>(PPN/001iii)</i> (2016/17 Result - 100% / 2017/18 Target -100%)	✘	92% - 158 of 172 high risk animal health businesses were inspected during 2017/18. We have seen an increase in investigations and prosecutions of unlicensed dog breeders. This is high priority reactive work, the increase could not have been anticipated at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately re-prioritising officer time to action and try and resolve these investigations has meant we have fallen slightly short of achieving 100%, the remaining premises are being inspected during April 2018.

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Well-being Objective 7

Live Well - Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes

On track to meet the affordable homes target of 1,000 additional affordable homes between 2016 - 2021

Good quality, affordable homes are the bed rock of healthy and sustainable communities. We have delivered over 400 additional affordable homes since 2016 as part of the affordable homes plan.

Why it is important

- Good quality affordable homes promote *health and well-being*, meeting the individual needs of the residents, building strong sustainable communities and places where people want to live.
- Good quality energy efficient affordable homes are good for the *People and the Environment* - as the energy use within the home will be reduced, having a significant effect on reducing the fuel costs for the occupying residents. It will also have a significant effect on reducing pollutants in the atmosphere and mitigating fuel poverty in our communities.
- It's good for the *Social Structure* - well-placed affordable housing developments allow communities to welcome a wide range of families and to create a vibrant, diverse, group of residents.
- It's good for the *Economy* - in order to thrive, new businesses need easy access to its workforce. Affordable housing developments ensure that working families will remain in their community.

Success Measure

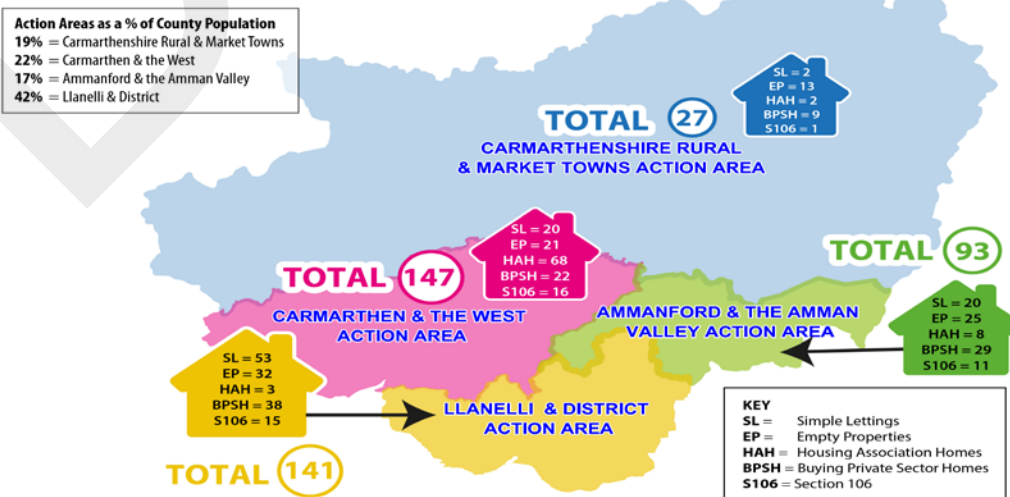
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Explaining the Results

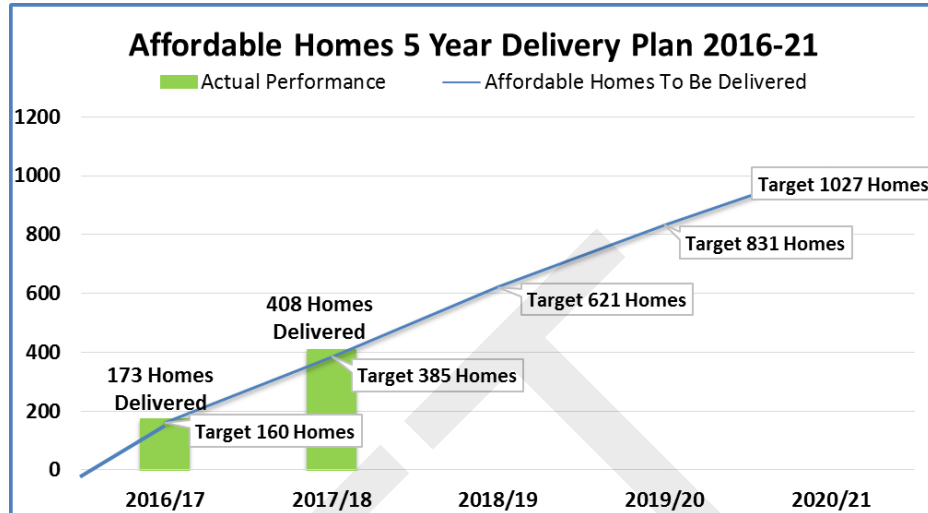
Affordable Homes Performance - Overall Performance from April 2016

408 Affordable Homes Delivered



Progress Made

- ⊙ As part of the *2016 - 2020 Affordable Homes Plan* to date we have provided **408** additional affordable homes made up of the following:-
 - *Simple lettings agency* - 95
(32 – 2016/17 – 63 -2017/18)
 - *Empty homes brought back into use* - 91
(28 – 2016/17 – 63 -2017/18)
 - *Buying private sector homes* – 114
(45 – 2016/17 – 69 -2017/18)
 - *Housing Association new build development* – 65
(45 – 2016/17 – 20 -2017/18)
 - *Contribution by development (section 106)* - 43
(23 – 2016/17 – 20 -2017/18)



- ⊙ We have bought **98** private sector homes to increase the *council’s own housing stock*. 16 homes have also been bought directly by Bro Myrddin Housing Association.
- ⊙ Funding has been secured to build **over 60 new council homes** (including the latest projections for Affordable Housing Grant from Welsh Government). 3 sites have been identified where building works will commence in 2018/2019.
- ⊙ The contribution by development are *low cost home ownership* properties
- ⊙ Through the planning system (Section 106) 43 homes have been provided for [Low Cost Home ownership](#) and nominated to local people who needed help to buy their own home

Carmarthenshire County Council is already making good on its promises to deliver 1,000 more affordable homes by 2021. Over 60 new council homes will be built in Carmarthenshire over the next two years in an £8.5million investment to grow the local authority’s housing stock.



Executive Board Member
For Housing
CLlr Linda Evans



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Well-being Objective 7

Live Well - Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes

The following are our commitments and end of year progress comments for this Well-being Objective during 2017/18.

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
A - Affordable Homes Delivery Plan		
<p>We will increase the number of affordable homes delivered in Carmarthenshire. (Action ID 12593)</p>	✓	<p>2017/18 is our second year of delivering affordable homes. This year we have successfully delivered 235 additional homes through a range of solutions including bringing empty homes back into use, social lettings, buying private sector homes, through developer contributions and Section 106 and by working in partnership with our housing association partners to develop new homes.</p>
<p>We shall increase the number of affordable homes in the County by delivering the affordable homes plan (7.3.2.24) (2016/17 Result – 173 /2017/18 Target - 225) (Future Targets - 18/19 – 236, 19/20 – 210, 20/21 – 196).</p>	✓	<p>An additional 235 affordable homes have been delivered during 2017/18.</p>
<p>We shall increase the number of new additional properties managed by our internal social lettings agency. (7.3.2.25) (2016/17 Result - 32 /2017/18 Target - 54)</p>	✓	<p>During 2017/18 we added 63 new additional properties to be managed by our internal social lettings agency.</p>
<p>We shall increase the % of empty private properties brought back into use (PAM/013) (2016/17 Result - 6.53% - 174 dwellings / 2017/18 Target – 6.75% - 180 dwellings) This measures include all previously empty properties and not only affordable homes.</p>	✓	<p>184 empty private properties (6.90%) were brought back into use during 2017/18.</p>
<p>We shall increase the number of new homes created as a result of bringing empty properties back into use (PAM/014) (2016/17 Result -5 additional dwellings / 2017/18 Target -10 additional dwellings) This measures include <u>all</u> previously empty properties and <u>not only</u> affordable homes.</p>	✗	<p>5 additional dwellings were created during 2017/18 as a result of bringing empty properties back into use. This new measure is very much in the hands of empty properties Owners, and the likelihood of them seeking consent for, and converting empty dwellings into flats. The projection put forward was subject to a particular scheme in Llanelli, which was supported under the Houses into Homes scheme. Regrettably, this developer has allocated his resources to other projects, and failed to complete.</p>

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Well-being Objective 8

Live Well - Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour and obesity)

Almost 1.6 million visits to our Leisure Centres, generating a Social Value Return of £4.6 million during 2017/18





We want Carmarthenshire to be a place:

- That is the most active and healthy in the UK
- Where every person is an active participant at a *Community Club or Leisure / Cultural Facility*
- Where every child is hooked on Leisure / Cultural activity for life

Why it is important

- Because our way of life is changing, people are living longer with a higher quality of life.
- Because the challenge is to prevent ill health.
- Because living healthy lives allows people to fulfil their potential, meet educational aspirations and play a full part in the economy and society of Carmarthenshire.
- Because many of the preventive services and interventions required to maintain health, independence and well-being lie outside health and social care.

Success Measures

Awaiting Result	Awaiting Result	No year on year comparison available	Awaiting Result
 <p>??% of Adults who say their general health is Good or Very Good</p> <p>Source: National Survey for Wales</p>	 <p>??% of Adults who say they have a longstanding illness</p> <p>Source: National Survey for Wales</p>	<p>Adult mental well-being score of 50.2 (Out of a maximum of 70)</p>  <p>Source: National Survey for Wales</p>	 <p>??% of Adults who have <2 healthy lifestyle behaviours</p> <p>Source: National Survey for Wales</p>

Explaining the Results

- Good or Very Good health to follow – results available later in the year from NSW
- Adults with longstanding illness to follow - results available later in the year from NSW
- **Mental well-being score** is based on 14 positively worded statements asked as part of the [National Survey for Wales](#) which represents positive attributes of wellbeing and covers both feeling and functioning as opposed to mental illness or disorder and is suitable for use in the general population. The average mental well-being score for Carmarthenshire respondents was 50.2 from a maximum of 70, this is below the Welsh average score of 50.9 and in 16th place.
- Adults with fewer than two healthy lifestyle behaviours to follow - results available later in the year from NSW

Progress Made

- ⦿ We have continued to monitor *air quality* (nitrogen dioxide) for the residents of and visitors to the County implementing a sampling programme. This supports a consultation for Air Quality Management Area's action plans for Llanelli and Carmarthen as well as the current action plans for Llandeilo. Data has been captured across all sites and results assessed and reported.
- ⦿ Following a million pounds of investment to enhance our *leisure centres*, creating more space and bringing in brand new state of the art fitness equipment we have seen an 2.8% (48,000) increase in the numbers of visits to 1,582,994 during 2017/18. This has also resulted in an increase in income by 23% (from £978k to £1.2m). The impact has been extremely well received by new and existing customers and the satisfaction survey shows an increase from 29% to 44%.
- ⦿ We have a vision designed to make Carmarthenshire 'The Cycling Hub of Wales'. A cycling strategy has been developed, this includes the exciting Twyi Valley Cycle Path, the Millennium Coastal Path, Closed Road Cycle track in Pembrey and the Amman Valley Cycle Path. Together with the recently refurbished Velodrome in Carmarthen Park which is one of only two in Wales.
- ⦿ A further 1,510 people were referred to the *National Exercise Referrals* scheme during 2017/18, with 53.8% of engaging with the scheme and 45.6% having completed the 16 week programme.
- ⦿ Our mental health teams, leisure colleagues and Run Wales are training a group of individuals with mental health issues to compete in the Swansea half marathon and also in local park runs. This is an innovative project to improve the mental health, well-being and physical health of individuals. It is also contributing to the anti-stigma agenda as staff and those who use services are training together and co-production is an essential feature of the scheme.

"The scheme has really been a life saver. It has totally transformed my life not just physically but emotionally"

Sport & Leisure – Changing Lives

Neil has been a member of Carmarthen Leisure Centre for several years, initially referred through the NERS scheme. He is now an ongoing member, attending most days to get his dose of physical activity. 2 years ago, Neil developed to the point that he no longer needed the use of his wheelchair, which he puts down to the support the staff at the centre have given – an emotional moment for both Neil and staff!

Neil said, *"The gym class enabled me to ditch my wheelchair after 15 years of being stuck in it. Nearly 2 years since I have seen it"*

The recent million pound investment into our Health & Fitness facilities shows our intent to continue offering, and to improve, such life-changing services as received by Neil.



Executive Board Member
For culture, Sport & Tourism
Cllr Peter Hughes-Griffiths



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Well-being Objective 8

Live Well - Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour and obesity)

The following are our commitments and end of year progress comments for this Well-being Objective during 2017/18.

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
A - Eat and breathe healthily		
We will work with leisure catering franchisees to offer and promote healthier eating and drinking options for consumers. <i>(Action ID 12704)</i>	✓	A new Project officer started in September 2017 to review catering provision across the Communities Department, with a specific focus on key leisure sites. A review and work-plan was reported to Departmental Management Team on 28 th March, 2018 with business case for future management options for all catering outlets across the department. We are working closely with Education catering division and procurement to develop options.
We will continue to monitor air quality (nitrogen dioxide) for the residents of and visitors to the County implementing a sampling programme. <i>(Action ID 12599)</i>	✓	Monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide throughout the County has been ongoing on a monthly basis and complete. This will support the current consultation for the action plans for the Air Quality Management Area's for Llanelli and Carmarthen as well as the current action plans for Llandeilo. Data has been captured across all sites and results assessed and reported.
We will continue to monitor water quality for the residents of and visitors to the County implementing a sampling programme. <i>(Action ID 12936)</i>	✓	Both the bathing water and private drinking water programmes have been completed for this year
We shall ensure that a very high percentage of food establishments meet food hygiene standards <i>(PAM/023)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 97.5% / 2017/18 Target - 93%)</i>	✓	For 2017/18, 97.91% of food establishments met food hygiene standards.
We shall ensure that all high risk Food businesses that are liable to a programmed inspections are inspected. <i>(PPN/001ii)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 100% / 2017/18 Target 100%)</i>	✓	All high risk Food businesses that were programmed for inspections were inspected during 2017/18 - 100% .
To embed the population needs assessment into service planning at locality level. <i>(Action ID 12600)</i>	✓	The regional population assessment now complete and the intelligence gathered has allowed for each locality in Integrated Services to develop a locality plan which takes into consideration an evidence based approach to delivery of services. These plans have been developed, reviewed and implemented into practice at Locality level.
B - Physical Activity		
We will manage a Workplace Health & Well-being Co-ordinator & team of champions to effect change in physical & mental well-being activity levels of staff and adults on a sustainable basis for the department. <i>(Action ID 12601)</i>	✓	The Health and Wellbeing programme seeks to encourage and support employees to make positive lifestyle changes and take responsibility for their health, through provision of advice, support, events and activities. The programme is led by the Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, supported by a network of 'Health & Wellbeing Champions'. The Champions

Last Year's Commitments	✓ x	Progress Comment
		<p>are authority employees volunteering for this role in addition to their current duties throughout the organisation who provide support and advice to colleagues focusing on achievable programs and employee health and wellbeing interventions. To date a number of events have been held ranging from employee lung function tests to a Health and Wellbeing Fair focussed on informing and improving the health and wellbeing of the workforce. Targeted interventions have also been developed, Human Resources (HR) have undertaken a piece of work in relation to sickness absence statistics with a report detailing which departments are at highest risk. This has helped determine where targeted interventions are required, and by working with HR, Occupational Health and Health and Safety an appropriate program of intervention has been developed where required. We are currently looking to extend the post past the scheduled end date of March 2018 as well as taking on another part-time Coordinator post to assist with the continued roll out of the project. This will ensure that the Authority continues to provide a support mechanism for employees to focus on and improve their Health and Wellbeing which has the potential to reduce sickness levels and improve the productivity of employees whilst they are in work.</p>
<p>We shall develop plans for the new Llanelli Wellness Hub (Leisure Centre) as part of Wellness village and life sciences hub at Delta Lakes. <i>(Action ID 12602)</i></p>	✓	<p>A Well-being hub sub group was established and meet regularly to develop the project. The specification for new Well-being Hub (leisure Centre) has been refined and cross referenced with wider Health group to ensure alignment across 5 agreed life stages. Health Impact Assessment is to be co-ordinated by Public Health Wales for the wider project.</p> <p>We are awaiting outcome of partner procurement process to progress with detailed design and business planning.</p>
<p>We will review and implement an improved pathway of aquatics provision that enables participants to reach their full potential. <i>(Action ID 12494)</i></p>	x	<p>Phase1. All Aquatics posts have now been filled but final elements of recruitment are being completed. We will see significant improvements to our programmes through the introduction of this team of management and co-ordination.</p> <p>Phase 2 has been delayed due to this team not being in place sooner, however scoping works have been completed and meetings are underway with swimming clubs to explore the potential of unifying the aquatics pathway. This work will be a focus for the coming months with a finalised proposal to be brought forward by the end of August 2018.</p>
<p>We will implement the Cycling Strategy for Carmarthenshire that will focus on 5 key strategic themes. 1- Education, Development &</p>	✓	<p>The Cycling Strategy is working its way through democratic process for approval. Strategy governance steering group and sub-groups have</p>

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
Training; 2- Infrastructure and Facilities; 3- Marketing & Branding; 4-Tourism and 5 – Events. (Action ID 12603)		been established and meeting. The Velodrome project is complete. The Closed Circuit facility has been tendered and due to start on site in April for June 2018 completion. Events and communication plan is being refined to underpin strategy.
We shall increase the number of visits to leisure centres per 1,000 population (PAM 017) (2016/17 Result - 8,289 /2017/18 Target - 8,996)	✗	There have been 1,582,994 visits to our leisure centres during 2017/18, this is 8,522 per 1,000 population. This is a significantly increase of 2.8%, and also income. It is disappointing to be short of the ambitious target set but we have seen over 48,000 more attendances this year than last, resulting from facility improvements, membership increases in aquatics and fitness, etc. We are also providing a much better experience for our users, evident through them score us using 'Net Promoter Score' (a measure of customer satisfaction) with an increase from a score of 29% for 2016-17 to 44% for 2017-18. Some planned developments that would ideally have happened and affected attendance during 2017-18 (e.g. new spin studio and play centre in Carmarthen) have been delayed to 2018-19 that also affected our ability to meet targets set but these are due to be carried out shortly.
We shall increase the percentage of people referred to the National Exercise Referral scheme that attend the initial consultation of the programme (3.4.2.6) (2016/17 Result 58.1% /2017/18 Target - 58.5%)	✗	The 2017/18 result of 53.8% is off target and showing a decline. 2017-18 has been a year to work on strengthening the links with referral partners, with a focus on increasing the number of referrals. This has succeeded (increased from 1,235 to 1,510), but has resulted in greater focus being on delivery and less ability to visit partners and increase our effectiveness in the community. It has placed a service which has seen a standstill budget for 6 years under tremendous pressure, which has been compounded by three periods of lengthy absence to key staff members.
We shall increase the percentage of people referred to the National Exercise Referral scheme that complete the 16 week programme (3.4.2.7) (2016/17 Result 50.2% /2017/18 Target - 50.5%)	✗	305 referred clients completed the 16 week programme during 2017/18 this equates to 45.6% and a decline on last year. A combination of an increase in referrals (see above) and continued staffing issues has meant we have not met our target, but we hope to return to a full staffing compliment shortly.
C - Mental Health		
We will contribute to health led transformation programmes in mental health and redesign of services within learning disability. (Action ID 12605)	✓	There has been a public consultation and Member sessions during 2017 together with a workshop for all partners on the 30 th January 2018 where a project structure, priorities and work stream leads were agreed for the Transforming Mental Health Programme. This programme is led by Hywel Dda Unitary Health Board and Senior Officers from the three Local Authorities whom have recently approved to begin the implementation of the agreed

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
		<p>model. The following sub- groups have been set up to drive and inform the implementation progress: Transport; Workforce and Cultural Change; Pathways, Access Design and Local Groups and Resources; and Estates, Infrastructure and IT. The aim is to have multi-sector, multi partnership membership for each of these groups to continue with the programmes commitment to co-production throughout the implementation.</p>
<p>We shall increase the number of library visits per 1,000 population <i>(PAM/016)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result 7,646 / 2017/18 Target - 7,684)</i></p>	✓	<p>There were 1,428,231 visits to our libraries during 2017/18, this is 7,689 per 1,000 population. The launch of 'Makerspace' at Ammanford Library (a collaborative work space for making, learning, exploring and sharing, that uses high tech tools and open to children, adults, and entrepreneurs) along with constant promotional marketing has resulted in an increase in school & young person's engagement. Through working partnerships with a multitude of organisations, regular and popular events have been held for adults and children within our libraries. Along with continued investment in popular book stocks, IT online resources for e-books, audio books, digital magazines/ comics and children literacy resources.</p>
D - Substance Misuse		
<p>We will ensure our specialist substance misuse team meets the needs of children and adult services by providing expert advice, support and direct input to front line teams. <i>(Action ID 12607)</i></p>	✓	<p>The re-location (to Ty Elwyn) of the Substance Misuse Team has improved joint working arrangements with the Youth Offending Service and Childrens' Teams. The team continue to work across social care teams and provide expert advice in relation to substance misuse issues, ensuring people affected by drug and alcohol misuse receive the support they require when they need it.</p>

Age Well



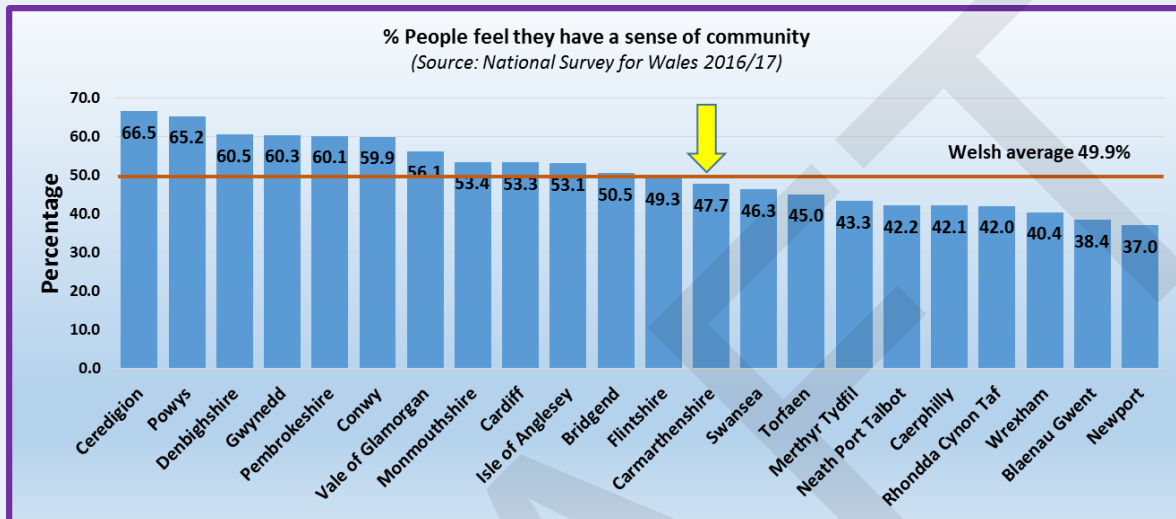


Well-being Objective 9

Live Well/Age Well - Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities

Sense of community survey results have declined by 26% in Carmarthenshire Overall in Wales the results declined by 12%

The 'Sense of Community' is derived from three questions; *People feel they belong to their local area; People in the area from different backgrounds get on and People in the area treat each other with respect*.



Carmarthenshire has the 4th highest year on year % change having reduced from 73% in 2014/15 to 47.7% and moved down from 5th to 13th position.

Why it is important

- Carmarthenshire's *Well-Being Assessment 2017* highlighted community togetherness and cohesion as important for positive well-being. It was the 3rd highest thing that mattered to people.
- Loneliness and social isolation are harmful to our health, with research showing that lacking social connections is as damaging to our health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and is worse for us than well-known risk factors such as obesity and physical inactivity.
- Social networks and friendships not only have an impact on reducing the risk of early death and illness, but they also help individuals to recover when they do fall ill.

Success Measure

No year on year comparison available

79% People who feel safe

7th Highest in Wales

Source: National Survey for Wales



Explaining the Results

- According to the 2016/17 [National Survey for Wales](#), 79% said they **felt safe** at home, walking in the local area and while travelling on local transport after dark, with the 65-74 age groups feeling the safest. These survey questions are based on perception of crime.

Progress Made

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE is a way of describing the ability of communities and the individuals that create them, to be stronger and more empowered to help themselves stay healthy, strong and maintain their wellbeing - no matter what the circumstances

- ⦿ We have continued to develop and implement how we provide information, advice and assistance (IAA), ensuring it's easily accessible and this also links in with the national 'Dewis' system, which gives information or advice about well-being – or if they want to know how they can help somebody else. Our newly improved *Family Information Service (FIS)* website went 'live' on 31st March 2018 which is compatible with mobile devices and more interactive.
- ⦿ The *Community Resilience* coordinators continue to work with their local communities to inform our understanding of assets in the community that contribute to promoting and supporting health, wellbeing and reduce loneliness. Dementia friendly community initiatives are continuing to be rolled out across the County. We have populated the Dewis website with assets and resources available to the community with over 500 organisations currently identified.
- ⦿ We are on target to deliver Carmarthenshire's pledge of resettling 60 Syria Refugee families. A voluntary support group *Syria Sir Gâr*, has been set up to provide informal support to the refugee families, together with support and advice from our regional Community Cohesion co-ordinator.

Also see Well-being Objective 10+11 for how we support people to stay at home and in their communities and Well-being Objective 1 regarding Family Support services.

SAFEGUARDING

- ⦿ We have an '*everybody's business*' approach to safeguarding in Carmarthenshire by working with local authority colleagues and partner agencies.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

- ⦿ A new partnership initiative has been implemented to support individuals detained in custody who have served in the armed forces.
- ⦿ An alcohol awareness outreach work event was held in Trostre, Llanelli on 24th February in partnership with Cyfle Cymru, Drug Aid and Domestic abuse support groups, providing advice and access to services. The *Paul's Pledge* campaign continues to receive support and raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol-related violence.
- ⦿ Joint proactive licensing enforcement visits were conducted throughout the year in all the main towns within Carmarthenshire by Council Licensing officers and Police. These visits target problem premises and help reduce incidents of alcohol related violence by improving security and engagement.
- ⦿ Reported crime in 2017/18 has shown a significant **increase** from 2016/17 of 16.8% (1,460 additional crimes), resulting in 10,137 crimes. However, it is important to note that crime rates continue to be significantly lower in Carmarthenshire compared to the national average.
- ⦿ Levels of anti-social behaviour (ASB) have **reduced** over the year by 14.3%, Total number of reported incidents was 5,810 compared to 6,780 in 2016/17 – a reduction of 970 incidents

Carmarthenshire United Support Project (CUSP) Through projects such as CUSP and Home from Hospital, Carmarthenshire has facilitated a range of activities to develop community resilience, by supporting people to remain independent in their own homes for longer or return to their own homes more quickly and safely after a hospital stay.



Executive Board Member
For Community Safety
Cllr Cefin Campbell



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Well-being Objective 10

Age Well - Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity and independence in their later years

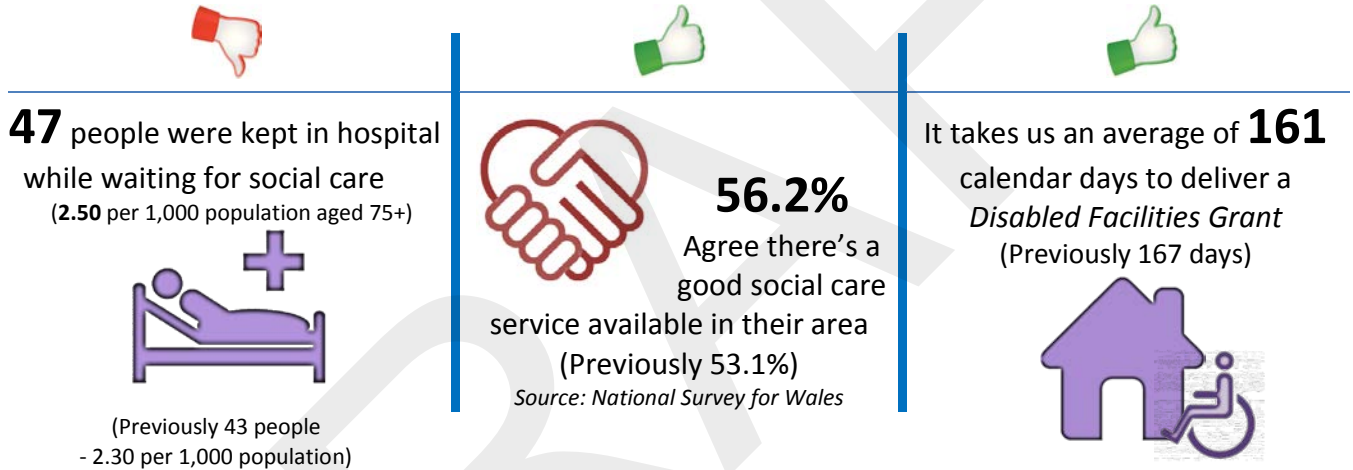
We have reduced admissions to long term residential care by almost 5% (from 1066 to 1016)

Our Offer to the Population - 'Help to Help Yourself' (Prevent ill health or injury)
Promote independence, well-being, community engagement and social inclusion.

Why it is important

- Because consultations have demonstrated that 'what matters' to individuals is to be able to be as independent and well as possible for as long as possible.
- Because our frail population demographic is increasing and will require support to remain as independent as possible.
- Because it is essential that we lay robust foundations to future proof the availability of services that promote and support ongoing well-being and independence for our frail older adult population.

Success Measures



Explaining the Results

- 47 clients (75+) were **kept in hospital** during 2017/18 while waiting for social care, a slight increase on the previous year of 43. The decline mainly occurred in January due to the winter pressures, inclement weather and the domiciliary care market being compromised due to one provider ceasing to deliver domiciliary care in the Llanelli area. Our Commissioning Team will continue to work very closely with other providers across the County to stimulate and support the domiciliary care market and monitor demand to ensure resilience in the market.
- According to the 2016/17 [National Survey for Wales](#) 56.2% of those surveyed agreed that there's a **good social care service available** in their area, this is just below the Welsh average of 56.8% but an improvement on the previous year of 53.1%. This puts us in **15th** position in Wales compared to 12th place in the previous year.
- The average number of days taken to deliver a Disabled Facilities Grant adaptation continues to reduce year on year and are currently ****** best in Wales. (Possible comparable graph when data is available)

Progress Made

- ⦿ We have developed an innovative **social prescription scheme** in partnership with GPs where patients are prescribed time credits so that they can attend events and community groups. Time Credits work very simply: for every hour that an individual contributes to their community or service, they earn one Time Credit. This Time Credit can be spent accessing an hour of activity provided by a contributing organisation like a cinema or Theatre. Last year across the whole of the county there were 1,659 members of the Carmarthenshire Time Bank.
- ⦿ According to the 2017/18 Social Care survey **86.8%** of clients were satisfied with their care and support, this is an *improvement* on 83.2% in 2017/18.
- ⦿ A 'Carmarthenshire is Kind' event was held in the National Botanical Gardens on National Kindness Day to raise awareness to the benefits of kindness to individuals. Over 500 Carmarthenshire residents attended and was profiled on Radio Wales.
- ⦿ We have successfully delivered **Carmarthenshire's United Support Project (CUSP)** and has been identified as an Exemplar Initiative in Wales through the Bevan Commission. Third sector collaboration that supports people in the community to stay independent for as long as possible.
- ⦿ *Transfer of Care Advice and Liaison Service (TOCALs)* has expanded in the Glangwili General Hospital and Prince Phillip Hospital to include community based Occupational Therapists, Social workers, Nurses and Physios which ensures timely discharges from hospitals.
- ⦿ *Fulfilled Lives* is a long term service that supports people living with dementia, it provides individuals with a key worker that helps people to live their life as fully as possible as their dementia progresses. The focus is on the individual directing the support that they need to maximise their independence.

Fulfilled Lives pilot project has had encouraging results so far with many positive comments made from individuals and their families:

Daughter - "He comes back with a smile on his face, allowing dad to bring something to the table to discuss his day. Both dad and the family are experiencing new experiences and more opportunities; we have travelled to Donnington and Leicestershire due to doing the life story work. We are not only learning about the past we are building new memories"

Daughter – "Mum really enjoys going out with the key worker. Mum now goes to 'Knit and Natter' and mostly natters!"

Service User - the service had made a difference "kept me in contact with people outside" "I love being in the company of lots of people".



Executive Board Member
For Social Care and Health
Cllr Jane Tremlett



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against this objective



Well-being Objective 11

Age Well - A Council-wide approach to support Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire

65% agree that they live in an age friendly community

We conducted a 50+ Forum Survey in 2017 and specifically asked questions around the 5 priorities in the Ageing Well Plan with a total of 400 responses. The consultation also showed that 65% of the responses strongly agree/agreed that they do live in an age friendly community.

Why it is important

- *Older people's rights* must be promoted and protected so they can live free of abuse, neglect, ageism and discrimination and are able to participate fully in their communities and thrive in older age.
- In order to fully support the 'Dublin Declaration on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe, 2013' and our commitment to delivering the expectations of this Declaration, within our local approach to the *Ageing Well in Wales* Programme through this well-being objective.
- Wider services can make an important contribution in supporting and sustaining the independence of older people and reducing the demand on Social Services and Health Care.
- At a meeting In March 2018, the *Older People's Commissioner* praised the inclusion of Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire as a Well-being Objective.



Success Measure

??% of people
are lonely

Source: National Survey for Wales



Awaiting Result

Explaining the Results

Remember that this figure is not only for older people – expected June 2018 from NSW

Progress Made

The 5 priority aims of our *Ageing Well Plan 2015-18*

1. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

- ⊙ Over half (65%) of respondents to the 50+ Forum Consultation strongly agreed/agreed that they live in an age friendly community.
- ⊙ We are continuing to strengthen links with the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) and Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) developing *community transport services* and *access opportunities* for health appointments.
- ⊙ We continue to work in partnership with *Age Cymru* where elderly, disabled and infirm people are offered assistance with general recycling.

2. DEMENTIA SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES

- ⊙ There was a very small agreement that Carmarthenshire is a dementia supportive community.
- ⊙ A regional delivery group has been established to implement the actions within the Regional Dementia Plan '[More than just Memory Loss](#)'.
- ⊙ We are making significant progress in making Carmarthenshire dementia friendly so that people feel included and safer within their community. We have recruited 4,847 [dementia friends](#) with 57 [dementia champions](#).



3. FALLS PREVENTION

- ⊙ There was agreement from the *50+ Forum* that the Council used the right sort of actions to help prevent falls.
- ⊙ We have a range of targeted physical activity interventions in place across the life course to increase the activity levels of those who are inactive or at risk of becoming inactive. An examples of this is '*Walking Hockey*' as a means of re-engaging past hockey participants of all adult ages, including older adults and many more.
- ⊙ We have piloted a *Falls Prevention Project* to reduce the number trips, slips and falls in the home through strength and balance exercise sessions. This will reduce the number of care hours in the home and to improve independence and increase confidence in reducing the fear of falling.

4. OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT AND NEW SKILLS

- ⊙ Overall the *50+ Forum* agreed that the Council are doing the right things to maximise opportunities for employment and new skills.
- ⊙ 152 *computer class sessions* have taken place this year with a total of 1,150 attendees. Courses are delivered by both library and community based organisations.

5. LONELINESS AND ISOLATION

- ⊙ In the *50+ survey* there was relatively strong agreement that the Council is doing all that we can to help reduce loneliness and isolation.
- ⊙ We have ensured all sheltered housing residents continue to benefit from *Wi-Fi internet provision and IT training*. Wi-Fi has been installed/set-up and is available for residents to use in all communal lounge areas and we continue to support tenants who wish to improve IT knowledge and skills.

ACTION GROUP SET UP TO HELP PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

Residents in Laugharne, St Clears and Whitland are being encouraged to become a Dementia Friend and help those living with the condition in their communities.

Whether it's helping someone find the right bus or spreading the word about dementia on social media or within the community a dementia friend can make a big difference. Carmarthenshire County Council, Hywel Dda Health Board and Dyfed Powys Police together with local GP surgeries and voluntary groups are working together to support the Alzheimer Society's Dementia Friends initiative with the ultimate aim to register the above areas with the society as dementia friendly communities



Executive Board Member For Housing: **Cllr Linda Evans**



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Healthy, Safe & Prosperous Environment

A large, diverse crowd of people is shown from a low angle, looking towards the camera. The people are mostly wearing light-colored clothing, suggesting a warm or sunny day. In the upper right corner, there is a graphic overlay consisting of several stylized human figures in various colors (blue, green, orange, red) arranged in a cluster. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the foreground individuals.



Well-being Objective 12

Healthy & Safe Environment -

Look after the environment now and in the future

We are improving our environment through enhancing biodiversity and using renewable energy in our buildings

We have delivered sustainable projects that protect and enhance our environment. The managed habitat for the marsh fritillary butterfly and 300 ha of local nature reserves are both projects that contribute to sustainability and biodiversity. Renewable energy technology is being used more and more in our buildings and is intrinsically part of all our new builds. Our Flood Management Plan and shoreline Management Plan allow the Authority to deliver its obligations under the Well-being and Future Generations Act by making Wales more *resilient* and in turn more *prosperous*. We are presently meeting our 2019/20 targets.

Why it is important

- The *Natural Environment* is a core component of sustainable development. The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 expands the duty placed on public bodies, requiring them to *maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience*.
- The conservation and enhancement of biodiversity is vital in our response to climate change and key ecosystem services such as food, flood management, pollination, clean air and water.
- 60% of the County's people live in rural areas and the remaining 40% live within 400m of natural or semi-natural green space.
- The *Well-being Needs Assessment* survey identified a strong relationship between residents' well-being and their surrounding environment from providing recreational opportunities, to psychological positivity, health benefits and a connection to heritage and culture.
- Under the '*Resilient Wales*' goal set out in the Well-being Future Generations Act, it requires public bodies to set objectives to achieve a '*biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems*' - must be considered within the context of all the goals being integrated (biodiversity contributes to our economy, health & well-being).

Success Measures

Awaiting Result



We use **??** of renewable energy (increased from 670,400 kWh in the previous year) **not available until end of June**



Our recycle rate is **64.80%** (This is less than the previous year's figure of 66.23%)



Explaining the Results

- Renewable energy – **details to follow...**
- Recycling declined slightly in 2017/18 to 64.80% from 66.23% the previous year. The slight decline is predominantly as a result of the difficulties with the refuse derived fuel (RDF) outlets. However we have met our target of 64% for this year.

Progress Made

- ⊙ We continue to meet our targets for *waste management and recycling* despite a challenging market. 2017/18, has seen considerable changes in the recycling and residual waste markets. The ban on paper and plastics imports by China has significantly affected commodity prices, but not recycling performance at this stage. However, the residual waste market (where non-recyclable waste is shipped to Europe for heat recovery which can be counted against recycling targets) has been difficult with a drop in recycling performance for 17/18 compared to 16/17. The current overall recycling performance figures for 2017/18 have resulted in a performance of 64.80%, which continues to meet the 19/20 statutory recycling target. Similarly, we continue to meet our landfill diversion targets.
- ⊙ We delivered the *Dwynant* bypass culvert capital works flood scheme in Burry Port. This project is seeking to manage the flood risk to 5-properties who had experienced multiple flooding events in recent years while not compromising their ability to access their property over their private bridges.
- ⊙ We have delivered *sustainable projects with multiple benefits*. An example of this is the work towards providing and managing suitable habitat for marsh fritillary butterfly through the *Caeau Mynydd Mawr* Special Area of Conservation project is an on-going commitment and received a highly Commended Award from the RTPi Wales in November 2017. It received this award because it facilitates a structured solution for developments within the economic growth area, delivering the necessary mitigation required and ensuring that each development is compliant with the legislation.
- ⊙ In 2017/18 across the **Local Nature Reserves (LNR)**: • 18 acres of sea buckthorn managed • 5 school visits to LNRs • 11 guided walks delivered • 5 public events during Wales Biodiversity Week on LNRs • Approx. 300 Ha of land is currently managed as LNRs – Pembrey Burrows, Ashpit ponds/Pwll lagoon, North Dock Dunes and Morfa Berwig LNRs.
- ⊙ Other **Biodiversity Work**: • Approx. 100 km of cycle route has been developed to link up the sites in the Carmarthenshire Bogs Project. • 5 ponds and scrapes created on CCC land outside WWT
- ⊙ **Coed Cymru** woodland work: 69 advisory visits were made including advice on Glastir schemes, Woodland Trust planting schemes, felling licences and tree management at CCC sites. • 15 woodland management plans were produced- Glastir Woodland Creation, Glastir Small Grants & Woodland Trust Morewoods.

Carmarthenshire Local Nature Reserves

Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) not only protect important habitats and species but can be sites that help increase people's awareness of their local environment. They are places where people can learn about Nature, be active, and they are often situated in or near built-up areas. We currently own and manage four LNRs. These sites may be comparatively small but can naturally support many of the goals of the WFG Act, contributing to environmental resilience, health and well-being and to how communities value their local area.

The work delivered by our Conservation Ranger across these reserves illustrates their multiple benefits. Work with partners has started which will develop the concept of positive prescribing and the promotion of the health and well-being benefits that these sites can provide for local people. Local volunteers help out with management and 72 conservation volunteer activity days were organised last year on the LNRs involving local people and groups such as Mencap Cymru. School visits allowed children to find out more about Nature on their doorstep and guided walks encourage people to look more closely and see the variety of wildlife these sites hold. In addition sites can help out with local flood alleviation - work with Natural Resources Wales to the ditches in Morfa Berwig has contributed to wider work in the Llanelli area to control local flooding. There is much more to be done in coming years to realise the full potential of these important local sites.



Executive Board Member
For Environment:
Cllr Hazel Evans



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Well-being Objective 13

Healthy & Safe Environment - Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity

We are improving the county's road infrastructure, rural transport and sustainable transport

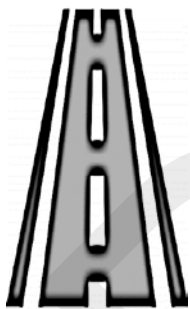
Our Transportation and Highway related services facilitate the safe movement of goods and People. Enabling access to raw commodities and markets as well as providing opportunities for People to gain access to employment, education, health, leisure and social activities. We have continued to develop sustainable travel by investing in shared paths and cycle paths, improved the road infrastructure to encourage economic activity in the county and maintained a rural bus service through our Bwcabus and country cars service.

Why it is important

- *Transportation and highways* play a key role in sustaining our community. A modern, successful economy is reliant upon the safe and efficient movement of people and goods; providing opportunities for people to gain access to employment, education, health, leisure, social and retail services.
- *United and connected* is one of the four Welsh Governments' aims in its 'Taking Wales Forward' plan. Providing integrated and affordable access for businesses, for residents and visitors can stimulate economic development, reductions in deprivation and social exclusion and an increase in well-being.
- Sustaining access to services will deliver improvements in health and well-being for all sections of the community e.g. that includes: walking, cycling, passenger and road transport.
- By 2030 South West Wales will be a confident, ambitious and connected City Region.

Success Measures

Roads that are in poor condition



4.1% of our **A Class**
(A slight improvement from 4.3% in 16/17)



3.1% of our **B Class**
(A slight improvement from 3.5% in 16/17)



11.9% of our **C Class**
(A slight decline from 11.6% in 16/17)



Awaiting Result

Our road casualty numbers have **decreased** to **??** people being killed or seriously injured on the roads



Source: Stats Wales

Explaining the Results

- The percentage of principal (A) roads and non-principal (B) roads in Carmarthenshire in a poor condition *reduced* during 2017/18; with (A) roads from 4.3% to 4.1% and (B) roads from 3.5% to 3.1%. There has been a *slight increase* in deterioration in non-principal (C) roads from 11.6% to 11.9%, this contributes to an *increase* in the combined A, B & C roads in poor condition of 9.3% compared to 9.2% in 2016/17.
- **Data on road accidents will be published in late June**

Progress Made

- ⦿ We have commenced *Crosshands EL2* phase 2 strategic link to support economic regeneration which was designed in-house, improved the *highway infrastructure* at Ammanford to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. We have successfully lobbied the Wales Government to commence works to progress the Llandeilo *by-pass* road scheme and our ambitious *Tywi Valley Path* project connecting Llandeilo and Carmarthen.
- ⦿ We have continued to engage in *collaboration and partnership working* to deliver road safety education initiatives and identify sites for enforcement and engineering intervention. We have *invested in road safety* through funding of road safety education programmes and engineering schemes, including rural route treatment schemes and 20mph speed limits outside schools. To date such improvements have been introduced outside 55 school sites across the county. Additionally, we have delivered our programme of Road Safety training and engagement with vulnerable road users, including the training of older drivers, young drivers, motorcyclists, and young people.
- ⦿ We have continued investment into *vehicle replacements* during the year in accordance with our strategic fleet replacement programme.
- ⦿ We have successfully delivered *Safe Routes to Schools* Projects at Pontyberem and Carmarthen, and have delivered an investment of £445,500 into traffic management route treatment works to improve infrastructure in Bryn, Llangennech, Penygroes and Tycroes.
- ⦿ We will begin construction of the *Tywi Valley Cycle way* and continue to develop the full scheme. We have built approximately 3.7 Km of cycling/ shared use paths this year throughout the county to support sustainable and active travel.

CYCLE PATH

Proposals to create a 16-mile walking and cycling path between Carmarthen and Llandeilo have moved up a gear thanks to a funding boost.

The Tywi Valley Path project has received a grant of £132,000 through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government. The money will go towards developing part of the route at Nantgaredig.

The Tywi Valley Path will follow the route of the former Carmarthen and Llandeilo railway line as much as possible, close to the River Tywi; and is expected to boost tourism and the local economy, as well as encourage active and sustainable travel. The path is being developed in phases; with negotiations with landowners ongoing and funding sources identified as the scheme progresses. It is expected to cost between £5 and £8million in total; and is also being part funded through the Welsh Government's Local Transport Fund.

Planning permission has been secured for the western phase of the path between White Mill and Nantgaredig, and part of the path on an existing carriageway between Fronun and Bwlch Bach, near the concrete works in Abergwili, has been completed.



Executive Board Member
For Environment
Cllr Hazel Evans



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Well-being Objective 14

Healthy & Safe Environment - Promote Welsh Language and Culture

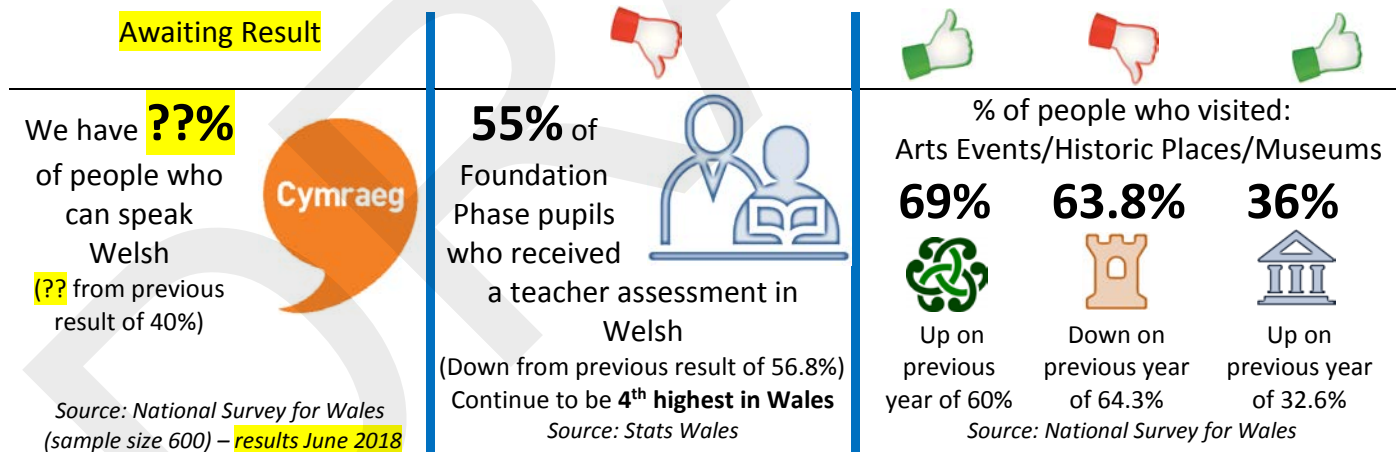
Good progress made on the implementation and compliance with the Welsh Language Standards

Internal communication and a range of resources and guidelines to support staff has been key to this. The Welsh Language Promotion Strategy has bought new opportunities to work with external partners across the county and in ensuring that human and financial resources are used responsibly. Carmarthenshire is recognised as being of strategic importance in the vitality of the Language across Wales.

Why it is important

- Carmarthenshire is a *stronghold* for the Welsh language and is considered to be of high strategic importance in its future.
- The Welsh Government has announced a *new strategy* to try to ensure a secure future for the Welsh language. In recognising that the language is a national treasure, the government is planning to double the number of Welsh speakers in Wales by 2050. In addition, they want to ensure that Welsh is a living language.
- It is a *unique selling point*. Tourist and hospitality industries throughout Europe are now realising the importance of offering unique experiences. Having two languages and a sense of Welsh history and culture places Carmarthenshire in a strong position

Success Measures



Explaining the Results

- The 2017/18 [National Survey for Wales](#) results shows that ****** can speak Welsh in Carmarthenshire an ****** on the previous year of 40%.
- All learners in their final year of Foundation Phase must be assessed through teacher assessments. 55% of our Foundation Phase pupils received a teacher’s assessment in Welsh which is slightly down on the previous year although we continue to have the 4th highest number in Wales.
- According to the [National Survey for Wales](#) the number of survey participants attending an arts events and visiting historic places in Wales during 2016/17 is reasonably high at 69.3% and 63.8% respectively, but the number visiting museums continues to be below the Welsh average of 41.6% at 36%, despite a slight improvement on the 2014/15 survey results of 32.6% .Please note that the questions asked whether they attended or visited these in Wales and not specifically in Carmarthenshire.

Progress Made

PROMOTING WELSH LANGUAGE

- ⦿ The [2016/17 Annual Report to the Welsh Language Commissioner](#) detailed the steps taken to comply with the Welsh language Standards.
- ⦿ Promotion work was undertaken with the *County's Event Organiser Forum* to convey the importance of using the Welsh language when organising community events.
- ⦿ A new club for learners was organised, in partnership with Menter Gorllewin Sir Gâr, at Yr Atom in Carmarthen, in order to bring learners together.
- ⦿ In order to start raising awareness of the advantages of bilingualism in the county, a comprehensive booklet that promotes the advantages of Welsh medium education and specifies the path towards bilingualism, has been designed and printed. This work derived from the County Forum and all partners contributed to the content of the booklet.
- ⦿ The County's *Strategic Welsh Language Forum* is working to market and promote the events being held to promote the Language and is linked in to the newly updated *Discover Carmarthenshire* website. The Forum is leading on the preparation of an 'Information Pack' for individuals / families moving to Carmarthenshire which will provide the linguistic context and the opportunities for a bilingual education.

PROMOTING WELSH CULTURE AND TOURISM

- ⦿ We have developed the '*Stordy Digidol*' digital project to widen access to our County's collections and cultural services. The website infrastructure is now complete with library content of some 770 images already uploaded, this will be followed with content from museums and archives. The objective in the second phase is to tag and link collections through stories.
- ⦿ The launch of '*Makerspace*' in Ammanford Library, a collaborative work space for making, learning, exploring and sharing, that uses high tech tools and open to children, adults, and entrepreneurs, is the 1st of its kind in Wales which will inspire creativity and innovation.
- ⦿ Tourism brings around £370million into our economy. This is up by 2.7% on last year, with the number of overnight visitors going up by 3.6%. Recently, both *Carmarthen* and *Llandeilo* were named as two of the top 10 best places to live in Wales, by the Sunday Times. Carmarthenshire is fast becoming one of Wales' most visited counties,
- ⦿ In order to maximise exposure for St David's Day, we arranged for a local business woman to be live in London radio studio on the UK's most listened radio show, namely the breakfast show on *Radio 2 with Chris Evans*. With over 8 million weekly listeners, this was a major coup for not just Carmarthenshire but Wales in general as *cawl* and other Welsh food was tasted and discussed at length.

Welsh in a Week!

In February, seven members of staff from Carmarthenshire County Council attended a residential course at Nant Gwrtheyrn in North Wales. The course was organised and funded in partnership with the National Centre for Learning Welsh. The aim of this 1 week course was to immerse our staff in the Welsh Language and to increase their confidence to use the Language in the workplace. The course has not only helped our staff use the language within the workplace; but also in our communities.



Executive Board Member
For Welsh Language, Culture and Tourism
Cllr Peter Hughes-Griffiths



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Well-being Objective 14

Healthy & Safe Environment - Promote Welsh Language and Culture

The following are our commitments and end of year progress comments for this Well-being Objective during 2017/18.

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
A - Welsh Language Standards		
We will prepare an Annual Report to the Welsh Language Commissioner detailing the steps taken to comply with the Welsh language Standards. <i>(Action ID 12433)</i>	✓	The Annual Report for 2016-17 has been approved and published on the corporate website. It has been agreed to prepare a more concise report for 2017-18 and to group the Standards rather than report individually.
We will develop an integrated Welsh Language Programme for our staff. <i>(Action ID 12425)</i>	✓	<p>An Integrated Programme has been developed and is being delivered. The main features are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our current level of provision has been mapped against the Welsh Language levels • Information has been produced for learners to enable them to find the most appropriate learning for their needs. • Gaps have been identified and filled by accessing externally funded programmes • Tailor programmes have been resources to meet specific departmental needs (mainly utilising externally funding) • The Welsh Language Programme utilises a wide range of learning methods, including increased use of e-Learning and Language Mentors.
We will implement the finding of the Welsh Language translation service review and deliver an efficient service for the Council as well as partners. <i>(Action ID 12426)</i>	✓	The Welsh Language translation service review has now been completed. We will continue to manage and improve the service to ensure the council is in a position to address the continual demand for the service.
To facilitate good decision making, we will introduce an integrated Impact Assessment which consolidates Equality, Welsh language and Well-being of Future Generations requirements. <i>(Action ID 12436)</i>	✗	An integrated Impact Assessment has been prepared, alongside guidance and a revised implications section for use within Democratic papers. Colleagues from across the authority have provided feedback. This action will be carried forward to 2018/19 during which time the templates will be piloted.
B - Welsh Language Promotion Strategy		
We will monitor progress against the recommendations of the Welsh Language in Carmarthenshire report, approved in April 2014. <i>(Action ID 12937)</i>	✓	The recommendations have now been updated and are integral to the Action Plan for the Welsh language Promotion Strategy and will be regularly updated through this work. The Members Advisory Panel on the Welsh language will receive regular updates at meetings, on a themed basis.
We will increase the numbers acquiring basic and further skills in Welsh through the education system and through language transmission in the home. <i>(Action ID 12938)</i>	✓	This action links in closely with the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) and projects such as Cymraeg i Blant, which is funded by the Welsh Government. The County's Strategic Welsh Language Forum has prepared and produced a

Last Year's Commitments	✓ x	Progress Comment
		`Being Bilingual in Carmarthenshire` booklet, which is being circulated in key areas within the county and to key projects such as Flying Start. This action will go forward to 2018/19. Target completion date is the 31/03/2021
We will increase the confidence of Welsh speakers and therefore the use of the Language in every sphere of life, and encourage and Support the county's organisations to make the Welsh Language an increasingly natural medium for their Services. (Action ID 12939)	✓	The Council has a number of learning opportunities in place for members of staff through the internal Welsh for Adults team and the National Centre for Learning Welsh. We worked with other Public Sector organisations in the county to hold a campaign over St David's Day to promote the availability of Welsh medium services. During the year we developed and promoted a Bilingualism awareness survey in order to provide an evidence baseline for our work. This is being administered through the County Strategic Forum.
We will take steps to positively affect population movements to attract our young people to the county so that gains made in terms of Welsh speakers through the education system are not lost. Also efforts to assimilate newcomers and ensure new planning developments do not have a detrimental effect on the viability of the Welsh language. (Action ID 12940)	✓	The County's Strategic Welsh Language Forum is working closely with the Welsh Government's Welsh language Unit to develop further a `Welcome Pack` for newcomers to the county. There are discussions underway through the Forum in relation to the revision of the Local Development Plan and how the Forum can support the revision process. There are also key projects underway within the Safer Homes and Communities Division which support this work, such as the rural housing needs survey.
We will target specific geographic areas within the county, either because they offer the potential to develop or because they cause linguistic concern to increase the numbers of residents in those areas who can and do use Welsh. (Action ID 12941)	✓	Six priority areas were identified across the county (Carmarthen town, Llanfihangel ar Arth, Llandovery, Ammanford, Llanelli town and Kidwelly / Mynydd y garreg) based on the 2011 Census results. The Mentrau Iaith were successful in a bid through LEADER and were able to appoint additional resources of Priority Area Officers. These officers are preparing specific work plans for these areas by creating links with local organisations within each priority area. This work will be the focus of the County Strategic Forum in June 2018.
We will market and promote the Welsh language. Raising the status of Welsh and awareness of the benefits of bilingualism and bilingual education. And by raising awareness of these benefits, attracting more residents of the county to acquire the language. (Action ID 12942)	✓	The County's Strategic Welsh Language Forum is working to market and promote the events being held to promote the Language and is linked in to the newly updated Discover Carmarthenshire website. The Forum is leading on the preparation of an `Information Pack` for individuals / families moving to Carmarthenshire which will provide the linguistic context and the opportunities for a bilingual education. The Bilingualism awareness survey will provide a clear evidence base for our work during 2018-19 and the priority areas.
C - Welsh in Education Strategic Plan		
Please see actions in Well-being Objective 3 - Continue to improve learner attainment for all		

Last Year's Commitments	✓ x	Progress Comment
D - Culture & Heritage		
<p>We will develop the 'Stordy Digidol' digital project to widen access to our County's collections and cultural services. <i>(Action ID 12705)</i></p>	✓	<p>A Stordy Digidol working group from libraries, museums and archives has been meeting regularly throughout 2017/18 to develop and agree content. The website infrastructure is now complete and verified content from libraries uploaded. This amounts to some 770 images, this will be followed with content from museums and archives which is yet to be verified. The objective in the second phase is to tag and link collections through stories.</p>
<p>We will work towards obtaining approval of the five year plan for our Museums and as part of that plan develop the concept of a collections centre for the County. <i>(Action ID 12943)</i></p>	✓	<p>The Museums Strategy 2017-22 was approved by Executive Board on the 31st July, 2017. We have secured funding from Welsh Government's Museums, Archives and Libraries Division (MALD) to review requirements of a collections store. Work will continue during 2018/19.</p>
<p>We will start to implement our Libraries Development plan 2017 – 2022 and as part of that plan roll out the new mobile library service and plan to house Carmarthenshire's Archive collection in appropriate accommodation at Carmarthen library. <i>(Action ID 12642)</i></p>	✓	<p>The new Mobile fleet is fully operational across county network since August 2017 and existing routes have been reviewed with new routes from 1st April 2018. Makerspace has been developed and launched at Ammanford library, with Bibliographic services direct supply and delivery methods now fully implemented.</p>

Building a Better Council & Better Use of Resources





Well-being Objective 15a - Building a Better Council

Acceptable Governance Arrangements are in place


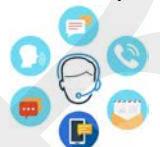



Carmarthenshire County Council has implemented a *Code of Corporate Governance* that adopts the best practice principles of the Wales CIPFA / SOLACE Governance Framework. To ensure these best practice guidelines were met, our Internal Audit Service undertook a stock take of our arrangements against the standard. It found that our compliance was 'acceptable'.

The best practice guidance identifies 91 behaviours and actions that demonstrate good governance across 7 principles. Our stock take showed that we had strong complete evidence for 54 of these and nearly complete evidence for the majority of the rest. We will examine any gaps and prioritise improvement, where neededthis is not about ticking every box.

Good governance is fundamental to the effective delivery of the Council's services and its corporate priorities. Open and transparent decision making; financial and budgetary control; effective scrutiny arrangements; strategic risk management and effective partnership working are areas which impact on the manner in which the Council runs its business for the benefit of local people. We are making every effort to secure a more efficient, ethical, transparent and accountable local government that supports and enhances public participation and democracy.

Success Measures

No year on year comparison available for these measures

 <p>??% of people agree that they can access information about us in the way they would like to.</p>	<p>??% of people know how to find what services we provide</p> 	<p>??% of people agree that they have an opportunity to participate in making decisions about the running of our services</p> 	 <p>Staff sickness has decreased from 10.8 days to 10.1 days per year (with main cause of sickness being stress, mental health & fatigue)</p> 
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Explaining the Results

- Re -people agree that they can access information-----National Survey for Wales Results expected June 2018
- People know how to find what services we provide-----National Survey for Wales Results expected June 2018
- People agree that they have an opportunity to participate in making decisions about the running of our services---- National Survey for Wales Results expected June 2018
- Sickness data is regularly monitored and analysed to ensure the focus is on reducing absence. We have set up a Challenge and Review forum which identifies where there are gaps and good practice.

Progress Made

<p>The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires 7 areas of corporate change, which are a key expectation of the Future Generations Commissioner in Annual Reporting.</p> <p>FGC - The journey so far : May 2018</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Corporate Planning 2 Performance Management 3 Workforce Planning 	<p>Covered by Building a Better Council</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Financial Planning 5 Assets 6 Procurement 7 Risk 	<p>Making Better Use of Resources (Page xx)</p>

CORPORATE PLANNING

- ⦿ The Council's Executive Board has set out almost 100 priority projects, schemes or services they plan to deliver in '[Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 Years](#)'. Therefore we have published a New Corporate Strategy bringing together the previous Corporate Strategy, Improvement Plan, Well-being Objectives and Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 Years.
- ⦿ Support to the Public Services Board has been ongoing throughout the year with the lead being taken on the development of the [Well-being Plan](#) which was published in May 2018.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

- ⦿ Wales Audit Office issued a Certificate of Compliance of last year's Annual Report.
- ⦿ We reshaped our Performance Monitoring and reporting and fully aligned it to the Well-being Objectives. We tracked the steps we were taking to achieve these objectives using our 'in house' developed Performance Information Monitoring System (PIMS) and reported progress on a quarterly basis. This is a key expectation of the Future Generations Commissioner.



WORKFORCE PLANNING

- ⦿ An assessment tool has been developed to assist service areas identify the supply and demand issues
- ⦿ HR officers attend Departmental Management Team meetings as Business Partners.

OTHER PROGRESS

- ⦿ We conducted Local Government Elections in May 2017 and the Brexit referendum in June 2017. A significant programme of member's induction was provided.
- ⦿ We have committed to improving ways of working through the work of the 'Transformation, Innovation and Change' programme (TIC). The TIC Team helped support 20 projects and reviews over the course of the last year, including the launch of agile working.
- ⦿ We have developed an action plan to prepare for the next Investors in People (Generation 6 Standard) Review during 2018. The Internal Review team have been recruited and trained on the new standard.
- ⦿ As a key employer in the County we have made the transition from the Disability Two Ticks Scheme to being a Disability Confident Employer
- ⦿ Enhancements have been made to ensure the **accessibility of the Council's website** with the addition of **Browse Aloud**, this enables users to listen to web content in English or Welsh for those who have reading difficulties (due to dyslexia, learning difficulties or mild visual impairments).
- ⦿ We published our [Digital Transformation Strategy 2017-2020](#) which outlines the strategic digital vision and identifies a number of key projects that will be delivered over the next three years.
- ⦿ There has been a successful increase in the use of e-learning programmes includes areas such as the *Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 (VAWDASV)*.



2017/18 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Schools across Carmarthenshire gave Councillors their views on budget proposals for the next three years.

Pupils from secondary schools gave presentations at County Council on the proposals being consulted upon. This followed an Insight day held at Llanelli's Ffwrnes Theatre as part of the Council's budget consultation



Executive Board Member For
HR, Performance Mgt, ICT, TIC:
Cllr Mair Stephens



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Well-being Objective 15b - Making Better Use of Resources

Over the last 5 years we have made budget reductions of £54M with minimum impact on front line services

The financial position faced by local authorities has had a consistent theme over recent years, with the level of resources available to public services seeing significant reductions, which means that we have less money to invest in services now than we have in the past. Over the last five years we have had to manage reductions in service budgets of £54m, whilst at the same time the pressures on the budget have been increasing in terms of demand and expectations.

'The Council has sound savings planning arrangements, which support future financial resilience...'

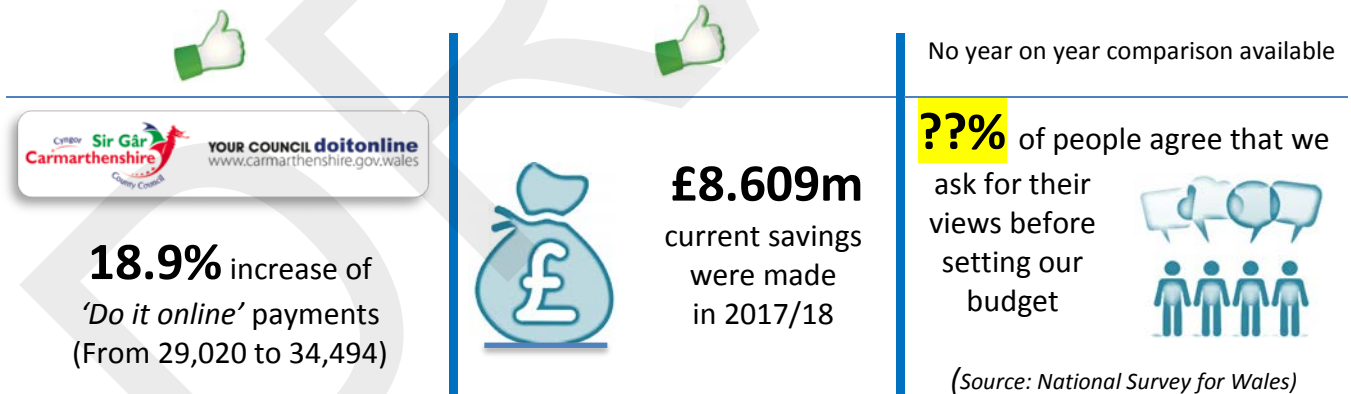
(Wales Audit Office – Savings Planning Report March 2017 Paragraph 13)



Why it is important

- There are increasing demands and expectations yet less resources are available. Under these conditions we need to work even more efficiently and effectively to maintain services and improve where we can, delivering *'More (or even the same) for less'*.
- Further financial pressures are likely to arise from such things as rising energy costs, an increasing number of older people needing services from us, office, school buildings and highways that require significant investment, and this is in addition to the current uncertainty in the economic outlook as the UK embarks on the process of leaving the European Union.

Success Measures



Explaining the Results

Further addressing the *Making Better Use of Resources* Well-being Priority cuts across all service areas and is both about investment as well as efficiency savings. The Council is committed to financially sustainable delivery models - there are many examples of this across different departments, such as increased *Extra Care Provision* where it better meets service user needs, a move towards *agile working*, thus reducing the Council's estate costs in the future. *Channel Shift*, is a TIC project looking to improve the way that external customers can conveniently access Council Services and encouraging a shift to less expensive methods of accessing services such as *'Do it online'* payments.

Progress Made

FINANCIAL PLANNING: Extensive *Budget Consultation* took place with seminars for county councillors, town and community councils, a public forum, scrutiny committees, schools budget forum, the Youth Council and trade unions meetings.

ASSETS: We are taking a more sustainable and long term approach to property assets and regeneration. For example, we are leasing Burry Port Harbour to a specialist marina company, which will ensure the Harbour's long term sustainability.

PROCUREMENT: Procurement is seen as an important part of how a public body allocates resources under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and as a strategic function in the Council we support the departments to deliver our 15 well-being. Our current draft procurement Strategy identifies these as reducing the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET), Creating more jobs and growth throughout the County, Looking after the environment now and for the future, promoting Welsh Language and culture and governance and the use of resources.

RISKS: We are managing our risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management. Our Corporate, Departmental and Service Risk Registers were all updated within 2017/18 in line with the new Well-being of Future Generations Act.

Other Progress

- ⊙ We collected 97.57 % of *Council Tax* due for the financial year 2017/18 which is a 0.52% improvement from the previous year of 97.05%
- ⊙ We collected 99.52% of *non-domestic rates* for the financial year 2017/18 which is a 1.32% improvement from the previous year of 98.20%.
- ⊙ We have continued to fulfil the requirements of *Department of Works and Pensions Universal Credit*, delivering partnership agreement in terms of budgeting support for vulnerable claimants and providing technical/specialist support for the universal credit delivery centres.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS:

Dawnus, the contractor for a new Primary School build in Trimsaran has completed a Welsh Government Community Benefits Measurement Tool to track the benefits delivered during the life of the construction project. It was estimated that for every £1 spent on this project £1.89 was reinvested back into the Welsh economy. To date, the project valued at approx. £7 m build cost, recruited 4 individuals who was previously unemployed for over 6 months and a further 9 individuals were retained as a result of this work who would otherwise have been made redundant/unemployed. The contractor has delivered 754 person weeks of targeted recruitment and training which has benefited the local workforce within the local area/community.



Executive Board Member
For Resources: Clr David Jenkins



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APPENDICES

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Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015

The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 are separate but interconnected legal obligations and it makes sense to ensure that these requirements are fully aligned and combined in this New Corporate Strategy.

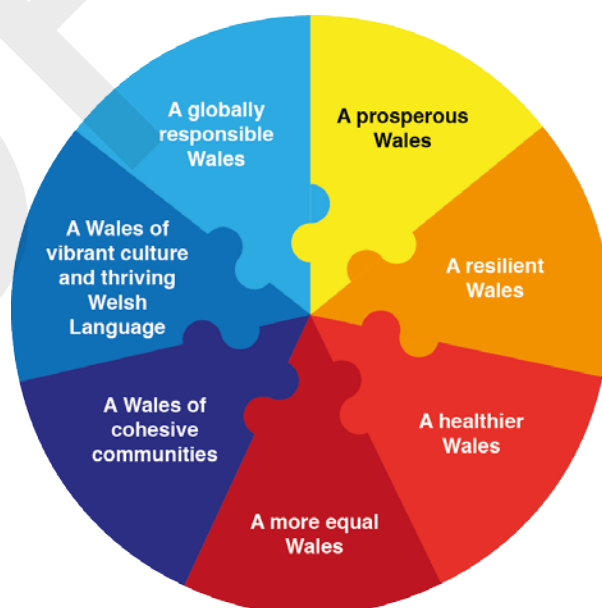
The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009

- The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 requires the Council to set Improvement Objectives every year. They do not have to change every year, or be deliverable within one year.
- Our Improvement Objectives are essentially the same as our Well-being Objectives as they are based on a thorough evidence-based understanding of the communities we serve and local needs. We compare our Service performance and satisfaction results with all Councils in Wales to make sure we improve where we most need to.
- We have a duty to improve, often delivering 'more (or even the same) for less'.

Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015

This is an Act introduced by the Welsh Government which will change aspects of how we work. The general purpose of the Act, is to ensure that the governance arrangements of public bodies for improving the well-being of Wales, take the needs of future generations into account. The Act is designed to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of Wales, in accordance with sustainable development principles. The new law states that:-

- We must carry out sustainable development, improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The sustainable development principle is **'... the public body must act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.'**
- We must demonstrate 5 ways of working:
Long term, integrated, involving, collaborative and preventative (see **Appendix 1**)
- We must work towards achieving all of the 7 national well-being goals in the Act. Together they provide a shared vision for public bodies to work towards.



For the first time in Wales, the Well-being of Future Generations Act, provides a shared vision for all public bodies in Wales to work towards. As a public body subject to the Act we were required to set and publish Well-being Objectives that maximised our Contribution to the Well-being Goals.

How our Well-being Objectives contribute to the 7 National Well-being Goals

Carmarthenshire's 2017/18 Well-being Objectives / KIOPs			7 National Well-being Goals						
			Prosperity	Resilience	Healthier	More equal	Cohesive Communities	Vibrant culture & Welsh Language	Global responsibility
Start Well	1	Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences.	✓		✓	✓	✓		
	2	Help children live healthy lifestyles	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	3	Continue to Improve learner attainment for all	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
	4	Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training	✓		✓	✓	✓		
	5	Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, help people into work and improve the lives of those living in poverty	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Live Well	6	Create more jobs and growth throughout the county	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	7	Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	8	Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour & obesity)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	9	Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities			✓	✓	✓		✓
Age Well	10	Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity and independence in their later years	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	11	A Council-wide approach to support Ageing Well in the county	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	12	Look after the environment now and for the future	✓	✓	✓				
In a Healthy, Safe & Prosperous Environment	13	Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	14	Promote Welsh Language and Culture	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	15	Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Success measures for our Well-being Objectives

PAM – Public Accountability Measures (National); ONS - Office for National Statistics; NSW - National Survey for Wales; NWBI - National Well-being Indicator	Has our result improved year on year			22 nd	21 st	20 th	19 th	18 th	17 th	16 th	15 th	14 th	13 th	12 th	11 th	10 th	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st		
	Previous result	Most Current Result	Improved ↑ Standstill ↔ Declined ↓	Worst results												Best Results											
				←→ Arrows start from previous position												● ● to our most current position											
WBO 1 - Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences.																											
% Children in care with 3 or more placements in the year (PAM/029)	11.17	8.80	↑																								
WBO 2 - Help children live healthy lifestyles.																											
% Children overweight or obese	29.6	29.4	↑	32.7																						17.0	
WBO 3 - Continue to Improve learner attainment for all.																											
Average Caped 9 points score for pupils (PAM/007)	not available	360.8	Not applicable	320.4																						380.1	
% Attendance in primary schools (PAM/007)	94.8	94.4	↓	94.3																						95.6	
% Attendance in secondary schools (PAM/008)	94.5	94.3	↓	93.0																						95.2	
Satisfaction with child's primary school (NSW)	93		Published Jun/July																								
WBO 4 - Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training.																											
Year 11 leavers Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) (PAM/009)	2.1	1.4	↑	4.33																						0.76	
Year 13 leavers Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) (5.1.0.2)	2.0	3.0	↓	18.8																						0.0	
WBO 5 - Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, help people into work and improve the lives of those living in poverty																											
Average Caped 9 points score for pupils eligible for FSM (Free School Meals) (4.1.2.4)	not available	307.6	Not applicable	252.6																						336.8	
% of households successfully prevented from becoming homeless (PAM/012)	64.2	65.1	↑																								
Household in material deprivation (NSW) (NWBI)	16.7	15.3	↑	20.9																						10.8	
% Households Living in Poverty (CACI 'PayCheck')	35.9	35.0	↑	45.3																						23.1	
Keeping up with all bills and commitments without any difficulties (non pensioner) (NSW)	51		Published Jun/July																								
Keeping up with all bills and commitments without any difficulties (pensioner) (NSW)	75		Published Jun/July																								
WBO 6 - Create more jobs and growth throughout the county.																											
Median Gross Weekly Full-time Earnings (£) (NWBI)	494.5	517.5	↑	431.4																						619.6	
Jobs created with Regeneration assistance (EconD/001)	253.5	352.5	↑	No comparable data available for this measure																							
The level of Private Sector Investment / external funding secured (£) (EconD/008)	23.5m	16.7m	↑	No comparable data available for this measure																							

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	Previous result	Most Current Result	Improved ↑ Standstill ↔ Declined ↓	Worst results												Best Results											
WBO 7 - Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes.																											
Number of affordable homes in the County <i>(7.3.2.24)</i>	173	235	↑	No comparable data available for this measure																							
WBO 8 - Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour & obesity).																											
% of adults who say their general health is Good or Very Good <i>(NSW)(NWBI)</i>	69.8		Published later in 2018																								
% of adults who say they have a longstanding illness <i>(NSW)(NWBI)</i>	52.7		Published later in 2018																								
Adult Mental Well-being score <i>(NSW)(NWBI)</i> <i>(Out of a maximum score of 70)</i>	not available	50.2	Not applicable	48.8																						52.5	
% adults who have fewer than two healthy lifestyle behaviours <i>(NSW) (NWBI)</i> <i>(not smoking, healthy weight, eat five fruit or vegetables a day, not drinking above guidelines and meet the physical activity guidelines).</i>	11.0		Published later in 2018																								
WBO 9 - Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities.																											
Have a sense of community <i>(derived from three questions on belonging; different backgrounds get on, treat with respect)</i> <i>(NSW) (NWBI)</i>	73.0	48.0	↓	37.0																							66.5
People feeling safe <i>(at home, walking in the local area, and travelling)</i> <i>(NSW) (NWBI)</i>	not available	79	Not applicable	57																							91
WBO 10 - Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity and independence in their later years.																											
Rate of people kept in hospital while waiting for social care <i>(PAM/025)</i>	2.30	2.50	↓																								
Agree there's a good Social Care Service available in the area <i>(NSW)</i> <i>(elderly, children, disabled and carers)</i>	53.1	56.2	↑	44.4																							68.1
Days taken to deliver a Disabled Facilities Grant <i>(PAM/015)</i>	167	161	↑																								
WBO 11 - A Council-wide approach to support Ageing Well in the county.																											
% of people who are lonely <i>(NSW) (NWBI)</i>	17.1		Published later in 2018																								
WBO 12 - Look after the environment now and for the future.																											
Use of renewable energy (kWh)	670,400	TBC		No comparable data available for this measure																							
% Waste reused, recycled or composted <i>(PAM/030)</i>	66.23	63.87	↓																								

Success measures for our Well-being Objectives

PAM – Public Accountability Measures (National); ONS - Office for National Statistics; NSW - National Survey for Wales; NWBI - National Well-being Indicator	Has our result improved year on year			22 nd	21 st	20 th	19 th	18 th	17 th	16 th	15 th	14 th	13 th	12 th	11 th	10 th	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st		
	Previous result	Most Current Result	Improved ↑ Standstill ↔ Declined ↓	Worst results												Best Results											
				← Arrows start from previous position →												● ● to our most current position ■											
WBO 13 - Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity.																											
% A Class roads that are in poor condition <i>(PAM/020)</i>	4.3	4.1	↑																								
% B Class roads that are in poor condition <i>(PAM/021)</i>	3.5	3.1	↑																								
% C Class roads that are in poor condition <i>(PAM/022)</i>	11.6	11.9	↓																								
Number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads <i>(5.5.2.21)</i>	102		Published late June																								
WBO 14 - Promote Welsh Language and Culture.																											
Can speak Welsh <i>(NSW) (NWBI)</i>	40.1		Published later in 2018																								
Pupils assessed in Welsh (first language) - Foundation Phase <i>(PAM/033)</i>	56.8	55.0	↓	3.9																			Same			98.5	
% of people attended arts events in Wales in last year <i>(NSW)</i>	60.0	69.3	↑	46.4																						71.3	
% of people visited historic places in Wales in last year <i>(NSW)</i>	64.3	63.8	↓	44.0																						72.3	
% of people visited museums in Wales in last year <i>(NSW)</i>	32.6	36.0	↑	below 27.8						Same																55.2	
WBO 15 - Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources.																											
'Do it online' payments	29,020	34,494	↑	No comparable data available for this measure																							
People agree that they can access information about the Authority in the way they would like to <i>(NSW)</i>	not available	Published Jun/July	Not applicable																								
People know how to find what services the Council provides <i>(NSW)</i>	not available	Published Jun/July	Not applicable																								
People agree that they have an opportunity to participate in making decisions about the running of local authority services. <i>(NSW)</i>	not available	Published Jun/July	Not applicable																								
Number days lost due to sickness absence. <i>(PAM/001)</i>	10.8	10.1	↑																								
organisational 'running costs' (£m)	12.9	TBC																									
People agree that the Council asks for their views before setting its budget. <i>(NSW)</i>	not available	Published Jun/July	Not applicable																								

APPENDIX 3 - NATIONAL SURVEY FOR WALES
DATA AVAILABLE FROM JUNE

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The table below shows the following information on measures that all 22 councils in Wales have to collect:-

- Our 2017/18 result and whether it has improved on our 2016/17 result
- Our quartile (star rating) compared to other Council's in Wales
- Our Rank position for 2017/18 compared to our Rank position for 2016/17

The measures published by all councils in Wales	Has our result improved from 2016/17 to 2017/18		How good is our 2017/18 result?	22 nd	21 st	20 th	19 th	18 th	17 th	16 th	15 th	14 th	13 th	12 th	11 th	10 th	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st					
	Our 2017/18 result	Improved ↑ Standstill ↔ Declined ↓	★ = Bottom (Worst) ★★ = Bottom to Middle ★★★ = Middle to top ★★★★ = Top (Best)	Worst results												Best Results														
																										Arrows start from our 2016/17 position		to our 2017/18 position		
WBO1 - Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences																														
% Children in care with 3 or more placements in the year (PAM/029)	8.80	↑																												
Percentage of children satisfied with their care and support (PAM/027)	80.7	↓																												
Percentage of child assessments completed in time (PAM/028)	89.7	↑																												
WBO3 - Continue to Improve learner attainment for all																														
% Pupil attendance in primary schools (PAM/007)	94.4	↓	★																											
% Pupil attendance in secondary schools (PAM/008)	94.3	↓	★★★																											
% Achieved the Level 2 threshold (PAM/006)	57.2	Not Comparable	★★★																											
WBO4 - Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)																														
% of Year 11 Leavers not in education, employment or training (NEETS) (PAM/009)	1.4	↑	★★																											
WBO5 - Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, helping people into work and improving the lives of those living in poverty																														
% of households successfully prevented from becoming homeless (PAM/012)	65.1	↑																												
WBO7 - Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes																														
% Private sector dwellings returned to occupation (PAM/013)	6.90	↑																												
Number of new homes created as a result of bringing empty properties back into use (PAM/014)	5	New Measure																												
WBO8 - Help people live healthy lives (Tackling risky behaviour and Adult obesity)																														
Number of visits to Public Libraries per 1,000 population (PAM/016)	7,689	↑																												
Visits to Sport & Leisure facilities per 1000 population (PAM/017)	8,522	↑																												
% Food establishments that meet food hygiene standards (PAM/023)	97.91	↑																												

Page 144	The measures published by all councils in Wales		Has our result improved from 2016/17 to 2017/18		How good is our 2017/18 result?	22 nd	21 st	20 th	19 th	18 th	17 th	16 th	15 th	14 th	13 th	12 th	11 th	10 th	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st		
			Our 2017/18 result	Improved ↑ Standstill ↔ Declined ↓	★ = Bottom (Worst) ★★ = Bottom to Middle ★★★ = Middle to top ★★★★ = Top (Best)	Worst results												Best Results											
			Arrows start from our 2016/17 position												to our 2017/18 position														
WBO10 - Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity and independence in their later years																													
Days taken to deliver a Disabled Facilities Grant (PAM/015)	161	↑																											
Rate of people kept in hospital while waiting for social care per 1,000 population aged 75+ (PAM/025)	2.50	↓																											
Percentage of adults satisfied with their care and support (PAM/024)	86.8	↑																											
Percentage of carers that feel supported (PAM/026)	62.1	↓																											
WBO12 - Looking after the environment now and for the future																													
% of all planning applications determined in time (PAM/018)	69.71	↓																											
% of planning appeals dismissed (PAM/019)	52.63	↓																											
% of streets that are clean (PAM/010)	98.7	↑																											
% Fly tipping cleared in 5 days (PAM/011)	95.0	↑																											
% Waste sent to landfill (PAM/031)	20.29	↓																											
% Municipal waste reused, recycled or composted (PAM/030)	64.80	↓																											
WBO13 - Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity																													
% A roads that are in poor condition (PAM/020)	4.1	↑																											
% B roads that are in poor condition (PAM/021)	3.1	↑																											
% C roads that are in poor condition (PAM/022)	11.9	↓																											
WBO15 - Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources																													
Number days lost due to sickness absence. (PAM/001)	10.1	↑																											
Please note that not all Well-being Objectives (WBO) have allocated National Measure(s)																													

The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales - Expectations of Annual Reports

In May 2018 *The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales* published her report on Well-being in Wales: the journey so far. She set out 9 key expectations for Annual Reporting. This guidance will inform future Annual Reports and where possible has been included in this publication.

Future Generations Commissioner for Wales Expectations of Annual Reports and how we meet them. Published May 2018

Well-being in Wales: the journey so far –May 2018 by Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Expectation 1: Well-being objectives and goals

We set out our Well-being Objectives and the steps we were going to take to meet them in our Well-being Objectives 2017/18, published in March 2018.

Expectation 2: Sustainable development principle

We are embracing the *sustainable development principle* and trying to improve the economic, social and environmental and cultural well-being of Carmarthenshire, whilst ensuring the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. We have brought together our previous *Corporate Strategy, Improvement Plan, Well-being Objectives* and the New Administrations *5 year plan* into a *New Corporate Strategy*. These objectives are cascaded into *Service Business Plans* to ensure maximum contributions of Services to achieving our Well-being Objectives. Service Business Plans explain how they use the 5 ways of working in how they do business.

Case studies on the Well-being of Future Generations Act and our Projects

Start well	① Burry Port Community Primary School
	① School Holiday Enrichment Scheme
	① Actions to Reduce NEETs
Live well	① Carmarthen Cycling Strategy
Age well	① Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme
	① Life Science and Wellness Village
In a healthy, prosperous and safe environment	① Cae Mynydd Mawr – Marsh Fritillary Butterfly

Expectation 3: Looking ahead

Change takes time. Our New Corporate Strategy consolidates a number of plans together and links to our *vision for sustainable services for older people for the next decade and Affordable Homes Strategy*. Our Well-being Objectives will also be reflected in our [Local Development Plan 2018-33](#).

Expectation 4: Tracking progress

For each of our Well-being Objectives we set ourselves detailed action plans and targets, Throughout the year we monitored our progress through an in-house developed Performance Information Monitoring System (PIMS) on a quarterly basis. Each Service and Department reviewed progress and the Councils' Executive Board and Corporate Management Team made sure things stayed on course. Twice a year progress was also reported to Scrutiny Committees for challenge.

Expectation 5: Applying and implementing the Act

The guidance to the Act set out where change needs to happen in seven corporate functions – corporate planning, financial planning, risk, workforce planning, assets, procurement and performance management. We cover this in Well-being Objective 15a & b.

Expectation 6: Self-reflecting

The Act requires us to review the continued relevance of our Well-being Objectives annually. The set we published by March 2017 as required by the Act were reaffirmed by the newly elected administration following May 2017 local government elections with the addition of another Well-being Objective – Promoting Welsh Language and Culture. This new Well-being Objective strongly supports the National Goal of ‘A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language’ and supports the wider national goals and five ways of working.

Following publication of the Welsh Governments’ new Well-being Objectives we did a desk top exercise to evaluate our Objectives and felt they should remain the same.

As part of budget consultation we again tested our Well-being Objectives with the public and found high and increasing support.

We also added a 15th Well-being Objective: *Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources*.

Expectation 7: Collaboration with other Public Bodies

At the May 2018 Carmarthenshire Public Services Board (PSB) the first Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan was approved. The PSB established a series of Delivery Groups in order to make progress against the identified Well-being Objectives.

Objective	Approach	Led By
Healthy Habits	Co-ordinated Campaigns	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Healthy Habits	Environmental Risk Assessment	Natural Resources Wales
Early Intervention	Changing the Model of Delivery	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Strong Connections	Innovative Community Assets	Carmarthenshire’s Association of Voluntary Services
Prosperous People and Places	Education and Employment / Procurement Procedures	Carmarthenshire County Council
Safer Communities		Carmarthenshire County Council

Inherent in all the approaches and steps required is a need for a cultural shift in behaviour.

Expectation 8: Accountability

We reported to Executive Board Members on a quarterly basis on the steps we were taking to meet our Well-being Objectives and we set up interactive reports on our Performance Information Management System for the Executive Board Members responsible for each objective.

We reported to each of the 5 Scrutiny Committees - twice each during the year. We will explore how to involve people in the co-production of our Annual Reports and self – evaluation.

We plan to submit our draft ‘Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire’ Well-being Objective to our 50+ Forum on June 12th for their evaluation and invite them to participate in its content and style.

Expectation 9: Making your reports clear

We should be involving people in compiling, writing and presenting reports and plans.

As above to 50+ Forum on June 12th



We would welcome your feedback,
please send your thoughts, views and opinions to:



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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 25th JUNE 2018

Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2017/18

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the Scrutiny Committee receives the budget monitoring report for the Housing, Regeneration, Planning and Leisure & Recreation Services and considers the budgetary position.

Reasons:

- To provide Scrutiny with an end of year near actual financial position, in respect of 2017-18.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Linda Evans (Housing)
- Cllr. Emlyn Dole (Economic Development)
- Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths (Culture, Sport & Tourism)
- Cllr. David Jenkins (Resources)

<p>Directorate: Corporate Services</p> <p>Name of Service Director: Chris Moore</p> <p>Report Author: Chris Moore</p>	<p>Designation:</p> <p>Director of Corporate Services</p>	<p>Tel No. / E-Mail Address:</p> <p>01267 224120 CMoore@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 25th JUNE 2018

Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2017/18

The year end near actual position for the financial year 2017-18 is presented as follows:

Revenue Budgets

APPENDIX A

Summary position for the Community Scrutiny Committee. Services within the Community Scrutiny remit are showing an overspend of £311k at year end.

APPENDIX B

Report on the main variances on agreed budgets.

APPENDIX C

Detail variances for information purposes only.

APPENDIX D

The HRA is reporting an underspend of £22k for the year.

Capital Budgets

APPENDIX E

Details the main variances on capital schemes, which shows a net spend of £18,656k compared with a working net budget of £25,884k giving a **£-7,228k** variance. The variance will be slipped into future years, as the funding will be required to ensure that the schemes are completed.

APPENDIX F

Details all Capital Housing HRA (Public Housing) Schemes

APPENDIX G

Details all Capital Housing General Fund (Private Housing) Schemes

APPENDIX H

Details all Capital Leisure Schemes

APPENDIX I

Details all Capital Regeneration Schemes

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES – A list of the main variances is attached to this report.

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: **Chris Moore** Director of Corporate Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

3. Finance

Revenue - The Regeneration, Planning, Leisure & Recreation and Non-HRA Housing Services show a net variance of £311k and the HRA Housing Service shows a £-22k variance against the 2017/18 approved budgets.

Capital - The capital programme shows a net variance of £-7,228k against the 2017/18 approved budget.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: **Chris Moore** Director of Corporate Services

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
2017/18 Budget	Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen

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Budget Monitoring as at 31st March 2018 - Summary

Division	Working Budget				Actual				Mar 2018	Feb 2018
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Variance for Year £'000	Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
Regeneration	4,525	-2,719	1,185	2,991	4,054	-2,247	1,185	2,993	1	-4
Planning	3,938	-2,322	1,408	3,025	3,693	-2,015	1,408	3,086	62	94
Leisure & Recreation	14,318	-6,604	5,755	13,469	14,611	-6,742	5,755	13,624	156	174
Council Fund Housing	9,070	-8,162	648	1,556	9,856	-8,855	648	1,648	93	34
GRAND TOTAL	31,852	-19,807	8,996	21,040	32,214	-19,859	8,996	21,351	311	298

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Division	Working Budget		Actual		Mar 2018 Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Feb 2018 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Regeneration							
Regeneration - Core Budgets							
The Beacon	148	-130	174	-129	27	Mainly due to insufficient budget for rates, cleaning and grounds maintenance costs	20
Llanelli Community	41	0	30	0	-12		1
Amman Gwendraeth Community	99	0	49	0	-50		-47
3 T's Community Dev Core Budget	374	0	384	0	10		16
Physical Regeneration	458	0	374	0	-84		-56
Econ Dev-Rural Carmarthen, Ammanford, Town Centres	0	0	52	0	52		52
Econ Dev-Llanelli, C Hands, Coastal,Business, Inf & Ent	0	0	116	0	116	Net underspend of £30k between these cost centres mainly due to staffing vacancies - part year effect of Divisional Staffing Realignment, which has been implemented in 17/18. New cost centres have been created and there has been movement of staff between cost centres, resulting in these individual under / overspends during 17/18.	93
Community Development and External Funding	0	0	17	0	17		48
Business Services	314	0	235	0	-78		-114
Planning							
Planning Admin Account	48	-3	214	-235	-65	Reduced expenditure £57k to partly offset under-achievement of Planning Application Fee income. Also over-achievement of Street naming and numbering income £8k.	-73
Building Control - Other	230	0	216	-7	-21	Underspend against various expenditure headings £14k and also income generated from carrying out safety and fire risk assessments £7k	-15
Minerals	358	-188	282	-157	-45	Underspend mainly due to staff vacancies and staff being budgeted at top of scale, but actually being employed on lower points.	-33
Development Management	1,580	-1,251	1,470	-878	264	Ongoing shortfall in income	269
South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party (E)	50	-50	31	-50	-19	2016/17 underspend £17k was held in reserves, pending WG confirmation that specific outcomes have been achieved and that there will be no clawback of grant. This has now been confirmed, so surplus released back into revenue account. WG have now also confirmed 2017/18 specific outcomes have been achieved and that there will be no clawback of grant £2k.	-17
Waste planning monitoring report (E)	25	-25	-7	-25	-32	2016/17 underspend £16k was held in reserves, pending WG confirmation that specific outcomes have been achieved and that there will be no clawback of grant. This has now been confirmed, so surplus released back into revenue account. WG have now also confirmed 2017/18 specific outcomes have been achieved and that there will be no clawback of grant £16k.	-16

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Division	Working Budget		Actual		Mar 2018 Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Feb 2018 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Leisure & Recreation							
Millenium Coastal Park	250	-34	234	-36	-18	Minor underspends in a number of budget headings	-6
Burry Port Harbour	211	-165	183	-120	17	Income shortfall from mooring	-16
Discovery Centre	98	-103	107	-102	10	Agency costs	9
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	488	-319	492	-340	-17	Increased income from Board & Accommodation	-12
Pembrey ski shop	0	-9	41	-24	25	Effect of reduced stock valuation on Revenue account	12
Pembrey Ski Slope	327	-253	375	-313	-12	Overachieving income re: new catering outlet	-15
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	309	-122	333	-118	28	NCE management fee £23k re: 2016-2017 not accrued, income shortfall £5k	25
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,337	-1,209	1,394	-1,166	100	Staffing costs £14k, operational consumables £43k, underachieving income £43k	53
Sport & Leisure East	203	-49	193	-64	-25	In year staff vacancies	-13
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	736	-554	712	-625	-95	Increased income from Gym £53k and Swim 25k and in year staff vacancies £17k	-89
Gwendraeth Sports Centre	31	-4	40	-4	10	Numerous minor premises overspends	-2
Sport & Leisure General	825	-59	806	-73	-32	In year staff vacancies	30
Sport & Leisure South	178	-23	161	-32	-26	In year staff vacancies	-17
Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,165	-958	1,182	-959	17	Additional instructor costs	14
Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	76	-56	91	0	70	Under achievement of income target £55k, vehicle/plant £15k	56
Pembrey Country Park	681	-651	700	-630	39	Agency costs	52
Llyn Lech Owain Country Park	88	-28	150	-32	58	Planned health & safety expenditure £60k on Playground equipment	51
Carmarthen Library	411	-30	394	-39	-27	In year staff vacancies	2
Ammanford Library	261	-17	222	-22	-43	In year staff vacancies	-6
Llanelli Library	458	-27	437	-36	-31	In year staff vacancies	-2
Community Libraries	221	-10	186	-8	-34	In year staff vacancies	-6
Libraries General	1,006	-2	1,191	-79	108	Planned overspend on premises maintenance £75k and computer Hardware/Software £21k and numerous minor overspends in Supplies £12k	3
Parc Howard Museum	59	-8	92	-8	34	Staffing increase to move away from lone working £12k, plus consultant / design services £22k	19
Museums General	188	0	175	0	-13	In year staff vacancies	-25
Archives General	126	-2	114	-4	-14	various minor underspends in Staff and Supplies	-12
Art General	65	0	53	-2	-14	Grants £9k and Projects & Activities £5k	-6
St Clears Craft Centre	94	-33	111	-36	14	Operational consumables - to kit out café	14
Llanharne Boathouse	156	-97	184	-110	16	Employee costs not budgeted	24
Y Ffynnes	784	-385	906	-382	125	Overspend on Fees for productions £95k and staffing £23k, minor overspends in supplies £7k	29
Entertainment Centres General	374	-45	276	-33	-86	In year staff vacancies	2
Leisure Management	282	0	265	0	-17	Numerous minor underspends in Supplies and Travel	1

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Division	Working Budget		Actual		Mar 2018	Notes	Feb 2018
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Variance for Year £'000		Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
Council Fund Housing							
Penybryn Traveller Site	128	-121	151	-77	68	Overspend in Premises Maintenance costs £21k and a reduction in Supporting People grant received £47k	-0
Temporary Accommodation	445	-101	460	-87	30	Underachievement of Housing Benefit income against budget £24k plus overspend in supplies and services	5
Other Variances					-30		-7
Grand Total					311		298

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Division	Working Budget				Actual				Mar 2018 Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Feb 2018 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000			
Regeneration											
Regeneration - Core Budgets											
West Wales European Centre	111	0	102	213	117	0	102	219	6		-23
Parry Thomas Centre	2	0	1	3	28	-26	1	3	-1		4
Betws wind farm community fund	112	-111	91	91	232	-232	91	91	-0		-0
Community Grants	152	0	5	157	144	0	5	149	-8		-0
Welfare Rights & Citizen's Advice	162	0	1	163	161	0	1	162	-1		-1
Rural Carmarthenshire	25	0	5	30	29	-2	5	32	2		1
Amman Gwendreath Regeneration	25	0	32	57	26	-1	32	57	0		0
Llanelli Regeneration	21	0	3	24	26	0	3	29	4		2
Llanelli Coast Joint Venture	139	-139	12	12	136	-136	12	12	-0		0
Regen Core & Policy Performance	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1		0
The Beacon	148	-130	48	66	174	-129	48	92	27	Overspend mainly due to insufficient budget for rates, cleaning and grounds maintenance costs	20
Llanelli Community	41	0	24	65	30	0	24	53	-12		1
Amman Gwendraeth Community	99	0	15	113	49	0	15	63	-50		-47
3 T's Community Dev Core Budget	374	0	39	413	384	0	39	423	10		16
Physical Regeneration	458	0	62	521	374	0	62	436	-84	Net underspend of £30k between these cost centres mainly due to staffing vacancies - part year effect of Divisional Staffing Realignment, which has been implemented in 17/18. New cost centres have been created and there has been movement of staff between cost centres, resulting in these individual under / overspends during 17/18.	-56
Econ Dev-Rural Carmarthen, Ammanford, Town Centres	0	0	282	282	52	0	282	334	52		52
Econ Dev-Llanelli, C Hands, Coastal, Business, Inf & Ent	0	0	17	17	116	0	17	133	116		93
Community Development and External Funding	0	0	7	7	17	0	7	23	17		48
Business Services	314	0	25	338	235	0	25	260	-78		-114
Regeneration - Externally Funded Schemes											
GT WWEC Matchfunding for Future Schemes	0	0	24	24	0	0	24	24	0		0
GT RDP LEADER Preliminary Costs	546	-545	10	10	341	-341	10	10	0		0
GT Regional Engagement Team - ERDF	137	-137	2	3	55	-55	2	3	-0		-0
GT Regional Engagement Team - ESF	99	-99	2	2	41	-41	2	2	-0		-0
GT Communities First - CCC Cluster	406	-406	12	12	384	-384	12	12	0		0
GT Fusion Challenge	30	-30	0	0	27	-27	0	0	0		0
GT Communities First Lift	93	-93	4	4	74	-74	4	4	0		0
GT Communities for Work - Priority 1	105	-105	6	7	81	-81	6	7	0		0
GT Communities for Work - Priority 3	57	-57	5	5	48	-48	5	5	-0		-0
GT RLP Transition	175	-175	19	19	192	-192	19	19	0		0
GT Workways Plus	466	-464	30	31	403	-402	30	31	-0		-0
GT Exploitation of Digital Technology in Carmarthenshire (E)	47	-47	0	0	9	-9	0	0	0		0

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GT Event Organisers Network	42	-42	0	0	9	-9	0	-0	-0		-0
GT Mobile & pop up hubs	4	-4	0	0	5	-5	0	-0	-0		-0
GT Bucanier	94	-94	2	2	28	-28	2	2	0		0
GT Pendine Visitor Attractor (VW)	42	-42	2	2	26	-26	2	2	0		0
Schemes	0	0	300	300	0	0	300	300	0		0
Regeneration Total	4,525	-2,719	1,185	2,992	4,055	-2,247	1,185	2,993	1		-4
Planning											
Planning Admin Account	48	-3	21	65	214	-235	21	0	-65	Reduced expenditure £57k to partly offset under-achievement of Planning Application Fee income. Also over-achievement of Street naming and numbering income £8k.	-73
Building Regulations Trading - Chargeable	463	-528	65	0	335	-400	65	0	0		0
Building Regulations Trading - Non-chargeable	28	0	3	31	25	0	3	28	-3		-2
Building Control - Other	230	0	90	320	216	-7	90	299	-21	Underspend against various expenditure headings £14k and also income generated from carrying out safety and fire risk assessments £7k	-15
Build Control Other Works	5	0	2	8	0	-0	2	2	-6		-6
Minerals	358	-188	89	260	282	-157	89	214	-45	Underspend mainly due to staff vacancies and staff being budgeted at top of scale, but actually being employed on lower points.	-33
Policy-Development Planning	533	-27	83	589	508	-10	83	580	-8		-14
Development Management	1,580	-1,251	365	694	1,470	-878	365	957	264	Ongoing shortfall in income	269
Tywi Centre	34	-33	368	369	31	-26	368	373	4		5
Conservation	378	-20	84	443	368	-15	84	437	-6		-4
Caeau Mynydd Mawr - Marsh Fritillary Project	134	-130	234	238	126	-122	234	238	-0		0
ESD grant - Natural Resource Management	44	-44	0	0	44	-44	0	0	0		0
Morfa Berwick S.106 fund	11	-11	0	0	2	-2	0	0	0		0
South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party (E)	50	-50	0	0	31	-50	0	-19	-19	2016/17 underspend £17k was held in reserves, pending WG confirmation that specific outcomes have been achieved and that there will be no clawback of grant. This has now been confirmed, so surplus released back into revenue account. WG have now also confirmed 2017/18 specific outcomes have been achieved and that there will be no clawback of grant £2k.	-17

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	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000			
Waste planning monitoring report (E)	25	-25	0	0	-7	-25	0	-32	-32	2016/17 underspend £16k was held in reserves, pending WG confirmation that specific outcomes have been achieved and that there will be no clawback of grant. This has now been confirmed, so surplus released back into revenue account. WG have now also confirmed 2017/18 specific outcomes have been achieved and that there will be no clawback of grant £16k.	-16
GT Heritage for Schools	0	0	3	3	7	-6	3	3	0		0
Building Our Heritage (Delivery Phase) (E)	15	-13	2	4	40	-38	2	4	-0		0
Tywi Centre EF Holding Account	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	-0		0
Planning Total	3,938	-2,322	1,408	3,025	3,693	-2,015	1,408	3,086	62		94
Leisure & Recreation											
Millenium Coastal Park	250	-34	1,018	1,234	234	-36	1,018	1,216	-18	minor underspends in a number of budget headings	-6
Burry Port Harbour	211	-165	262	308	183	-120	262	325	17	income shortfall from mooring	-16
Discovery Centre	98	-103	71	65	107	-102	71	75	10	Agency costs	9
Pendine Outdoor Education Centre	488	-319	87	256	492	-340	87	239	-17	Increased income from Board & Accommodation	-12
Pembrey ski shop	0	-9	4	-5	41	-24	4	20	25	Effect of reduced stock valuation on Revenue account	12
Pembrey Ski Slope	327	-253	130	204	375	-313	130	192	-12	Overachieving income re: new catering outlet	-15
Sport & Leisure West	207	-21	37	222	218	-24	37	231	9		0
Newcastle Emlyn Sports Centre	309	-122	31	218	333	-118	31	246	28	NCE management fee £23k re: 2016-2017 not accrued, income shortfall £5k	25
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	1,337	-1,209	586	714	1,394	-1,166	586	814	100	Staffing costs £14k, operational consumables £43k, underachieving income £43k	53
St Clears Leisure Centre	145	-37	87	195	137	-33	87	191	-4		-4
Bro Myrddin Indoor Bowling Club	22	0	81	103	22	0	81	103	0		0
Sport & Leisure East	203	-49	39	192	193	-64	39	168	-25	In year staff vacancies	-13
Amman Valley Leisure Centre	736	-554	87	269	712	-625	87	174	-95	Increased income from Gym £53k and Swim 25k and in year staff vacancies £17k	-89
Brynamman Swimming Pool	0	0	7	7	-2	0	7	4	-2		-2
Llandovery Swimming Pool	209	-79	21	150	209	-77	21	152	2		5
Garnant Golf Course	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0		0
Gwendraeth Sports Centre	31	-4	3	29	40	-4	3	39	10	numerous minor premises overspends	-2
Dinorwyr Bowling Centre	20	0	96	115	20	0	96	115	0		0
5 x 60 (E)	229	-287	33	-25	202	-265	33	-30	-5		-4
Dragon Sport (E)	117	-57	26	86	123	-59	26	91	5		5
LAPA Additional Funding (E)	28	-28	0	0	47	-46	0	2	1		-0
Sport & Leisure General	825	-59	328	1,094	806	-73	328	1,061	-32	In year staff vacancies	30
National Exercise Referral Scheme (E)	175	-175	16	15	174	-174	16	15	0		-0
Sport & Leisure South	178	-23	37	192	161	-32	37	166	-26	In year staff vacancies	-17

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		Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000			
	Llanelli Leisure Centre	1,165	-958	649	856	1,182	-959	649	873	17	Additional instructor costs	14
	Coedcae Sports Hall	43	-19	8	32	37	-11	8	34	2		2
	ESD Rev Grant - Ynys Dawela	47	-47	4	4	48	-48	4	4	0		0
	Wales Coast Path Maintenance Fund (E)	62	-62	0	0	44	-44	0	0	0		-0
	Country Parks General	434	0	226	660	433	-2	226	656	-4		-0
	Outdoor Recreation - Staffing costs	76	-56	115	135	91	0	115	206	70	Under achievement of income target £55k, vehicle/plant £15k	56
	Pembrey Country Park	681	-651	43	73	700	-630	43	113	39	Agency costs	52
	Llyn Lech Owain Country Park	88	-28	23	84	150	-32	23	141	58	Planned health & safety expenditure £60k on Playground equipment	51
	Carmarthen Library	411	-30	180	561	394	-39	180	535	-27	In year staff vacancies	2
	Ammanford Library	261	-17	46	290	222	-22	46	247	-43	In year staff vacancies	-6
	Llanelli Library	458	-27	162	593	437	-36	162	563	-31	In year staff vacancies	-2
	Community Libraries	221	-10	135	347	186	-8	135	312	-34	In year staff vacancies	-6
	Libraries General	1,006	-2	121	1,126	1,191	-79	121	1,233	108	Planned overspend on premises maintenance £75k and computer Hardware/Software £21k and numerous minor overspends in Supplies £12k	3
	Mobile Library	118	0	18	136	124	0	18	142	6		7
	School Libraries General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
	Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili.	160	-15	91	237	166	-24	91	233	-4		-6
	Kidwelly Tinplate Museum	20	-2	2	20	15	-0	2	17	-3		-4
	Parc Howard Museum	59	-8	55	106	92	-8	55	140	34	Staffing increase to move away from lone working £12k, plus consultant / design services £22k	19
	Museum of speed, Pendine	34	-29	17	22	30	-25	17	23	0		0
	Museums General	188	0	34	222	175	0	34	209	-13	In year staff vacancies	-25
	Archives General	126	-2	104	228	114	-4	104	214	-14	various minor underspends in Staff and Supplies	-12
	Arts General	65	0	18	83	53	-2	18	69	-14	Grants £9k and Projects & Activities £5k	-6
	St Clears Craft Centre	94	-33	54	115	111	-36	54	129	14	Operational consumables - to kit out café	14
	Cultural Services Management	79	0	10	89	78	0	10	88	-1		-2
	Laugharne Boathouse	156	-97	35	94	184	-110	35	109	16	Employee costs not budgeted	24
	Lyric Theatre	349	-195	73	227	304	-155	73	222	-5		8
	Y Ffwrnes	784	-385	199	598	906	-382	199	723	125	Overspend on Fees for productions £95k and staffing £23k, minor overspends in supplies £7k	29
	Ammanford Miners Theatre	58	-15	3	46	52	-15	3	40	-6		-3
	Entertainment Centres General	374	-45	72	401	276	-33	72	315	-86	In year staff vacancies	2
	Oriel Myrddin Trustee	178	-178	0	0	231	-231	0	0	-0		0
	Oriel Myrddin CCC	88	0	47	136	88	0	47	136	-0		0
	Motor Sports Centre - Pembrey	0	-82	1	-82	0	-82	1	-82	0		0
	Pendine Beach	5	-27	1	-21	7	-29	1	-22	-1		-1
	Beach safety	4	0	1	5	2	0	1	3	-2		-0
	Leisure Management	282	0	124	406	265	0	124	389	-17	Numerous minor underspends in Supplies and Travel	1
	Leisure & Recreation Total	14,318	-6,604	5,755	13,469	14,611	-6,742	5,755	13,624	156		174

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Council Fund Housing											
Independent Living and Affordable Homes	96	-45	63	115	63	-12	63	115	0		2
Supporting People Providers	6,495	-6,495	0	0	6,472	-6,472	0	0	0		0
Transitional Funding - Implementing the Housing (Wales) Act (E)	171	-170	19	20	172	-170	19	21	1		1
Rent Smart Wales Project (E)	17	-17	2	2	18	-17	2	3	1		1
Syrian Resettlement Scheme (E)	0	0	6	6	281	-281	6	6	-0		0
Local Housing Company	0	0	215	215	14	0	215	229	14	Housing Local Authority Trading Company(LATC) - mainly legal fees	32
Home Improvement (Non HRA)	575	-291	162	447	495	-218	162	439	-7		6
Penybryn Traveller Site	128	-121	20	27	151	-77	20	95	68	Overspend in Premises Maintenance costs £21k and a reduction in Supporting People grant received £47k	-0
GT Pre Tenancy Training	41	-41	0	0	9	-9	0	0	0		0
Benefit Reforms	12	-10	0	2	0	-15	0	-14	-17	Underspend mainly due to repair costs being covered by a one off WG grant in 17/18 - Landlord Incentive Programme	-15
Homelessness	151	-64	24	111	148	-61	24	111	0		-0
Non Hra Re-Housing (Inc Chr)	135	0	116	250	139	0	116	254	4		1
Temporary Accommodation	445	-101	8	351	460	-87	8	381	30	Underachievement of Housing Benefit income against budget £24k plus overspend in supplies and services	5
Social Lettings Agency	747	-750	13	10	741	-745	13	9	-1		3
Landlord Incentive Programme (E)	58	-58	0	0	43	-43	0	0	0		0
Community Floating Support	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-0		0
Houses Into Homes WG Grant Scheme	0	0	0	0	299	-299	0	0	0		-0
Home Improvement Loan Scheme	0	0	0	0	27	-26	0	1	1		0
Houses Into Homes WG Loan Scheme	0	0	0	0	322	-323	0	-1	-1		0
Council Fund Housing Total	9,070	-8,162	648	1,556	9,856	-8,855	648	1,648	93		34
TOTAL FOR COMMUNITY	31,852	-19,807	8,996	21,040	32,215	-19,859	8,996	21,352	311		299

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Housing Revenue Account - Budget Monitoring as at 31st March 2018

	Working Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Actual Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Feb 2018 Previous period forecasted variance for Year £'000
Expenditure					
Repairs & Maintenance					
Responsive	1,720	1,539	-181	Relatively mild/dry winter – no significant storms & water ingress. Fewer jobs completed than 16-17 (13,363 compared with 15,680)	-203
Minor Works	2,749	2,829	80	Based on level of customer demand for work	159
Voids	2,297	2,670	373	Commitment to year end (ie work with contractors) underestimated due to improved contractor performance – delivered more work than we had anticipated.	1
Servicing	1,575	1,645	70	Increased costs due to numbers of replacement hard wired detectors renewed as part of service	134
Drains & Sewers	125	118	-7		-10
Grounds	715	715	0		0
Unadopted Roads	100	100	0		0
Supervision & Management					
Employee	3,959	3,906	-53	Underspend mainly due to vacant posts	-66
Premises	1,378	1,628	249	Overspend in gas and electric £135k mainly as a result of transferring from British Gas (Elec) and Corona Gas netted off an underspend in Water rates -£27k. Plus an overspend in premises maintenance £89k, adhoc premises costs and cleaning £54k and other -£2k.	231
Transport	67	59	-9		-6
Supplies	857	874	18		1
Recharges	1,651	1,478	-172	Over provision on budgets for internal recharges which did not materialise in year.	11
Provision for Bad Debt	472	218	-254	This budget has been significantly increased over the last 3 years due to the expected impact of benefit reforms. These have been slower to materialise than originally anticipated	-65
Capital Financing Cost	13,940	13,993	54	The interest rate on borrowing was budgeted at 4.57% whereas the actual rate is currently 4.58%. Also reduction in borrowing due to underspend on Capital programme.	-42
Central Support Charges	1,560	1,573	13	Budget to be adjusted to accommodate the 1% increase in central recharges	13
DRF/Affordable Housing Strategy funding	3,793	3,793	0		-10
Total Expenditure	36,957	37,137	180		147

Housing Revenue Account - Budget Monitoring as at 31st March 2018

	Working Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Actual Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Feb 2018 Previous period forecasted variance for Year £'000
Income					
Rents	-37,739	-37,739	0		-1
Service Charges	-739	-778	-39	Overachievement of service charge income	-10
Supporting People	-135	-135	0		0
Mortgage Interest	-3	-0	2		0
Interest on Cash Balances	-46	-64	-18	Rate increase from 0.3% to 0.38%	-11
Insurance	0	-128	-128	Insurance settlement of claims income received	-62
Other Income	-584	-604	-20		-6
Total Income	-39,245	-39,447	-202		-91
Net Expenditure	-2,288	-2,310	-22		57

HRA Reserve	£'000
Balance b/f 1/4/17	14,011
Budgeted movement in year	2,288
Variance for the year	<u>22</u>
Transfer to HRA balances	2,310
Contribution to affordable homes strategy	3,793
Balance c/f 31/3/18	20,114

Capital Programme 2017/18

Capital Budget Monitoring - Report for EOY 2017-18 - Main Variances

DEPARTMENT/SCHEMES	Working Budget			Actual			Variance for Year £'000	Comment
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000		
COMMUNITIES								
- Public Housing	21,088	-6,170	14,918	17,931	-6,662	11,269	-3,649	
Sheltered Housing Investment	198	0	198	0	0	0	-198	Anticipated boiler replacement not required.
Voids To Achieve The CHS (VOI)	2,060	0	2,060	1,585	0	1,585	-475	Works programmed to bring Major Works Voids back into use but actual works will slip into 2018/19.
Housing Minor Works (HMO)	603	0	603	1,038	0	1,038	435	Additional pressures identified during year, mainly in terms of structural walls on estates and paths in and around homes.
Rendering and External Works (EXP & EXI)	2,386	0	2,386	2,961	0	2,961	575	Additional remedial work identified as well as some properties being brought forward that will result in saving in future years programme.
Adaptions For The Disabled	1,280	0	1,280	1,342	0	1,342	62	Increase in demand and additional large scale adaptations.
Stock Condition Survey 2017/18 - Cost Certainty Gaps and Verification	150	0	150	0	0	0	-150	Specification for work currently being drafted. Surveys to commence in 2018/19.
Housing Development Programme (New builds & Stock Increase Programme)	10,957	0	10,957	7,451	-447	7,004	-3,953	Housing Development Programme being re-profiled to take account of slight slippage in council new build programme due to unforeseen circumstances. Planning permission for Garreglwyd granted on 5th April and work to commence in coming months. Dylan site planning permission to be considered early 2018 -19. Our Affordable Homes target has been met for 2017/18, however, with 235 additional homes being delivered against a target of 225. Over 400 homes have now been delivered in first two years of plan. There has also been a slight delay in the timing of completions on 18 homes linked to our stock increase programme- these will happen in the next couple of months and will be accounted for in the 2018/19 affordable homes figures.
Other Projects with Minor Variances	3,454	-6,170	-2,716	3,554	-6,215	-2,661	55	Small overspends on Environmental Works and Gas infrastructure works along with retentions on Waddle's Court development
- Private Housing	2,958	-301	2,657	3,488	-727	2,761	104	
Disabled Facility Grants	2,353	0	2,353	2,457	0	2,457	104	Overspend the result of a significant increase in demand/activity due to an improved delivery process and reduction in waiting times. Approach moving forward being re-assessed in order to better understand future implications for budget and waiting times.
Other Projects with Minor Variances	605	-301	304	1,031	-727	304	0	

Capital Programme 2017/18

Capital Budget Monitoring - Report for EOY 2017-18 - Main Variances

DEPARTMENT/SCHEMES	Working Budget			Actual			Variance for Year £'000	Comment
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000		
- Leisure	4,530	-1,405	3,125	1,982	-158	1,824	-1,301	
Oriel Myrddin Redevelopment	763	-750	13	116	-103	13	0	£750k external grant unsuccessful, thus resulting in a variance in income. Council net budget target met with additional other external funding.
Rights of Way Bridge Strengthening Programme	450	-200	250	90	0	90	-160	£160k to slip to 18/19 to ensure priority works are completed. Remaining budget being considered for other priority schemes within department. External income of £200k not now realisable.
Strategic Open Spaces - Site Development & Linkages	400	-400	0	0	0	0	0	Virement approved in March 2018 to vire to Pembrey Country Park (actioned). External income of £400k not now realisable.
Countryside Projects - General	149	0	149	90	0	90	-59	Monies being retained for potential Rights of Way grant match funding.
Burry Port Harbour Dredging	173	0	173	267	0	267	94	Additional works ahead of schedule within year, however, the whole project is within budget - negative slippage to 2018/19.
Closed Circuit Track	499	0	499	22	0	22	-477	Delay due to the need for additional surveys. Contractor on site early April for completion by mid / late June '18
Pembrey Country Park - Strategic Infrastructure Development	1,112	0	1,112	460	0	460	-652	Slip balance into 18/19 to deliver various schemes including new amenity block which is underway and due for completion for Summer '18. Variance includes virements of £400k and £172k previously agreed.
Other Projects with Minor Variances	984	-55	929	937	-55	882	-47	
REGENERATION	5,387	-203	5,184	3,335	-533	2,802	-2,382	
Rural Enterprise Fund	1,092	0	1,092	552	0	552	-540	Funding fully committed, third party schemes behind claim profile.
Transformation Commercial Property Development Fund	632	0	632	190	0	190	-442	Fund fully committed, third party schemes behind claim profile.
Health & Safety Remediation Works	95	0	95	31	0	31	-64	Committed for demolition works in 2018/19
Cross Hands East strategic Employment Site	144	0	144	44	0	44	-100	Final contractor payment and land compensation not incurred in 2017/18 - funding required to be rolled forward into 18/19 to meet these obligations.
Opportunity Street (Llanelli)	478	0	478	334	0	334	-144	Funds committed to 18-19 town centre demolitions.
Ammanford Town Centre Regeneration	63	0	63	3	0	3	-60	Railway works commenced April 18 slip to 18/19
Carmarthen Town Regeneration - Jacksons Lane	929	0	929	64	-3	61	-868	Re-direction of sewer required to accommodate scheme, commencement of works in 18/19.
Laugharne Carpark	208	0	208	0	0	0	-208	Discussion are ongoing with the developer regarding the remedial works for the proposed development.
Pendine Iconic International Visitors Destination	45	0	45	543	-333	210	165	Profile of external grant and council funding to be amended, scheme on target overall.
Margaret St - Retaining Wall & Road Widening	167	0	167	83	0	83	-84	Delays with British Telecom works to relocate cabinets have resulted in the road widening scheme works being rescheduled for summer holidays 2018.
Other Projects with Minor Variances	1,534	-203	1,331	1,491	-197	1,294	-37	
TOTAL	33,963	-8,079	25,884	26,736	-8,080	18,656	-7,228	

Housing H.R.A.(Public Sector)
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Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Working Budget			Actual			Variance for Year £'000	Comment
		Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000		
Public Sector Housing External Funding	Ongoing	0	-6,170	-6,170	0	-6,190	-6,190	-20	
Internal and External Works (Housing Services)	Completed	90	0	90	127	0	127	37	
Internal and External Works (PROPERTY)		8,167	0	8,167	8,517	0	8,517	350	
Sheltered Housing Investment	Ongoing	198	0	198	0	0	0	-198	Anticipated boiler replacement not required.
Voids To Achieve The CHS (VOI)	Ongoing	2,060	0	2,060	1,585	0	1,585	-475	Works programmed to bring Major Works Voids back into use but actual works will slip into 2018/19.
Planned M&E Works - Inc Smoke Detectors (PSW)	Ongoing	625	0	625	625	0	625	0	
Internal Refurbishment (PKB)	Ongoing	1,377	0	1,377	1,377	0	1,377	0	
Housing Minor Works (HMO)	Ongoing	603	0	603	1,038	0	1,038	435	Additional pressures identified during year, mainly in terms of structural walls on estates and paths in and around homes.
Rendering and External Works (EXP & EXI)	Ongoing	2,386	0	2,386	2,961	0	2,961	575	Additional remedial work identified as well as some properties being brought forward that will result in saving in future years programme.
External Insulating over Render	Ongoing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Re-Roofing - Council Dwellings	Ongoing	918	0	918	931	0	931	13	
Environmental Works (Housing Services)	Ongoing	292	0	292	276	0	276	-16	
Adaptations and DDA Works (Building Services)	Ongoing	1,280	0	1,280	1,351	0	1,351	71	Increase in demand and additional large scale adaptations.
Programme Delivery and Strategy	Ongoing	302	0	302	184	0	184	-118	
CHS Programme		152	0	152	184	0	184	32	
Stock Condition Survey 2017/18 - Cost Certainty Gaps and Verification		150	0	150	0	0	0	-150	Specification for work currently being drafted. Surveys to commence in 2018/19.

Housing H.R.A.(Public Sector)

Capital Budget Monitoring - Scrutiny Report for End of Year 2017/18 - Detailed Variances

Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Working Budget			Actual		
		Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Housing Development Programme (New builds & Stock Increase Programme)	Ongoing	10,957	0	10,957	7,451	-447	7,004
ECO Arbed - Energy Efficiency Works	Completed	0	0	0	25	-25	0
NET BUDGET		21,088	-6,170	14,918	17,931	-6,662	11,269

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
-3,953	Housing Development Programme being re-profiled to take account of slight slippage in council new build programme due to unforeseen circumstances. Planning permission for Garreglwyd granted on 5th April and work to commence in coming months. Dylan site planning permission to be considered at beginning of May. Our Affordable Homes target has been met for 2017/18, however, with 235 additional homes being delivered against a target of 225. Over 400 homes have now been delivered in first two years of plan. There has also been a slight delay in the timing of completions on 18 homes linked to our stock increase programme- these will happen in the next couple of months and will be accounted for in the 2018/19 affordable homes figures.
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-3,649	

Housing G.F.(Private Sector)
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Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Working Budget			Actual		
		Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Private Sector Housing - Capital Receipts	Ongoing	0	-24	-24	0	-24	-24
Renewal Assistance	Completed	90	0	90	90	0	90
Disabled Facility Grants	Ongoing	2,353	0	2,353	2,457	0	2,457
ART Homes (Property Appreciation Loan)	Completed	0	-49	-49	0	-49	-49
Renewal Areas (Private Sector)	Completed	41	0	41	41	0	41
County Wide Steelwork Repair	Completed	37	0	37	37	0	37
ECO Arbed - Energy Efficiency Works	Completed	208	0	208	635	-427	208
ENABLE - Adaptations to Support Independent Living	Completed	228	-228	0	228	-228	0
NET BUDGET		2,957	-301	2,656	3,488	-728	2,760

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
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104	Overspend the result of a significant increase in demand/activity due to an improved delivery process and reduction in waiting times. Approach moving forward being re-assessed in order to better understand future implications for budget and waiting times.
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104	

Leisure

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Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Working Budget			Actual		
		Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Arts & Culture		1,015	-750	265	368	-103	265
Oriel Myrddin Redevelopment	Completed	763	-750	13	116	-103	13
Purchase of 26-27 King Street	Completed	252	0	252	252	0	252
Countryside Recreation & Access		1,064	-655	409	244	-55	189
Rights of Way Bridge Strengthening Programme	Ongoing	450	-200	250	90	0	90
ROWIP 2017/18	Completed	65	-55	10	64	-55	9
Strategic Open Spaces - Site Development & Linkages	Ongoing	400	-400	0	0	0	0
Countryside Projects - General	Ongoing	149	0	149	90	0	90
Libraries & Museums		200	0	200	192	0	192
Carmarthen Museum - Abergwili	Mar-19	50	0	50	28	0	28
Carmarthenshire Archives Relocation	Jun-19	150	0	150	164	0	164
Parks		978	0	978	557	0	557
Carmarthen Park Velodrome	Completed	256	0	256	256	0	256
Burry Port Harbour Dredging	Mar-19	173	0	173	267	0	267
Closed Circuit Track	Sep-18	499	0	499	22	0	22
Burry Port Harbour Wall - 2017-2026	Ongoing	50	0	50	12	0	12
Sport & Leisure		80	0	80	80	0	80
Coedcae Sports Hall - Equipment	Completed	31	0	31	31	0	31
Carmarthen LC Sports Hall - Equipment	Completed	49	0	49	49	0	49

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
0	
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-220	
-160	£160k to slip to 18/19 to ensure priority works are completed. Remaining budget being considered for other priority schemes within department. External income of £200k not now realisable.
-1	
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-59	Monies being retained for potential Rights of Way grant match funding.
-8	
-22	
14	
-421	
0	
94	Additional works ahead of schedule within year, however, the whole project is within budget - negative slippage to 2018/19.
-477	Delay due to the need for additional surveys. Contractor on site early April for completion by mid / late June '18
-38	
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Leisure
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		Working Budget			Actual		
		Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Scheme	Target Date for Completion						
Country Parks & Golf Courses		1,193	0	1,193	541	0	541
Pembrey Country Park - Strategic Infrastructure Development	Ongoing	1,112	0	1,112	460	0	460
Llyn Llech Owain - Playground	Completed	60	0	60	60	0	60
Pembrey Country Park - Marquee & Fencing	Completed	21	0	21	21	0	21
NET BUDGET		4,530	-1,405	3,125	1,982	-158	1,824

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
-652	
-652	Slip balance into 18/19 to deliver various schemes including new amenity block with is underway and due for completion for Summer '18. Variance includes virements of £400k and £172k previously agreed.
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-1,301	

Regeneration
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Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Working Budget			Actual		
		Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Llanelli JV General	Ongoing	1,105	-34	1,071	1,105	-34	1,071
Community Development	Sep-18	55	0	55	55	0	55
Mynydd Y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund	Ongoing	84	0	84	84	0	84
County Wide Regeneration fund 2015-16 Onwards		1,724	0	1,724	742	0	742
Rural Enterprise Fund	Mar-20	1,092	0	1,092	552	0	552
Transformation Commercial Property Development Fund	Mar-20	632	0	632	190	0	190
Health & Safety Remediation Works	Mar-19	95	0	95	31	0	31
Llanelli, Cross Hands & Coastal Belt Area		708	0	708	442	0	442
Cross Hands East strategic Employment Site	Mar-19	144	0	144	44	0	44
Opportunity Street (Llanelli)	Mar-19	478	0	478	334	0	334
Pembrey Peninsula Study	Completed	8	0	8	8	0	8
Llanelli Regeneration Plan	Ongoing	78	0	78	56	0	56
Ammanford, Carmarthen & Rural Area		1,616	-169	1,447	876	-499	377
Ammanford Town Centre Regeneration	Mar-19	63	0	63	3	0	3
Coastal Communities - Parry Thomas Centre, Pendine	Completed	12	0	12	12	0	12
Carmarthen Town Regeneration - Jacksons Lane	Ongoing	929	0	929	64	-3	61
Ammanford Town Centre Partnership(Rail Crossing Enhancement Scheme)	Completed	8	0	8	8	0	8
Laugharne Carpark	Ongoing	208	0	208	0	0	0
Pendine Iconic International Visitors Destination	Ongoing	45	0	45	543	-333	210

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
0	
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-982	
-540	Funding fully committed, third party schemes behind claim profile.
-442	Fund fully committed, third party schemes behind claim profile.
-64	Committed for demolition works in 2018/19
-266	
-100	Final contractor payment and land compensation not incurred in 2017/18 - funding required to be rolled forward into 18/19 to meet these obligations.
-144	Funds committed to 18-19 town centre demolitions.
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-22	
-1,070	
-60	Railway works commenced April 18 slip to 18/19
0	
-868	Re-direction of sewer required to accommodate scheme, commencement of works in 18/19.
0	
-208	Discussion are ongoing with the developer regarding the remedial works for the proposed development.
165	Profile of external grant and council funding to be amended, scheme on target overall.

Regeneration
Capital Budget Monitoring - Scrutiny Report for End of Year 2017/18 - Detailed Variances

		Working Budget			Actual		
		Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Scheme	Target Date for Completion						
Carmarthen Town Regeneration - King Street	Ongoing	43	0	43	0	0	0
Margaret St - Retaining Wall & Road Widening	Mar-19	167	0	167	83	0	83
Pendine Coastal Risk & Regeneration Project	Completed	0	0	0	15	-15	0
Carmarthen Western Gateway & Wetlands	Ongoing	0	-32	-32	7	-11	-4
Opportunity Street (Ammanford)	Ongoing	141	-137	4	141	-137	4
NET BUDGET		5,387	-203	5,184	3,335	-533	2,802

Variance for Year £'000	Comment
-43	
-84	Delays with British Telecom works to relocate cabinets have resulted in the road widening scheme works being rescheduled for summer holidays 2018.
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-2,382	

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Community Scrutiny 25th June 2018

Draft Local Development Order – Llanelli Town Centre

Recommendations / key decisions required:

- To consider and note the representations received in respect of the Draft Local Development Order (LDO) for Llanelli Town Centre.
- To consider the recommendations of the report.
- To note the submission of the LDO (inclusive of the recommendations of this report, and evidence updates) to the Welsh Government for agreement.
- To note requirements to update the evidence base and make any consequential changes to the LDO, and to ensure any additional matters of legal compliance are also integrated.

Reasons:

- To reflect the corporate regeneration objectives within the Llanelli Town Centre.
- To ensure that the issues of ongoing vitality and viability within the Llanelli Town Centre are appropriately considered, and to utilise the provisions of national Planning Policy in this regard.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: Yes

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Community Scrutiny

25th June 2018

Draft Local Development Order – Llanelli Town Centre

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

This Report sets out progress and proposals in relation to the preparation of a Local Development Order (LDO) within Llanelli Town Centre, and seeks authorisation to proceed subject to supporting evidence, and Welsh Government approval to adopt.

The consultation period for the Draft LDO commenced on the 18th December 2017 and closed on the 9th February 2018. In total some 12 duly made representations were received from a range of organisations and interested parties - details of which, along with officer responses and recommendations are set out in the Appendices to this report.

2. Background

It should be noted that this report has been prepared in the context of the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP), with the progress towards the adoption of a LDO for Llanelli Town centre emerging from the need to continually monitor and assess its successful implementation. In this respect, both of the published LDP Annual Monitoring Reports (AMR) include specific reference to consideration being given to identifying a LDO within Llanelli Town Centre (Notably Policy Targets 17 and 18).

The LDO will seek to consider and address issues of vacancy and activity on both ground and upper floors, and to examine the potential for alternative uses within a defined spatial area of Llanelli Town Centre. The LDO will, in conjunction with other regeneration initiatives seek to assist in enhancing the vitality and vibrancy of the town centre through developing a 'living centre'.

3. What is a LDO?



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A LDO is made by Local Planning Authority (LPA) and grants planning permission for the type of development specified within the terms of the LDO, and within a defined spatial area. It offers a LPA the opportunity in particular circumstances, to streamline the planning process by removing the need for developers/applicants to make a planning application to the LPA. This can allow an LPA to act proactively in response to locally specific circumstances within their area. As stated above it should relate to a geographical area, and should reflect the focused purpose of the LDO and the nature of its intended outcomes. An LDO may also be permanent or time limited depending on their objective. A time limited LDO provides for increased flexibility in fast changing and developing areas which would allow for easy revision and updating, or to deliver a set objective over a fixed timescale.

Certain types of development as set out within the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (PDO) are already permitted without the need for planning permission. The GPDO grants a general permission for various types of relatively small scale and normally non contentious development without the need to make a planning application. LDOs can therefore be seen as an extension of permitted development, but decided upon locally in response to specific local circumstances.

For information a LPA can revoke a LDO at any time. Where it is proposed to modify a Local Development Order, re-consultation may be required.

The appended report provides further information in respect of the Legislative and Policy Framework and outlines some of the core considerations and limitations in respect of an LDO.

4. Developing a LDO - Llanelli Town Centre

Whilst the LDP sets a strong policy direction for retail within Carmarthenshire, the challenges facing Llanelli require specific consideration. Opportunities exist to co-ordinate with, and develop upon the successful grant award under the Vibrant and Viable Places initiative and the 'Opportunity Street' scheme for properties at the eastern end of Stepney Street. In addition, the establishment of a 'Task Force' to address matters surrounding the decline of the town centre and its environs, presents an opportune time evaluate options. There is potential to review and develop an effective strategy to promote uses to complement the town centre and out of town retail offer. In this respect it should not be predicated on an abandonment of the town centre's overall retail focus, but the consideration of a flexible approach to complement activities which support the centre's vitality and viability.

As part of its consideration and preparation of the LDO, the Llanelli Town Centre Task Force has received regular reports on progress and potential outcomes with spin off discussions held with Llanelli Town Council and Llanelli Rural Council. Further discussion have also be held with Natural Resources Wales, Dwr Cymru and representatives of the Business Improvement District. Further engagement has also been held with representative of pertinent internal service areas, including Public Health and Protection, Legal services in ensuring the effective development and operation of the LDO.

5. Spatial Extent of the LDO



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The extent of the town centre to which the proposed LDO's provisions will relate is shown on the appended plan. Also appended is the extent of the C2 Flood Zone as defined through Technical Advice Note 15. The Draft LDO also includes further details in relation to the extent of the Llanelli Conservation Area and the location of Listed Buildings.

6. What will the LDO Permit

The table as set out below outlines the relevant use classes which will be permitted or otherwise through the LDO, and within its defined spatial area.

Use Class	WITHIN C2 ZONE		OUTSIDE C2 ZONE	
	Ground Floor (GF)	Other Floors (OF) (Excluding basements)	GF	OF (Excluding basements)
A1 Shops	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
A2 Financial and Professional Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
A3 Food and Drink <i>Restaurants and Cafes</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
A3 Food and Drink <i>Drinking establishments (but not night clubs)</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
A3 Food and Drink <i>Hot food takeaways</i>	Yes	No	Yes	No
B1 Business (offices other than those within A2)	No	Yes	No	Yes
C1 Hotels, boarding houses and guest houses	No	Yes	No	Yes
C3 Dwellings (residential incl. flats)	No	Yes	No	Yes
D1 Non-residential institutions (Note - LDO excludes Law Courts, Church Halls and Libraries)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

D2 Assembly and leisure buildings (Note LDO only permits gymnasiums and area for indoor sports or recreations - except for motor sports, or where firearms are used)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other (specified sui) Laundrettes and taxi businesses only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

7. Lifetime of the LDO

It is proposed that the LDO operates for an initial period of three years from its adoption. This period will however be subject to ongoing review and may be extended or reduced in light of the success or failure of the LDO.

Development that commences while the LDO is in effect may be completed and/or continued after this three-year period (subject to the conditions of the LDO). Once the LDO has expired, however, no new changes of use will be allowed under its terms without conventional planning permission. Reference should be had to the content of Appendices in relation to the legislative framework in respect of revocation and revision and the potential for compensation should an LDO be withdrawn.

8. Operation of the LDO

The LDO is subject to a 2 stage process (Certificate of Conformity and Commencement Notice Approval).

Where a 'development' is proposed which is within the LDO area and conforms with the schedule of approved use classes (as referenced above), a Certificate of Conformity will be issued by the Council. Applicants will be required to submit their proposals and pay the nominal fee of £90 to the LPA.

A change of use cannot commence however until a Commencement Notice Approval is released by the LPA. In this respect an applicant will need to satisfy any requirements as set out in those regulatory regimes that are outside of the planning system e.g. building regulations and any required pre-conditions as set out within the LDO.

A Commencement Notice Approval will not be issued where the necessary information to support the proposal has not been provided and/or where the required pre-conditions have not been met.

The initial consultations undertaken to date have indicated a requirement to develop a notification system whereby key consultees (e.g. Town/Rural Councils, Dwr Cymru or Natural Resources Wales) are informed of LDO proposals. This reflects that such bodies would ordinarily be notified/consulted through the planning application process.

Further details on the operation of the LDO are set out within the document itself and the Statement of reasons. See the link below:

<http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/planning-policy/draft-local-development-order-llanelli-town-centre/#.Wt2jO-aoumQ>

9. Monitoring and Measuring Success

Throughout the three-year period the Council will assess the impact of the LDO and decide whether to (i) renew the LDO with no revisions, (ii) renew the LDO with new terms and conditions or (iii) revoke the LDO.

Further details of the monitoring process are set out within the LDO and its supporting documentation. See the link below:

<http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/planning-policy/draft-local-development-order-llanelli-town-centre/#.Wt2jO-aoumQ>

10. Evidential Requirements and Documents

As part of a co-ordinated strategic approach, evidence has been developed in relation to matters of Flood Risk (to satisfy the provisions of TAN 15) and Infrastructure, as part of the Llanelli Town Centre Masterplan being prepared through the Regeneration and Policy Division. This evidence is necessary to support the LDO's adoption and was published as part of the public consultation. It should be noted that further matters in relation to Flood Risk raised as part of the consultation is currently being considered concurrent with the reporting of the LDO. The adoption of the LDO is subject to the satisfactory resolution of these issues.

The consultants commissioned in respect of the Town Centre Masterplan also advised upon and inform any other required supporting documentation – including Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations- Test of Likely Significant Effect (TLSE). These documents will be updated as necessary as part of the adoption of the LDO. An updated screening as part of the Equalities Impact Assessment process will form part of the supporting documentation.

Reference is also made to the Carmarthenshire Retail Study Update 2015 and the Carmarthenshire Town Centre Retail Audits.

11. Next Steps

Subject to Council's deliberations, approval will be sought from the Welsh Government in accordance with the established provisions to adopt the LDO.

Prior to adoption, the necessary amendments/additions in terms of the evidence presented within the Flood Risk Assessment will be undertaken in conjunction with discussions with Natural Resources Wales. It should also be noted that further feedback has been sought on aspects of wording in relation to the pre-conditions set out within the LDO from Legal services.

Prior to adoption, any further changes in relation to the wording of aspects of the LDO will be undertaken to ensure its accuracy and usability. In addition, the evidence base will be updated to reflect the changes emanating from this report.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: L Quelch

Head of Planning

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Reflects the provisions of National Planning Policy, and the evidential information set out within the report support, and where appropriate, will be utilised in the implementation of the LDO and will inform a review of the Local Development Plan. It also ensures alignment with the national Well-being Goals set out within the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015.

National and local planning policies seek to promote the principles of sustainability and sustainable development by facilitating the creation of communities and local economies which are more sustainable.

The integration of sustainability and the evidential requirements in preparing the LDO ensures an iterative approach to policy making which ensures sustainability is at its heart and that it is reflective of the requirements emanating from the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act.

2. Legal

A Local Planning Authority may issue an LDO under section 61 (A, B, C and D) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as inserted by section 40(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and amended by sections 188 and 238 and Schedule 13 of the Planning Act 2008. This power became effective in Wales on 30 April 2012. The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (DMPWO) sets out the procedural requirements for making LDOs, including preparation, notices, publicity, consultation, and adoption.

Guidance on the procedures relating to the use of LDOs is contained in Welsh Government Circular 003/2012: Guidance on using a Local Development Order

3. Finance

Financial costs (including preparation of the LDO) will be covered through the financial provisions in place - including reserves. Established policy provisions are in place in relation to the gathering and apportionment of financial contributions from developer contributions (incl. planning obligations). The impact of the LDO on the collection of such contributions is unknown and can only be established through the monitoring of the LDOs implementation.

The implication on planning fees through the removal of the need for planning permission is at this stage unknown. Whilst this is not expected to be significant it will be off-set by the economic and regeneration benefits accrued through the successful implementation of the LDO. Reference is made to the potential that Compensation may be payable should an LDO be subsequently withdrawn. The potential for this is subject to the provisions of statutory instruments.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: L Quelch

Head of Planning

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

Scheduled 25th June 2018 – Community Scrutiny

2. Local Member(s)

Members were notified as part of the consultation process.

3. Community / Town Council

Llanelli Town Council and Llanelli Rural Council have been consulted as part of the preparatory process.

4. Relevant Partners

Identified partners including the membership of the Llanelli Task Force have been party to ongoing discussion and consultation, as have identified external technical consultees.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Contributions have been sought from relevant internal consultees.

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Adopted Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/residents/planning/policies-development-plans/local-development-plan/
Annual Monitoring Report 2015/16		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1643860/Annual-monitoring-report-201516-AMR-Document-for-web.pdf
Annual Monitoring Report 2016/17		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/2172900/amr-16-17-eng.pdf
LDP Review Report		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1213042/ldp-review-report-english-version.pdf
Draft Local Development Order and Supporting Documents		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/planning-policy/draft-local-development-order-llanelli-town-centre/#.Wt2jO-aoumQ

A1. Local Development Orders

A1.1 The following should be read in conjunction with the content of the main report. It sets out further detail in relation to the legislative framework underpinning an LDO and some specific limitations in their use. In addition in preparing an LDO consideration will be given to any potential implications arising from its designation. The following identifies some specific examples drawn from Welsh Government Good Practice.

Legislative and Policy Framework

A1.2 A Local Development Order (LDO) may be issued by an LPA may under section 61 (A, B, and C) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as inserted by section 40(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and amended by sections 188 and 238 and Schedule 13 of the Planning Act 2008. This power became effective in Wales on 30 April 2012. Reference is also made to the Development Management Manual 2016 whilst the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (DMPWO), sets out the procedural requirements for making LDOs.

A1.3 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 state that permission granted by a LDO will constitute “planning permission” (regulation 5(3)(a)ii). As a consequence, an LDO may obviate the need to submit a planning application for a certain type of development, but it will not prevent a levy through CIL from being charged, when appropriate and where a CIL charge applies.

A1.4 It should be noted however that Section 106 planning obligations cannot be required under an LDO; however, this does not prevent section 106 agreements being offered by a developer. For example, if a condition attached to a Local Development Order requires mitigation of an impact from development then a section 106 agreement could be used to secure this.

Considerations associated with LDO's

A1.7 Welsh Government Good Practice prepared in relation LDO's identified a number of areas for Welsh local authorities to consider. Specific examples are as follows:

- Would an LDO lead to a loss of democratic control over development, undermining the role of elected members and local communities? In response WG Good Practice points to case studies undertaken which indicate that where an LDO is in place, Local Planning Authorities and communities still exercise democratic control over development. In this respect clear rules are required in advance as part of the LDO, as opposed to any case-by-case discretion.
- Is there a potential for an increase in workloads and would additional layers of complexity be added to the planning process? – WG Good Practice suggests that it may ultimately reduce workload in development management, cutting out routine work within the defined LDO area.

A1.8 Any LDOs will result in a reduced income from planning applications fees, as developers only need to submit a pre-notification, for which they pay the Council a token sum. However, will only be quantifiable once the LDO and its geographical extent is defined. Subject to its scope and extent the impact may be potentially minor in income terms (based on the potential number of applications likely to be received), however it should be recognised that there will none the less be an impact.

Revision and revocation

A1.9 An LDO may be revoked or revised at any time by the LPA on its own initiative. The Welsh Government also has reserve powers to direct an LPA to revoke an LDO or prepare a revision of it. Where an LPA revokes an LDO the authority must :-

- Publish on their website a statement that the LDO has been revoked
- Give notice of the revocation by local advertisement. This is a requirement to publish the notice in as many newspapers as necessary to secure that the press coverage (taken as a whole) extends to the whole of the area to which the LDO relates, and
- Give written notice of the revocation to every person whom the authority consulted before the making of the order.

Compensation where local development order is withdrawn

A1.10 Section 189 of the Planning Act 2008 amends Sections 107 and 108 of Town and Country Planning Act 1990, which provide for compensation where a development order or local development order is withdrawn. In summary, where planning permission granted by a LDO is withdrawn, there will be no entitlement to compensation where notice of the withdrawal is published not less than 12 months or more than the prescribed period (24 months) before the withdrawal takes effect.

A1.11 If development is started before the notice is published, compensation will be available unless the order in question contains provision permitting the completion of development. The reform may therefore offer LPAs reassurance, through providing additional flexibility when considering the revision or withdrawal of LDO permissions, although the Welsh Government considers that an LPA would only rarely need to do this where the merits and effect of an LDO have been properly considered during its preparation.

Link to Welsh Government Circular 003/2012:

<http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/120427ldoguidanceen.pdf>

Appendix – Summary of Representations and Officer Recommendations

The consultation period ran from 18 December 2017 to 9 February 2018. 12 duly made representations were received (note that the representations from the Council's Environmental Protection and Licensing Departments have been sub divided for ease of reference). Further proposed changes, in light of emerging information, are also set out at the end of the report.

1 Mr C Jones

Summary: The respondent supports the proposed Local Development Order (LDO).

Response: Support welcomed.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO, supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment.

2 Mrs Veronica Haines

Summary: The respondent is generally supportive of the proposed LDO, stating that anything that "*cuts red tape*" is welcomed. However the respondent states that the monitoring indicators are not ambitious enough and these should be exceeded in any case (with or without the LDO). The respondent would also like the 3 years lifetime extended. The schedule of permitted uses is supported, however it is stated that it is important that investors/shops/residents are firstly encouraged in making the offer attractive. It is stated that the LDO Area should include Murray Street and more buildings in Church Street.

In terms of wider comments, the respondent states that the LDO needs to be in conjunction with measures to encourage people to visit the centre to use these premises, mainly by scrapping parking charges and improving public transport. It is also stated that there is a need for evening buses bringing people in to enjoy the entertainment facilities and late shopping evenings. Furthermore, the respondent outlines concerns as to cleanliness and states that Llanelli currently has a bad reputation for litter and that it is unpleasant to walk into and through the centre when there is so much litter. It is stated that the place looks rundown and uncared for which puts off potential investors, whilst there is a need for more green areas (flower beds, trees) to make it a pleasant place to be.

Response: Support welcomed – the representation is largely supportive of the proposed LDO as drafted. In relation to comments on the LDO's monitoring indicators, its area and 3 year lifetime, it should be noted that the LDO will be subject to ongoing review and as such there is scope for the Council to intervene if required (including the lifetime). It should be noted that the Town Centre Task Force provides the overarching mechanism for framing the wider package of support for the Town Centre as well as exploring those wider considerations such as parking charges, public transport and cleanliness which are not matters for the LDO. The Task Force also provides an opportunity to integrate the LDO with those wider Council programmes such as grants or loans.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO, supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment. Feedback will be provided to the Town Centre Task Force in relation to wider considerations.

3 Carmarthenshire County Council – Building Control

Summary: The respondent agrees with the 2 stage process for the implementation of the LDO in that a change of use cannot commence until Building Regulations are content and a buildings regulations application (where required) has been submitted and approved. The respondent also requests that the following wording be included in Condition 10 *"The contractor/developer will need to ensure that Local Authority Building Control (LABC) approval is sought prior to any works commencing on site" Contact Tel: 01267 246044 email Building.control@carmarthenshire.gov.uk"*

Response: These comments reflect the 2 stage process (Certificate of Conformity and Commencement Notice Approval). A change of use cannot commence until a Commencement Notice Approval is released and to attain such an approval a developer will need to satisfy any requirements as set out in those regulatory regimes that are outside of the planning system eg building regulations. The clarity suggested by the additional wording provided by the respondent is welcomed in this regard.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: Include the wording as submitted by the respondent in condition 10. No change to supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment. Reference is also made to 4 below.

4 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Summary: The respondent supports the proposed LDO and is reassured that no relevant Building Regulations works will be permitted to be undertaken without following the current Building Regulations consultation process. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service wish to ensure that the Service is notified of all proposals which would be of interest under the LDO.

Response: Support welcomed. These comments reflect that the LDO is subject to a 2 stage process (Certificate of Conformity and Commencement Notice Approval). A change of use cannot commence until a Commencement Notice Approval is released and to attain such an approval a developer will need to satisfy any requirements as set out in those regulatory regimes that are outside of the planning system eg building regulations. Building regulations has its own consultation process of which Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service is a part – therefore they will not see a change in this regard.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO, supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment. Reference is also made to 3 above.

5 Mrs Amanda Davies

Summary: The respondent is supportive of the proposed LDO. It is stated that those areas that are turned into housing should be suitably “*allocated*” – for example there are plenty of older people who are living in poverty and this group would also benefit in living closely to other same aged people to address loneliness etc. Concerns are expressed in relation to potential negatives with anti-social behaviour etc if they are “*allocated*” to the younger generation. The respondent states that the current allocation in 10 - 12 Stepney Street has been a success and needs to be replicated.

Response: Support welcomed. In relation to those comments on the allocation of homes (whether they are within our outside Council ownership), it should be noted that this is not a matter for the LDO – albeit reference is made to condition 11 (Lettings Policy). In relation to Council owned property, it should be noted that the Local Housing Authority is represented on the Town Centre Task Force.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO, supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment. Feedback will be provided to the Town Centre Task Force in relation to wider considerations.

6 Miss Rhyanne O'Hara

Summary: Whilst supporting facets of the proposed LDO (including its lifetime and supporting notes), the respondent also objects to and questions aspects in relation to the justification for its introduction, monitoring indicators and permitted uses. The respondent states that the problems in the town centre are attitudinal rather than the buildings themselves. It is stated that the solution should not solely involve spending money on the town and requires the creation of sustainable work opportunities. The respondent states that it is important that buildings are affordable for the people of Llanelli to rent out and live in (including the rent on shops).

Response: Noted, there the policy justification for the introduction of the LDO is robust and based upon credible evidence as set out within the statement of reasons. In relation to the monitoring indicators and permitted uses, it should be noted that the LDO will be subject to ongoing review and as such there is scope for the Council to intervene in the future if required.

Rental costs, job creation and investment priorities are not matters for the LDO, however it should be noted that the Town Centre Task Force provides the overarching mechanism for framing the wider package of support for the Town Centre. This could provide a forum for exploring those wider considerations such as rents and the need to facilitate sustainable economic development / job creation opportunities.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO, supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment. Feedback will be provided to the Town Centre Task Force in relation to wider considerations.

7 Carmarthenshire County Council – Environmental Protection

Summary: The respondent supports the proposed LDO. It is however considered that the inclusion of a condition is essential to minimise the likelihood of a nuisance (e.g. noise, light, dust, and odour) on a development within the LDO area. Previous experience and case law is cited demonstrating how mixed uses such as residential, retail and night time economy developments can have a negative impact on each other, especially when they are not considered at the planning stage. The respondent provides the suggested condition as follows:

Public Amenity

“Where required and requested; a detailed Risk Assessment (the scope of which must be agreed with the Homes and Safer Communities team (HSC)) should be submitted to, and approved by the HSC prior to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) issuing a commencement notice approval. The Risk Assessment should assess/predict the likely impact of the proposed development as a whole on the existing commercial and residential properties within the area and/or predict the likely impact of existing commercial and residential properties on the proposed development. Where necessary the risk assessment shall identify the required mitigation in the form of a Management Plan. The change of use shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with any approved Management Plan”

Reason: *“In the interests of protecting the amenity of people using the surrounding area.”*

Response: Support welcomed. In relation to the proposed condition, these comments seek to strengthen the emphasis on public amenity and reflect the fact that the implementation of the LDO is subject to a 2 stage process (Certificate of Conformity and Commencement Notice Approval). A change of use cannot commence until a Commencement Notice Approval is released and to attain such an approval a developer will need to satisfy any requirements made by Environmental Protection.

It is accepted that condition 9 as worded in the Draft LDO is unclear in that public amenity and licensing are grouped together. The issue of public amenity is a matter for the LDO / land use planning, however licensing is governed by a separate regime and as such it should be removed from this condition. It is noted that the powers contained in the Licensing Act 2003 relate to the four licensing objectives and does not include the protection of amenity.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: **Replace** condition 9 with the condition set out in the above representation. Reference is made to 8 and 13 below. No changes to Supporting evidence of Equalities Impact Assessment.

8 Carmarthenshire County Council – Environmental Protection

Summary: The respondent requests that the above condition (see 7 above) is ratified to ensure its compliance to the relevant tests applied to conditions. The respondent states that Section 6 of the Draft LDO (compliance) states that the Council will monitor changes of use within the Town Centre and, when appropriate, may take enforcement action. The respondent suggests removing the word ‘may’ as it should be assumed that no enforcement action would be taken if it was inappropriate to do so, stating that *“With the current wording, it sounds very unlikely that any enforcement action would be taken if a breach of non-compliance was witnessed and it sounds very unlikely that any enforcement action would be taken if a breach of non-compliance was witnessed”*

The respondent would also welcome further detailed information regarding the proposed LDO consultation process (for both the Certificate of Conformity and Commencement Notice Approval), including notification, recording of applications, consultation timescales etc. The respondent is also seeking clarity on who will be responsible for compliance in terms of monitoring and taking action.

Response: Comments noted. Discussions in relation to the compliance or otherwise of the conditions identified within the LDO have been undertaken to ensure that the Council is adherence to the necessary regulatory requirements.

It should be noted that the LDO is based on a notification process and there will not be consultation as would the case with a planning application. All applications for Certificates of Conformity and Commencement Notice Approvals will appear on the weekly planning list which is on the Council’s website, a link to which will be sent to the respondent. The LDO seeks to provide a positive means of information sharing whereby partners who may not normally be part of the planning application process have an opportunity to be aware of any proposal.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO, supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment. Reference is made to 8 above.

9 Cadw

Summary: The respondent states that this is a consultation to grant blanket planning permission for non-contentious, though not necessarily minor, forms of “development”/ changes in use within Llanelli Town Centre. As it is not applicable to listed buildings, the respondent cannot see any issues that require comment.

Response: Comments noted.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO, supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment.

10 Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

Summary: The respondent recommends that the Council should only adopt the LDO once issues identified in their representation regarding flood risk are addressed.

In relation to the supporting SFCA, the respondent summarises as follows:

- The SFCA has correctly identified the key flood risk to the site is from the River Lleidi but has used NRW flood risk data that is out of date to establish the magnitude of that risk;
- Blockage of hydraulic structures has not been reported;
- Flood risk mitigation is proposed in the form of management of vulnerability groups that are appropriate for the flood risk identified. This would be an acceptable form of mitigation but the data being used is out of date and may therefore be inaccurate.

In relation to protected species, the respondent is in agreement that the LDO is unlikely to have a significant effect alone or in combination on the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries marine site. In relation to drainage, the respondent supports the inclusion of two proposed pre-commencement conditions in relation to the public sewerage system (as proposed in the supporting evidence). The respondent asks that the Council is mindful that the River Lleidi culvert runs under part of the LDO Area and would encourage any opportunity for betterment by removing surface water from the foul main sewer.

Response: Comments noted. A copy of NRW's full representation has been sent to the Council's flood risk consultants who have been asked to address the matters raised. It is however noted that NRW's comments in this regard relate to the content of the supporting evidence (SFCA) and not the LDO itself. The flood risk consultants been tasked with securing confirmation from NRW that the revisions to the SFCA meets their approval.

In relation to betterment, it should be noted that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) does not apply to the LDO and this is referenced within the supporting evidence. However any opportunities to secure improvements may be explored on a case by case basis. In relation to the two proposed pre-commencement conditions in relation to the public sewerage system, reference is made to 12 below.

Any implications on supporting evidence: Update the SFCA as required.

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO or Equalities Impact Assessment. Confirmation to be **secured** from NRW in relation to their concerns relating to the content of the supporting evidence (SFCA) prior to the adoption of the LDO.

11 The Coal Authority

Summary: The respondent has reviewed the document and can confirm the Coal Authority has no specific comments to make on the LDO as proposed.

Response: Comments noted.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO, supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment.

12 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW)

Summary: The respondent supports the proposed LDO identifying that the Order’s lifetime the ongoing review process allows for appropriate flexibility. In relation to conditions, the respondent requests the inclusion of 2 additional conditions as follows:

“Drainage Strategy

No change of use shall commence where it will result in the hydraulic overload of the public sewerage system. Where required and requested; a drainage strategy should be submitted to, and approved by, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water.”

Reason: *“To enable the implementation of the LDO drainage strategy”*

“Assessment of Assets

No change of use shall commence where it will result in the compromising of the integrity of any public sewer and/or water main assets within and/or adjacent to the site. Where required and requested; an assessment should be submitted to, and approved by, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water which clarifies any impact and where necessary any mitigation.”

Reason: *“To support the implementation of the LDO Drainage Strategy”*

Response: Support welcomed. The representations seeks to introduce 2 additional conditions into the LDO in order to implement and support the LDO drainage strategy which is reflective of the recommendations made within the supporting evidence (infrastructure study). These comments reflect the fact that the LDO is subject to a 2 stage process (Certificate of Conformity and Commencement Notice Approval). In this respect a change of use cannot commence until a Commencement Notice Approval is released and to attain such an approval a developer will need to satisfy any requirements made by DCWW.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: **Insert 2 new conditions** (to be numbered 13 and 14 respectively) as set out above into the LDO. No change to supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment. Reference is also made to 10 above.

13 Carmarthenshire County Council – Licensing

Summary: The respondent supports the proposed LDO. They respondent notes that the draft LDO indicates that proposals requiring a licence must obtain the necessary authorisation prior to commencement. The respondent advises that an effective consultation mechanism must

be implemented with the licensing section as well as other regulatory regimes is undertaken prior to the granting of each Commencement Notice Approval. Clear signposting of applicants to licensing information as part of the initial information provided would allow individuals to consider any licensing requirements at an early stage in the process. For developers of residential and other non-licensed premises it will enable them to obtain information regarding the proximity of licensed premises forming part of the night time economy within the area.

Response: Support welcomed. These comments reflect the fact that the LDO is subject to a 2 stage process (Certificate of Conformity and Commencement Notice Approval). A change of use cannot commence until a Commencement Notice Approval is released and to attain such an approval a developer will need to satisfy any requirements made by Licensing. It should be noted that the LDO is based on a notification process. The importance of effective sign posting is noted and will be implemented, whilst the below proposed condition provides contact details (as will be done with the building regulations condition).

“Licensable Activity

Non planning related requirements must be satisfied prior to commencement of change of use. Reference is made to Condition 1 of this LDO and the requirement to attain Commencement Notice Approval from the Council. The contractor/developer will need to ensure that Licensing approval is sought prior to any works commencing on site. Contact Tel: 01267 234567, email publicprotection@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Reason: To ensure compliance with legislative provisions”.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: Replace condition 7 as set out in the draft LDO with above condition with the words ‘*Where applicable,*’ inserted at the beginning of the condition. No change to supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment. Reference is also made to 7 above and the Council’s further proposed changes set out at the end of this report.

14 Carmarthenshire County Council – Licensing

Summary: The respondent notes that the LDO is likely to stimulate a number of development proposals and queries as to whether there will be a mechanism, such as a public register, to enable individuals to view details of other applications as well as approvals made under the LDO prior to submitting an application. The respondent endorses the representation submitted by the Council’s Environmental Protection Team and clarifies the powers contained in the Licensing Act 2003 relating to the four licensing objectives.

Response: Comments noted. It should be noted that the LDO is based on a notification process and there will not be consultation as would the case with a planning application. All applications for Certificates of Conformity and Commencement Notice Approvals will appear on the weekly planning list which is on the Council’s website, a link to which will be sent to the respondent. The LDO seeks to provide a positive means of information sharing whereby partners who may not normally be part of the planning application process have an opportunity to be aware of any proposal. In relation to the representation submitted by the by the Council’s Environmental protection Team, reference is made to 7 above.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

Recommendation: No change to LDO, supporting evidence or Equalities Impact Assessment.

Further proposed changes

The following proposed changes reflect the ongoing and iterative approach to the development of the LDO and are intended to aid in the clarity and implementation of the Order.

(1) Condition 9 as worded in the draft LDO is not required and should be **deleted**. The condition as worded in the draft LDO stated that internal floor plans should be submitted with a view to confirming a proposal meets the minimum standard. It is proposed given that there are no minimum standard in place and as such the requirement to submit internal floor plans is obsolete. Reference is made to 13 above.

Any implications on supporting evidence: None

Any implications on the Equalities Impact Assessment: None

(2) Include National grid (plant protection) on the notification list alongside Western Power as set out in the Annex – Statement of Reasons.

(3) Include the Council’s Highways Planning Liaison Officer to the Annex – Statement of Reasons.

(4) Amend condition 7 needs to be reworded to reflect that ‘Where applicable, non-planning related requirements must be satisfied..... (so this is a further amendment in response to Response 13)

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8.0 Llanelli Town Centre

Draft Local Development Order

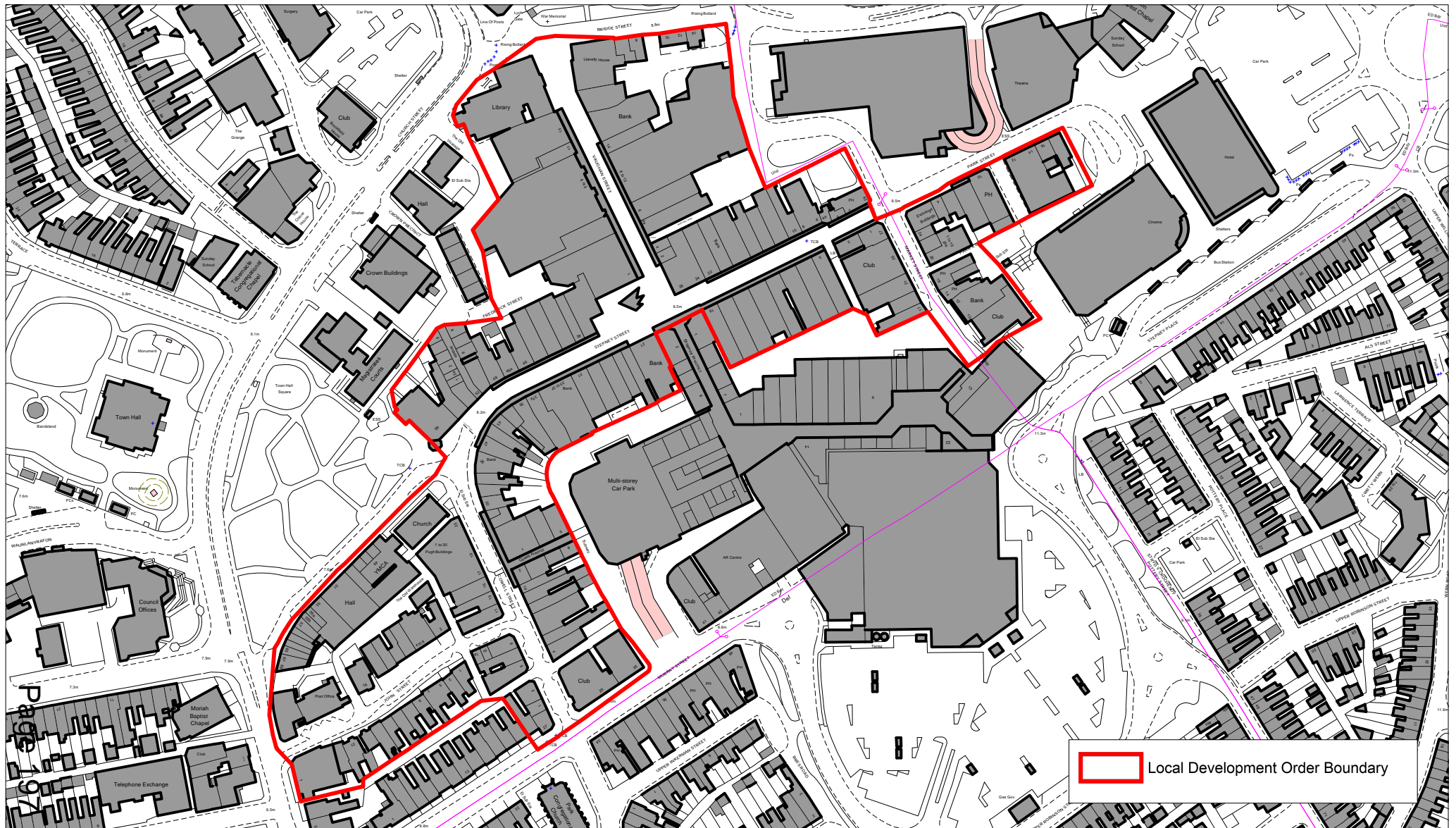
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10.0 Development Advice Maps

Flood Risk

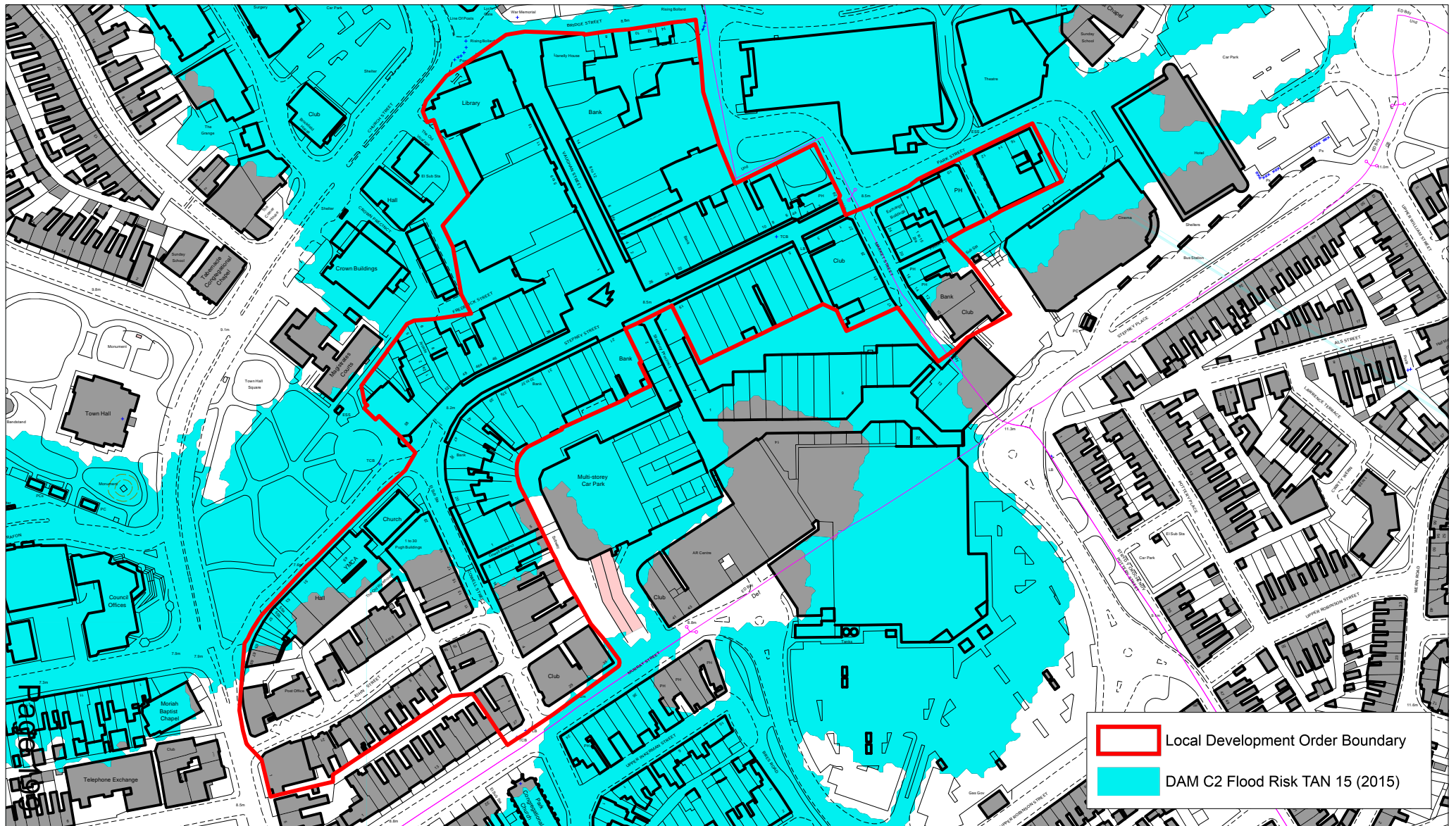
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Community Scrutiny

25th June 2018

Overview of Section 106 and Developer Contributions

Recommendations / key decisions required:

- To consider and accept the content of the report.
- To note the processes set out within the report and the commitment to further member briefings and training on the processes involved in identifying, securing and using the financial contributions.

Reasons:

- To reflect the commitment to present a report to Community Scrutiny.
- To raise awareness and enhance transparency in terms of the s106 processes.
- To provide an overview of the developer contributions received through s106 and the purposes for which they were secured.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: No

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Community Scrutiny

25th June 2018

Overview of Section 106 and Developer Contributions

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The report builds on a commitment to present a report to Community Scrutiny to provide an overview of the developer contributions received, through planning obligations (also known as Section 106 Agreements), during the 2017/18 financial year.

The report outlines the background information relating to planning obligations, the process of applying for developer contributions and an overview of the income and expenditure during 2017/18.

It should be noted that this report relates solely to the financial contributions received through Section 106 Agreements (these are the Agreements made under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) for, and in accordance with the requirements of the CIL Regulations. The report does not refer to other contributions such as the provision of affordable dwellings and onsite provision of parks and open space. The report also excludes those agreements secured under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.

It should also be noted that the report does not detail the procedures for the identification of potential planning obligations. For members reference this will be subject to specific training/briefings providing a focus on how and when members can best engage in the identification of planning obligations arising from a development.

2. What are Planning Obligations?

A Planning Obligation (also known as a Section 106 Agreement) is a legal agreement between the Planning Authority and the applicant/developer, and any other party that may have an interest in the land. Planning Obligations assist in mitigating the impact of unacceptable development to make it acceptable in planning terms. They can also be issued unilaterally to the Council by the persons with an interest in the land; these are known as Unilateral Undertakings (UU). A UU is a commitment offered by the applicant to the Local Planning

Authority with the intention of overcoming any obstacles that may arise which are preventing the granting of a planning permission.

The Council's approach to planning obligations is set out in Policy GP3 'Planning Obligations' of the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP). Further detail on the implementation of this policy is provided in the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) as well as in the Affordable Housing SPG, Caeau Mynydd Mawr Special Area of Conservation SPG and the Leisure and Open Space – Requirements for New Developments SPG.

3. What are they used for?

Planning Obligations can cover almost any relevant issue, acting as a main instrument for placing restrictions on developers, often requiring them to minimise the impact on the local community and to carry out tasks which will provide community benefits, and can include the payment of sums of money.

They are commonly used to bring developments in line with the objectives of sustainable development. Examples of types of infrastructure or services that planning obligations can include are:

- Highway Improvements
- Provision of Affordable Housing
- Improved community facilities – e.g. Public open space/ play areas, educational facilities
- Specific measures to mitigate impact on a local area – e.g. parking restrictions, habitat protection or management

This list is not exhaustive. Each planning application is dealt with individually on its own merits, and restrictions and requirements not on this list may also be needed.

4. Applying for Section 106 funds

All community based organisations that operate on a not-for-profit basis in Carmarthenshire can apply for funding which has been secured through a planning obligation or s106 agreement, as well as the different service areas within the Local Authority. Application forms are available on the Council's Planning webpage.

The Section 106 Agreements typically set out the following details:

- How much of a contribution should be paid and when it should be paid;
- What the developer contribution should be spent on; and,
- Where the developer contribution should be spent

When determining applications for the use of Section 106 funds the Local Authority must ensure that the project accords with the terms of the Section 106 Agreements. It must therefore ensure that there are funds available for the relevant geographical area and for the specified project or purpose before it can agree to any request for funds. The legal agreement is checked upon

receipt of every request to utilise a contribution and where appropriate the ward member and service area are consulted. Each service area and consultee is given thirty days to respond to a request and encouraged to come back with comments. The application for S106 funds and any comments received are then referred to the Head of Planning for determination.

Should the member or service area not make any comment prior to the 30 day deadline, it is presumed that there is no objection and the project will be referred to the Head of Planning for resolution.

If an application is successful, the amount of funding awarded will depend on the amount of S106 money available for that community, and for that particular project or purpose. Projects can be supported with 100% of the project costs if sufficient monies are available and they accord with the terms of the agreement. However, applicants are encouraged to seek matching funding from other grant bodies and community sources where possible so that the S106 funds can support as many local projects as possible. They are also encouraged to consider the future financial implications of maintaining and sustaining the relevant project as this element of funding can rarely be provided from Section 106 funds.

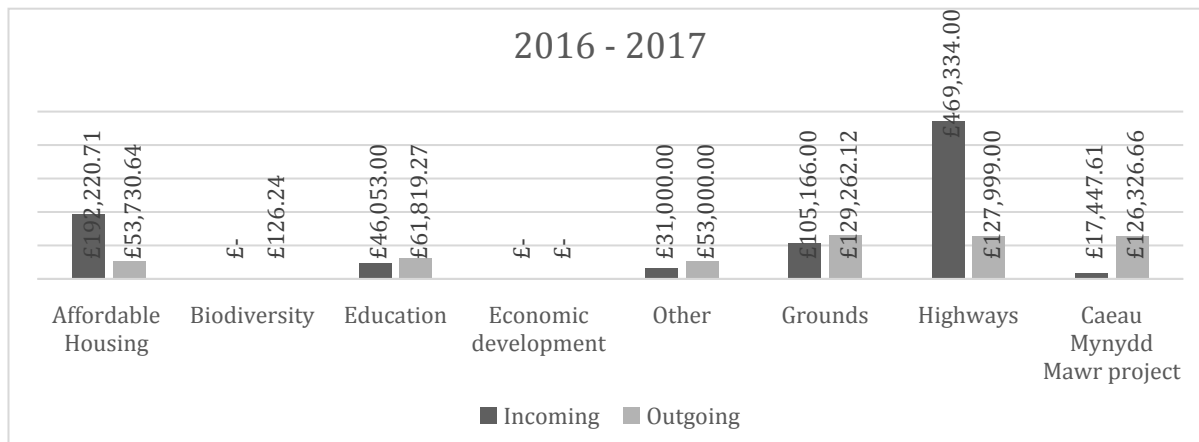
Contributions may only be transferred to the S106 applicant upon completion of the approved works and upon receipt of suitable evidence outlining costs incurred.

5. S106 Monitoring Overview

It is crucial that developers provide financial contributions under S106 agreements in a timely manner in accordance with the requirements set out within the relevant Section 106 Agreements. The Agreements will usually set out a trigger or, less commonly, a specific date for the payment of contributions. These are varied according to the requirements of the specific development but usually relate to a specific stage of a development, for example, at the development's commencement, or a later date, such as the first occupation of a residential unit.

The progress of developments are monitored and the developer contributions are sought and received accordingly.

Financial Summary



The following summary provides the income and committed balances during the last financial year, 2017/2018.

	Incoming	Outgoing	Committed by agreement	Committed by request
Affordable Housing	£227,680.67	£447,408.65	£282,661.41	£ -
Biodiversity	£138,647.20	£22,338.24	£263,682.72	£ -
Education	£67,013.00	£307,850.20	£ -	£272,994.74
Economic development	£ -	£ -	£38,000.00	£ -
Other	£50,000.00	£26,760.00	£ 143,097.00	£ -
Grounds/Open Space	£175,189.00	£256,511.94	£ 112,813.32	£236,799.80
Highways	£454,722.00	£ -	£204,396.25	£ 89,559.56
Caeau Mynydd Mawr Project	£169,771.21	£117,954.83	£ 369,289.72	£ -
Miscellaneous	£743,668	£ -	£743,668	£ -

Funds Currently Held

- Affordable Housing - £282,661
- Biodiversity - £263,682.72
- Education - £537,506.26
- Economic Development - £38,000
- Other - £143,097
- Grounds/Open Space - £1,223,813.32
- Highways - £633,402.30
- Caeau Mynydd Mawr Project - £369,289.72
- Miscellaneous -£743,668*

*This contribution was sought from the Carmarthen West development and priority for spend has been placed with Highways due to the need to develop the road in the surrounding area. Whilst the works are on-going, Highways will be identifying the required amount of contribution with the remaining balance being split between Education and Grounds.

6. Contributions Committed by agreement

Of the monies currently held at the end of the 2017/2018 financial year, a total of £2,157,608.42 has been committed in accordance with the specific requirements set out in the Section 106 agreement. The committed monies will be spent in accordance with the terms of the agreements. These contributions are held for specific projects and may only be transferred to be spent once the approved works have been completed. This requires receipt of suitable evidence outlining the costs incurred.

The following list sets out some examples of where contributions received have been committed by agreement.

- Biodiversity - £263,682.72
Brechfa Forest Grid Connection - The first round of applications for landscape enhancement works were restricted to landowners of land directly affected by the new overhead line 18 applications were approved, and recently, those who did not apply have been invited to re consider, this has generated another 6 or 7 applications. The next stage is to open the fund up to landowners living within 3km of the line.
Llanelli Water Vole S106 – for the creation, management and enhancement of water vole habitat in Llanelli - Creation of new ponds on CCC owned land just outside WWT's Penclacwydd site.
Morfa Berwig S106 - Management of brown field habitat - Volunteers are working with Bynea School on the reserve. Having installed a number of nest boxes, these will be monitored for birds that use the site. Some of the maturing coppice was cut back over the winter of 2017 to let in more light to the water courses, and there will be further management i.e. cutting back and scarifying of the brown field habitats in 2018/19. There are at least two

regular monthly volunteer work parties at this site, involving volunteers from Mencap. These are organised by the Council's Conservation Officer based in Leisure.

- Caeau Mynydd Mawr Project- £369,289.72
Habitat mitigation in Cross Hands area to offset impact of development on marshy grassland and Marsh fritillary habitat, and on the permeability of the landscape, as required under EU Regulations, in accordance with the Local Authority's Supplementary Planning Guidance.
- Economic Development - £38,000
Towards assisting in the management and marketing of bringing forward initiatives or projects that seek to support, and/or improve the vitality and viability of Ammanford Town Centre, or provide a higher profile through promotion and tourism.
- Other - £103,097
Mynydd Y Betws Community Archaeological Project – A community archaeological project, including: volunteer excavations; school visits to the excavations; open days for members of the public to visit the excavations; and web-based interpretation of the archaeology on Mynydd y Betws and the excavations. Three sites were comprehensively excavated over 12 days in July 2017 (10-21 July): two possible Bronze Age round barrows and part of the stone alignment, and two less intensively investigated.

Culvert improvements in the surface water drainage network in Bynea and carbon reduction schemes in Whitland electoral ward.

7. Contributions committed by request

At the end of the 2017/ 2018 financial year, £599,354.10 has been committed by request either from Community/ Town Councils, Local members, Schools or Authority service areas.

Reference should be had to the Appended report which provides further detail on the sums committed and the specific projects.

8. Conclusions

S106 contributions can do much to mitigate potential impact of new developments and represent an important mechanism through which the Local Planning Authority can secure the necessary improvements arising from the development. The planning service will continue to work with all parties including local members to secure such contributions in accordance with planning legislation and policies set out within the LDP and SPG.

The role of local members is an integral link in the s106 process. In this respect their contribution to the use of funds is recognised with member consulted where appropriate on their use. In the 2017/2018 financial year, 43 applications were received requesting the use of Section 106 Contributions. Local members were consulted on 42 occasions before the request

for funds can progress any further. As part of the 42 consultations, 65 members have been consulted with 36 responses received.

5 applications amounting to £235,149.42 are currently on hold due to objections in relation to the use of the contribution.

It should be noted that further members briefings and training in relation to S106 and the processes involved in identifying, securing and using the financial contributions will be offered to the individual party groupings over the coming weeks. This reflects an ongoing approach from officers to ensure there is a shared understanding of the s106 process.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: L Quelch

Head of Planning

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The purpose of s106 contributions are to pay for the infrastructure needed to make an otherwise unacceptable development acceptable. To this end, they supports the aims and objectives of the Local Development Plan's Objectives and its Policies and provisions.

They allow for proposals to make provision of, and to facilities which support the Well-being Goals set out within the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 and the Councils own Well-being objectives.

2. Legal

The Local Planning Authority secures planning contributions (or Planning Obligations) as governed by Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Planning Act 2008 makes provision for local authorities to prepare a Community Infrastructure Levy. On the 6th April 2010 the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 came into force in England and Wales which further informed the legislative process associated with the collection and use of Planning Obligations. Reference is also had to the provisions of the Environment (Wales) Act 2015 and the requirements emanating from it in respect of the need to enhance the Environment.

3. Finance

The collection, monitoring and use of monies through s106 is undertaken through established financial procedures.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: L Quelch

Head of Planning

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

Further and continual training and briefings will be provided.

3. Community / Town Council

The section 106 process incorporates a number of consultation methods through which partners can understand and apply to access funds.

4. Relevant Partners

The section 106 process incorporates a number of consultation methods through which partners can understand and apply to access funds.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Subject to ongoing and continual consultation and discussion through internal processes.

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Adopted Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/residents/planning/policies-development-plans/local-development-plan/
S106 Webpage		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/apply-for-section-106-funds/#.WyF11OaouUk
Supplementary Planning Guidance		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-guidance-spg/#.WyFJA-aouUk

Application received	Applicant Details	Organisation	Total amount requested	Description	Invoice Received (£)
03/04/2017	Steffan Jones - Headteacher	Ysgol Meidrim	£ 450.26	Ysgol Meidrim - ICT Equipment	£ 450.26
19/05/2017	Gary Anderson - Head teacher	Ysgol Llangennech	£ 13,541.46	Ysgol Llangennech - replacement fence	£ 13,541.46
06/07/2017	Cllr Anthony Davies	County Councillor	£ 5,000.00	Llandybie Village Hall (Post Office)	
12/07/2017	Kevin Francis - Chairman	Burry Port AFC	£ 50,532.00	Intensive drainage works for football pitch at Memorial Park, Burry Port	
10/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 3,789.13	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 13 Bro Myrddin	£ 3,789.13
10/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 4,035.32	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 49 Parc Gwernen	£ 4,035.32
10/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 115,000.00	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 91 Talycoed	£ 115,000.00
18/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 4,709.73	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 4 Bro Myrddin	£ 4,709.73
18/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 9,437.47	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 29 Emma Street	£ 9,437.47
18/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 8,356.74	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - Flats4 x 2bed flats, Stepney Street	£ 8,356.74
18/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 7,500.00	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 16 Heol y Garreg Las	£ 7,500.00
18/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 21,960.00	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 10 Kew Gardens - Purchase	£ 21,960.00
29/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 6,297.00	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 85 Clos Ael y Bryn	£ 6,297.00

29/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 8,311.70	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 3 Cefn Crug	£ 8,311.70
29/08/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 10,306.00	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - Faircroft	£ 10,306.00
19/09/2017	Rhian Kenny - Headteacher	Ysgol yr Hendy	£ 28,513.00	Reading shed for KS2	
25/09/2017	Jayne Davies - Headteacher	Ysgol Brynsierfel	£ 4,000.00	2 x wooden chalet - Pentref Aled Afal - Ysgol Brynsierfel	£ 5,367.66
09/10/2017	Cllr John James	County Councillor	£ 100,000.00	Building of park (Burry Port Harbour)	
17/10/2017	Seaside AFC	Local Group	£ 33,781.80	Infrastructure at Crown Park, Llanelli	
17/10/2017	Geoff Fardon - Administrator	Havlock Bowls Club	£ 27,486.00	Fencing and restoration	
24/10/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 81,221.81	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 45 Harddfan	£ 81,221.81
25/10/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 14,907.05	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 27 Clos Y Gerddi	£ 14,907.05
20/11/2017	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 35,016.00	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 16 Is y Llan	£ 35,016.00
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 15,440.00	Ysgol Griffith Jones - Roof repairs	£ 15,440.00
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 30,943.00	Ysgol Gorslas - 2 x mobile classrooms	£ 30,943.00
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 37,720.67	Pembrey School - redevelopment of school site	£ 37,720.67
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 110,624.00	Ysgol Parc y Tywyn - mobile classroom	£ 110,624.00

13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 3,500.00	Ysgol Pontiets - fence	
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 62,000.00	Ysgol Dyffryn Taf - double classroom and boiler	
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 14,560.00	Ysgol Bro Banw - urgent works to school building	
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 100,000.00	Ysgol y Dderwen - boiler and controls	
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 41,143.86	Ysgol Penygroes - replacement boiler	
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 26,463.36	Ysgol Maes y Morfa - replacement sprinkler system	
13/12/2017	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 22,000.00	Five Roads School - mobile teaching facilities	£ 22,000.00
14/12/2017	Elfed Wood - Headteacher	Ysgol Tycroes	£ 13,500.00	Ysgol Tycroes - ICT Project	£ 14,520.00
10/01/2018	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 22,927.88	Ysgol Cefneithin - oil tank and associated equipment	£ 22,927.88
10/01/2018	Bynea Cycle Club	Local Group	£ 7,020.00	Bynea Cycle club - repairs to roof	£ 7,020.00
11/01/2018	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 4,408.75	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 7 Stradey Court	£ 4,408.75
11/01/2018	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 26,794.40	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 42 Derwen Fawr	£ 26,794.40
11/01/2018	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 56,375.05	Buying Homes in the private Sector to add to Council Housing Stock - 17 & 56 Maes Abaty	£ 56,375.05
05/03/2018	Caroline Davies - School	CCC	£	Ysgol Cefneithin - Fire alarm system and associated works	

	Development Project Support Officer (Education)		2,672.12		
Page 216 22/03/2018	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 17,408.00	Ysgol Llangennech - works to sports hall to reduce echo	
05/03/2018	Caroline Davies - School Development Project Support Officer (Education)	CCC	£ 5,247.40	Ysgol Maes y Morfa - boiler replacement	
07/03/2018	Chantal Jordan, New Homes Officer	CCC	£ 28,982.50	Buying homes in the private sector to add to Council Housing stock - 93 Talycoed	£28,982.50

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 25TH JUNE 2018

**SUBJECT:
Affordable Bungalows within Carmarthenshire**

**Draft Planning & Scoping Document
Proposed Community Scrutiny Task and Finish Group**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to outline the planning and scope of Community Scrutiny's planned Task and Finish Group to review the future need for affordable bungalows within Carmarthenshire and options for delivery.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

1. The proposed approach to the Task and Finish Group's work.
2. The planning and scope of the work to be undertaken.

Reasons:

1. To enable the Scrutiny Committee to review the future need for bungalows in the County and the options for delivery; and
2. To formulate views for submission to the Executive Board for consideration

To be referred to the Executive Board: YES (date to be confirmed at end of Group's work)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Cllr. Linda Evans (Housing Portfolio Holder)

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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25TH June 2018

SUBJECT:

Affordable Bungalows within Carmarthenshire

Draft Planning & Scoping Document

Proposed Community Scrutiny Task and Finish Group

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to outline the planning and scope of Community Scrutiny's proposed Task and Finish Group to review the future need for affordable bungalows within Carmarthenshire and options for delivery.

Context

This report has been requested by Community Scrutiny Committee to determine the scope and planning of a Task and Finish Group to examine the future need for affordable bungalows within Carmarthenshire and options for delivery.

As Carmarthenshire moves into a potentially significant new build programme of affordable homes, members would like to review and make recommendations on the future provision of bungalow accommodation.

Approach

The proposed work of the group will take account of:

- Housing Need Assessments, including rural housing needs;
- Our current affordable homes delivery plans;
- On-going reviews of the LDP and Older People accommodation; and
- Current work being undertaken on loneliness by the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

Plan and Timescales

Outlined below is the proposed plan and timescales for the Group's work:

Meeting	W/C	Focus
1	03/09/18	1. Agree overall approach for the review 2. Draft project plan
2	15/10/18	Evidence analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of housing demand and need, including rural housing/tenants and residents future expectations.
3	26/11/18	Evidence analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Findings of the Task and Finish Group into Loneliness in CarmarthenshireFindings of the Review of Sheltered and Residential Home Accommodation
4	7/01/19	What is evidence telling us?
5	18/02/19	Confirming future options and drafting recommendations
6	25/03/19	Draft report with recommendations

Community Scrutiny are asked to consider and comment on:

- The proposed approach to the Task and Finish Group's work.
- The planning and scope of the work to be undertaken.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES- Scoping and Planning Document

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jonathan Morgan Acting Head of Homes and Safer Communities

Policy, Crime & Disorder & Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

There are no direct implications associated with this scoping report. Implications for the above will be highlighted as the Group completes its work.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jonathan Morgan Acting Head of Homes and Safer Communities

1. Local Member(s)

Members will be consulted as part of the Task and Finish Group's work.

2. Community / Town Council

Community and Town Councils will be consulted as part of the Task and Finish Group's work.

3. Relevant Partners

Relevant partners will be consulted as part of the Task and Finish Group's work.

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Staff will be consulted as part of the Task and Finish Group's work.

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Provision of Affordable Bungalows in Carmarthenshire		Community Scrutiny report- 29 th March 2018

Community Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group 2018/19

Affordable Bungalows within Carmarthenshire

Draft Planning & Scoping Document

<p>Task & Finish Objectives(s)</p>	<p>To review the future need for affordable bungalows within Carmarthenshire and provide options for delivery.</p>
<p>Context</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>This report has been requested by Community Scrutiny Committee to determine the scope and planning of a Task and Finish Group to examine the future need for affordable bungalows within Carmarthenshire and provide options for delivery.</p> <p>The population of Carmarthenshire is growing, as is the number of households. Single people households and adult couples without children account for most of this increase.</p> <p>In order to determine the future need for affordable bungalows together with the options for delivery we will need to link in with a number of important pieces of research and consultations. This is to make sure we do not duplicate work that is already being carried out and we fully consider all relevant information.</p> <p>These are set out below and are essential for us to understand what will be needed where, and how we can deliver the recommendations of the group's work:</p> <p>Housing Need Assessments</p> <p>We try and understand need by regularly undertaking a '<i>housing market assessment</i>'. This is done by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • looking at the type, size and location of the housing people have applied to us for; • looking at what becomes available as people move; • identifying house prices; • assessing the ability for people to pay for housing; • comparing the above to population and household changes; and • looking at the number of people telling us they have a housing need. <p>When this has been completed, we then compare the 'need' and the likely supply of new homes. This leaves us with a gap in what is needed</p>

and what will be provided.

Rural Housing Need Assessment

To ensure that there is an adequate supply of good quality housing for across all areas further Rural Housing surveys will commence in July 2018 in order to help better understand the needs of our rural communities. This will build on the work already undertaken in two rural communities.

Rural areas face specific local challenges such as affordable housing, an ageing population, rural isolation, and reduced accessibility. Rural communities make up more than 30% of Carmarthenshire's population living in over 80% of the geographic area.

The results of the survey will enable us to carry out an analysis by ward and Community Council areas. Initial findings will be available in October/November 2018 which will enable it to align with the group's work

Affordable Homes Delivery (Housing Company, RSLs, CCC, S106)

Carmarthenshire produced its first Affordable Homes Delivery Plan in March 2016 which aimed to deliver over 1,000 additional affordable homes over the 5 years.

The delivery plan will increase the supply of affordable homes using a range of innovative solutions including managing private sector homes (social lettings), bringing empty homes back into use, buying private sector homes as well as providing additional homes through Council and Housing Association partners (RSL) new build schemes.

By fully utilising opportunities when they arise the Council, RSLs and the recently established Housing Company can make the best use of financial resources available to provide as many additional homes as we can.

The delivery plan looks to deliver the most cost effective solutions, and takes account of funding that can be used directly by the Council, what the Housing Company and RSLs can access.

LDP – (Candidate Sites)

The Council also has to produce a Preferred Strategy document for the Carmarthenshire LDP. The Preferred Strategy document will outline the Plans vision, issues and objectives, preferred level of growth and preferred spatial strategy.

The Preferred Strategy is the first formal publication in the LDP preparation process and will provide the strategic framework for the

	<p>more detailed policies, proposals and development allocation in the Deposit Draft Plan.</p> <p>Based on all the information gathered and responses to the previous stages of consultation the Deposit Local Development Plan (a draft version of the LDP) will set out the Council's proposed planning policy up to the year 2026, identifying what can be built and where, including the allocations of land for housing (candidate sites). This will be important to take account of when planning future bungalow provision.</p> <p>Review of Sheltered and Residential Home Accommodation</p> <p>The review will explore the vision of delivering housing for older people and how to maximise the use of our resources (Residential Care, Day Centres and Sheltered Schemes).</p> <p>The main aims of the review will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what best fits where in terms of Residential Care Homes, Day Centres and Sheltered Housing Schemes; • testing the options against future revenue costs; • options for investment planning, development, and re-modelling, to best meet future need; and • options for land assembly projects based on future need and agreed vision. <p>Findings of the Task and Finish Group into Loneliness in Carmarthenshire</p> <p>The review is focusing on Carmarthenshire's strategy and delivery plan to address loneliness. Loneliness is seen by many as one of the largest health concerns we face and there has been growing political interest in loneliness as a significant social problem.</p> <p>All the above work will feed into the Task and Finish Group's work on 'Affordable bungalows within Carmarthenshire'.</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>Elected Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be agreed at the Community Scrutiny Committee Meeting to be held on 25th June, 2018. • Up to 6 elected members appointed to reflect the political balance of the Council as whole. • Advisors and support officers to be confirmed/agreed.
<p>What will the Task and Finish Group's work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the current demand, need and provision of affordable bungalows in Carmarthenshire; • Considering the population and household projections and review the demographics of existing tenants and applicants wishing to become

<p>focus on?</p>	<p>our tenants;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the type of affordable bungalows most suited to communities (i.e. social, low cost home ownership etc.) • Considering the availability and location of land for housing development, based on housing need, as recommended for candidate sites in the LDP; • Reviewing the allocation of S106 funding for the delivery of affordable bungalows; • Reviewing the most appropriate delivery vehicle for affordable bungalows (i.e. CCC, Housing Company, RSLs); • Taking account of the Sheltered and Residential Home Accommodation review; • Taking account of the recommendations from the Task and Finish Group into Loneliness in Carmarthenshire; • Determining the need for future bungalow provision in the County and the means of delivery; and • Formulating recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board.
<p>Scope of the review</p>	<p>This review will focus on the future need and provision of affordable bungalows across all wards within Carmarthenshire.</p>
<p>How it will contribute to achieving corporate/ community objectives and well-being objectives</p>	<p>This review will contribute to the following outcomes from the County Council's Corporate Strategy 2015-20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in Carmarthenshire are healthier; • Providing services as efficiently as possible, ensuring value for money; • Investigating and developing new ways of working and providing services; and • Increasing collaboration with our partners and communities in order support the delivery of services. <p>This review will link directly to the following Carmarthenshire County Council Well-being objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly connected people, places and organisations who are resilient to change. <p>This review will contribute to the delivery of the Carmarthenshire County Council Ageing Well Plan in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loneliness and isolation; • Dementia Friendly communities; and • Age friendly communities. <p>This review will contribute to the delivery of Carmarthenshire's Vision for Sustainable Services for Older People by:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting independence, community engagement and social inclusion; and • Promoting health and wellbeing of older people. 						
List of key stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing; • Planning; • Social Work Management; • Domiciliary Care and Residential Care Services; • Mental Health and Learning Disability Services; • Housing providers (Housing Company, RSLs); • Tenants and Residents; • Third Sector; • Elected Members; and • Others stakeholders will be identified as the work of the group progresses. 						
What information/ documents are required to inform the work of the study?	<p>To be agreed at the meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee to be held on 25th June, 2018, which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Need Assessments; • Rural Housing Need Assessments; • Affordable Homes Delivery Plan; • LDP Preferred Strategy – (Draft submission); • Findings of the review of Sheltered and Residential Home Accommodation; and • Findings of the Task and Finish Group into Loneliness in Carmarthenshire; <p>This list not exhaustive</p>						
The main outcomes of the review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making recommendations to meet future affordable bungalow need across the County and the best means of delivery. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Size and type; - Where bungalows are most needed; - Tenure types; and - What the bungalow offer should look like, especially in terms of reducing isolation. 						
Timescale for completion of the review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Planning & Scoping document to Community Scrutiny Committee- 25/6/18 2. Research and evidence gathering period – September to December 2018. 3. Developing future options and recommendations- January to March 2019. 						
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		April 2019	Final Report to Committee

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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 11TH MAY 2018

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2018

Discussion Topic	Background
Local development Plan – Annual Monitoring Report	To consider the Authority's third Annual Monitoring Report for the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan and its recommendations – as required for submission to the Welsh Government
Compliments and Complaints report	This report will provide committee with the opportunity of scrutinising the position in relation to complaints and compliments for the 2017/18 financial year.
Highways Design Guide – Supplementary Planning Guidance	This report is intended to enable the content of the LDP to be more substantive for development proposals beyond just residential whilst also allowing for the consideration of highways and access requirements for employment, retail and other development proposals.
Task and Finish Group Report on Empty Properties - Update	This report has been produced in response to a request received from the Committee at its meeting held on the will provide members an update on the progress achieved subsequent to the Task and Finish report

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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25th June 2018

Explanation for non-submission of scrutiny report

ITEM	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	EXPLANATION	REVISED SUBMISSION DATE
Compliments and Complaints	Wendy Walters	The report is regrettably late being produced as officers within the unit have been heavily involved in work associated with the legislative changes to GPDR.	September 2018
Highways design Guide SPG	Ian Llewelyn / Simon Charles	The scope and remit of the Design Guide is currently subject to further consideration. This will enable its content to be more substantive for development proposals beyond just residential. It is intended the revised guide will also allow for the consideration of highways and access requirements for employment, retail and other development proposals.	21 Sept 2018 Provisional subject to progress on the revisions outlined.

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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25th JUNE 2018

Scrutiny Action Update

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- To scrutinise the progress made in relation to actions, requests or referrals recorded during previous meetings of the Committee.

Reasons:

- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to monitoring performance.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: **NO**

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: *NOT APPLICABLE*

<p>Directorate: Chief Executive's</p> <p>Name of Head of Service: Linda Rees-Jones</p> <p>Report Author: Kevin Thomas</p>	<p>Designations:</p> <p>Head of Administration & Law</p> <p>Democratic Services Officer</p>	<p>Tel Nos. / E-Mail Addresses:</p> <p>01267 224010 lrjones@cararthenshire.gov.uk</p> <p>01267 224027 kjthomas@cararthenshire.gov.uk</p>
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 16TH FEBRUARY 2018

Scrutiny Action Update

During the course of a municipal year, several requests for additional information are made by the Committee in order to assist it in discharging its scrutiny role.

The attached report provides members of the Committee with an update on the progress made in relation to these requests.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones Head of Administration & Law

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NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

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1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
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Ref No	Meeting Date	Recommendation / Action / Referral	Description	Progress Update	Member / Officer	Status
CS 001-17/18	20th July 2017	Recommendation	Minute 5 - ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2016/17 CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN Committee agreed to endorse the recommendations for referral to the Executive Board / Council	Submitted to the Executive Board 31st July 2017 and Council 20th September	L. Quelch/I. Llewellyn	Completed
CS 002-17/18	20th July 2017	Recommendation	Minute 6 - CARMARTHENSHIRE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - UPDATE AND PROGRESS Committee agreed to endorse the report's recommendations for referral to the Executive Board / Council	Submitted to the Executive Board 31st July 2017 and Council 20th September	L. Quelch/I. Llewellyn	Completed
CS 003-17/18	5th October 2017	Recommendation	Minute 6 - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (PLANNING) Committee received the report for onward submission to the Welsh Governmnet by the 31st October 2017.	Report forwarded to the Welsh Government by the due deadline	L. Quelch/I. Llewellyn	Completed
CS 004-17/18	5th October 2017	Recommendation	Minute 6 - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (PLANNING) The Head of Planning to provide members of the Committee with details of the staffing structure within the Planning Division, when completed, including any staff relocations taking place	An e-mail incorporating the requested information/staff structure was sent to members of the Scrutiny Committee on the 17th November, 2017	L. Quelch	Completed
CS 005-17/18	5th October 2017	Recommendation	Minute 8 - DRAFT - CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016/17 As part of discussion on an increase in sickness absence levels within the Authoirty the Committee requested the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee to consider the increase in staff sickness leveles within the Authority , possibly by revisiting the work of its Task and Finish Group	The Policy and Resources Committee will consider the Committes recommendation at its meeting on the 6th December, 2017	Martin Davies	Completed Included on the agenda for the Policy and Resiurces Scrutiny Committee on the 6th December, 2017 The Committees response was circulated to the Community Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 30th Janaury 2018

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CS 006-17/18 Page 236	5th October 2017	Action	Minute 8- DRAFT - CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016/17 As part of a discussion on enegy consumption/generation within the Authority the Committee requested that it be provided with details of the energy it purchased and the proportion of which was green energy	This information is currently being collated and will be forwarded direct to members of the committee by e-mail	J. Fearn / K. Davies	Completed E-mail sent to members 22nd November 2017
CS 007-17/18	5th October 2017	Action	MINUTE 8 - DRAFT - CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016/17 A question was asked on the whether it would be possible for the committee to be provided with details on the forst years operation of the revised domestic garden waste collection system to include resident take up figures and costs	A report on this is agendaed for consideration by the Enviromental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee in January 2018 and will be available for all members to access on the Council's website	Ainsley Williams	Completed Included on the agenda for the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee on the 15th January 2018
CS 008-17/18	5th October 2017	Action	MINUTE 9 2017/18 WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT QUARTER 1 - 1ST APRIL TO 30TH JUNE 20-17 Members referred to the recent acquisition by the council of new mobile libraries vehicles and the Head of Leisure agreed arrangements would be made for the committee to view one of the vehicles	Arrangements are currently being made for the committee to view one of the vehicles at its October meeting	Ian Jones / Mark Jewell	In progress
CS 009-17/18	24th November 2017	Recommendation	MINUTE 5 - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL OWNED HOUSING COMPANY The Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Board that: 1. the report on the proposed establishment of a council owned company was adopted 2. a presentation be made to Council on the Company's Business Plan	Submitted to the Executive Board on the 27th November 2017 where the report was accepted	R. Staines	Completed

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CS 010 - 17/18	24th November 2017	Recommendation	<p>MINUTE 6 - INTRODUCTION OF A 'CHOICE BASED LETTINGS' PROCESS FOR COUNCIL HOUSING IN CARMARTHENSHIRE</p> <p>The Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Board that the Council's process for letting homes be changed in favour of a 'Choice Based Lettings' approach</p>	Submitted to the Executive Board on the 27th November 2017 where the report was accepted	R. Staines	Completed
CS 011 - 17/18	24th November 2017	Action	<p>MINUTE 8 - REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2017/18</p> <p>As part of the debate on the budget monitoring report the Committee requested that it be provided with reasons for the increased £40k overspend within the Planning Division</p>	the requested information was forwarded to members by e-mail on the 9th January, 2018	L. Quelch	Completed
CS 012 - 17/18	14th December 2017	Action	<p>MINUTE 6 - COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENTAL DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN</p> <p>As part of the debate on the Business Plan a question was raised on whether the Council had/could produce maps of cycle routes within the County for Placing within the Tourist Information Centre and other appropriate venues. The Director of Regeneration and Policy agreed to examine the information currently available on cycle routes and arrange for that to be displayed on the Council's website, if possible</p>	The Council's Corporate Website and Discover Carmarthenshire Website have been amended to include features on cycling	W.S. Walters	Completed
CS 013 - 17/18	14th December 2017	Action	<p>MINUTE 6 - COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENTAL DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN</p> <p>As part of the debate on the Business Plan a question was raised on the possibility of taxis licensed by the Authority linking in with the Health Authority to take people home from hospital. As patient transport was a matter for the LHB, the Head of Housing and Public Protection agreed to raise the issue with the LHB's County Director</p>	Discussions are being undertaken with the LHB's new County Director	R. Staines	In progress

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CS 014-17/18 Page 238	14th December 2017	Action	MINUTE 6 - COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENTAL DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN As part of the debate on the Business Plan the Director of regeneration and Policy agreed to provide members with statistical information on substance misuse	the requested information was forwarded to members by e-mail on the 15th February, 2018	W.S. Walters	Completed
CS 015-17/18	14th December 2017	Recommendation	MINUTE 9 - CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2006-2021 - REVIEW REPORT The Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Board and Council: 1. that the review report be accepted and that a full review of the plan be undertaken 2 that a members seminar be arranged on the review report	The Report was submitted to Executive Board on the 18th December, 2017 and Council on the 10th January 2018 where the report was adopted In relation to the members seminar, it was agreed by the Executive Board that informal workshops be held with the Council's political groups as opposed to convening a seminar Arrangements have been made for a meeting with the Plaid Group on the 2nd February. Arrangements are on-going for meetings with the Independent and Labour Groups	L. Quelch	Completed 1. Referral to the Executive Board and Council completed 2. Arrangements in progress for the holding of the workshops
CS 016-17/18	14th December 2017	Recommendation	MINUTE 10 - REVISED CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2033 - DRAFT DELIVERY AGREEMENT AND DRAFT SITE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY The Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Board and Council that the report be adopted	The Report was submitted to the Executive Board on the 18th December, 2017 and Council on the 18th January, 2018 where it was adopted	L. Quelch	Completed
CS 017 - 17/18	14th December 2017	Recommendation	Minute 5 - REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY CONSULTATION 2018/19 to 2020/21 RESOLVED: that the Charging Digests as set out in Appendix C of the report be endorsed.	No update required – due process.	C. Moore	Completed
CS 018-17/18	30th January, 2018	Recommendation	Minute 5 - HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND HOUSING RENT SETTING FOR 2018/19 RESOLVED that the recommendations within the report be endorsed and forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration	The report was submitted to the Executive Board on the 5th February, 2018 where it was adopted for referral to the Council Budget meeting on the 21st February	C. Moore	Completed

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CS 019 - 17/18	30th January, 2018	Recommendation	Minute 6 - THE CARMARTHENSHIRE HOMES STANDARD PLUS (CHS+) BUSINESS PLAN 2018-21 RESOLVED that the Executive Board approve the CHS+ Business Plan 2018-21 and its submission to the Welsh Government	The report was submitted to the Executive Board on the 5th February, 2018 where it was adopted for referral to the Council Budget meeting on the 21st February	J. Morgan	Completed
CS 020 - 17/18	30th January, 2018	Recommendation	Minute 6 - THE CARMARTHENSHIRE HOMES STANDARD PLUS (CHS+) BUSINESS PLAN 2018-21 That a report on general fire safety, incorporating the issues raised in relation to the installation of sprinklers and tilt and turn windows be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee	Update Fire Risk assessments are in the process of being completed to all Sheltered Housing Schemes and three/four storey communal blocks of flats. It's anticipated a report could be presented to the Committees September/October meeting	J. Morgan	In Progress
CS 021 - 17/18	30th January, 2018	Recommendation	Minute 6 - THE CARMARTHENSHIRE HOMES STANDARD PLUS (CHS+) BUSINESS PLAN 2018-21 That a report on the Council Policy of allowing tenants to refuse to have improvement works undertaken to their properties be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee	Work on this is ongoing and it's anticipated a progress report could be submitted to the Committee's September/October meeting	J. Morgan	In progress
CS 022 - 17/18	30th January, 2018	Action	Minute 6 - THE CARMARTHENSHIRE HOMES STANDARD PLUS (CHS+) BUSINESS PLAN 2018-21 That officers give consideration on the process for engaging with local members when maintenance works were being undertaken to council properties in their wards		J. Morgan	Completed
CS 023 - 17/18	30th January, 2018	Recommendation	Minute 9 - FORTHCOMING ITEMS That a copy of the Universal Credit Action Plan be submitted to the March 29th Meeting	Due to the delay in the implementation of the Universal Credit Programme in Carmarthenshire, an updated report will be presented to the Committees October meeting prior to 'going live' in December	J. Morgan	In progress
CS 024 - 17/18	16th February, 2018	Action	Minute 5 - Local Resilience Forum Business Plan Members requested that they be provided with links to emergency planning documents	copies of the documents were provided to the Committee by e-mail on the 6th March	R. Elms	Completed

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CS 025 - 17/18 Page 240	16th February, 2018	Action	Minute 5 - Local Resilience Forum Business Plan As part of the discussion on Local Resilience, the Interim Head of Housing suggested members be provided with information on how the Authority would respond to a foot and mouth incident and how that linked with other national agencies	An updated contingency plan is now available and will be distributed shortly to Community Scrutiny Members	J. Morgan	In progress
CS 026 - 17/18	16th February, 2018	Action	Minute 6 - Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2017/18 During discussion on the monitoring report an explanation was sought on the reference in Appendix H to "Enable - Adaptations to support Independent living -set up in error"	This related to a typographical error in the repor	J. Morgan	Completed
CS 027 - 17/18	29th March, 2018	Action	Minute 5 - Llanelli Town Centre - Regeneration A request was received that officers explore the current position of the fire damaged church opposite the John Francis Estate Agents	The Owners of the property have been contacted by the Environment Department and advised to repair/rebuild the property within a period of 12 months. Officers are monitoring the situation	S. Walters	Completed
CS 028 - 17/18	29th March, 2018	Action	Minute 5 - Llanelli Town Centre - Regeneration Members of the Committee to be provided with a copy of the video produced in relation to the Town Centre Redevelopment	A video has been circulated to members as requested	S. Walters	Completed
CS 029 - 17/18	29th March, 2018	Action	Minute 5 - Llanelli Town Centre - Regeneration Officers to review the current position on the council's requirements for bilingual signage ect to be displayed within any shop premises let as part of the Llanelli Town regeneration	Officers are reviewing the process and will ensure bilingual policy is implemented	S. Walters	Completed
CS 030 - 17/18	29th March, 2018	Action	Minute 5 - Llanelli Town Centre - Regeneration To provide Councillor A. Davies with details of the conditions attached for the award of a £5k grant from the Business Start up Fund to facilitate job creation	the requested information has been provided to Councillor Davies	S. Walters	Completed

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CS 031-17/18	29th March, 2018	Action	Minute 5 - Llanelli Town Centre - Regeneration Officers to prepare similar presentations to a future meeting on regeneration activity Ammanford Town and Carmarthen Town	The report was initially scheduled for Committee in November 2018. The Committee, at its meeting held on the 11th May agreed the presentations should be made to a Members Seminar which is to also include the presentation on Llanelli Town Centre	S. Walters	Completed
CS 032 - 17/18	29th March, 2018	Action	Minute 6 - 2017/18 Well-being objectives Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 3 - 1st April to 31st December 2017 Officers to provide Councillor Cundy with details of Hydro Electric generation within the County	The appropriate information has been conveyed to Councillor Cundy	K. Davies	Completed
CS 033 - 17/18	29th March, 2018	Action	Minute 6 - 2017/18 Well-being objectives Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 3 - 1st April to 31st December 2017 Committee Members to be provided with a list of the initiatives supported under action 12567 - maximisation of external funding to realise economic potential	Members have been provided with a list of initiatives supported under this action	S. Walters	Completed
CS 034 - 17/18	29th March, 2018	Recommendation	Provision of Affordable Bungalows in Carmarthenshire That a scoping document be prepared for submission to a future meeting on the provision of affordable bungalows within Carmarthenshire	A scoping document has been prepared for submission to the Scrutiny Committee in June 2018	J. Morgan	Completed

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Ref No	Meeting Date	Recommendation / Action / Referral	Description	Progress Update	Member / Officer	Status
CS 001 - 18/19	11th May, 2018	Action	Draft New Corporate Strategy Members to be provided with statistics detailing the numbers of welsh speakers and learners employed by the authority, with specific attention if possible to the numbers of front line library staff	The requested information has been provided to the Committee members	L. Evans	Completed
CS002 - 18/19	11th May, 2018	Recommendation	Draft New Corporate Strategy	Recommend to the Executive Board that the Strategy be endorsed - Referred to the Executive Board on the 4th June, 2018 and Council on the 13th June where the report was accepted	R. James	Completed
CS003- 18/19	11th May, 2018	Recommendation	Homelessness Strategy	Recommended to the Executive Board that the Strategy be approved - Referred to Executive Board on the 4th June where the report was accepted	J. Morgan	Completed
CS003- 18/19	11th May, 2018	Recommendation	Amendment to the Private Sector Renewal Policy	Recommended to the Executive Board that the amendment to the Policy be approved - Referred to Executive Board on the 4th June where the report was accepted	J. Morgan	Completed
CS004 - 18/19	11th May, 2018	Action	Amendment to the Private Sector Renewal Policy A report is to be presented to a future meeting of the Committee on the work undertaken subsequent to the Committees previous Task and Finish Group on empty properties	A report is to be presented to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Committee (possibly in September/October) in relation to the progress on empty properties following the Task and Finish Group's previous work	J. Morgan	In progress
CS005- 18/19	11th May, 2018	Recommendation	Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan 2018-2033 Draft Delivery Agreement It was recommended to the Executive Board that the report be adopted	Referred to Executive Board on the 4th June and Council on the 13th June where the report was adopted	I. Llewellyn	Completed
CS006- 18/19	11th May, 2018	Recommendation	Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance - Wind and Solar Energy - Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan It was recommended that the report be adopted for consultation	Report was considered by Council on the 13th June 2018 where it was approved for public consultation	I. Llewellyn	Completed

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CS006 18/19 Page 244	11th May, 2018	Recommendation	Community Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 18/19 The Report be adopted subject to: 1. The Task and Finish Group on Empty Properties not being progressed. 2. The LDP Preferred Strategy Report being moved from July to the end of 2018. 3. A seminar being arranged for all members on the the work of the Task Groups set up for Ammanford and Llanellii and to report on regeneration within Carmarthen Town	1. The Task and Finish Group on Empty Properties not being progressed. 2. The LDP Preferred Strategy Report being moved from July to the end of 2018. 3. A seminar being arranged for all members on the the work of the Task Groups set up for Ammanford and Llanellii and to report on regeneration within Carmarthen Town	K. Thomas K. Thomas S. Walters	Completed Completed In progress

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Friday, 11 May 2018

PRESENT: Councillor S.L. Davies (Chair)

Councillors:

S.M. Allen (In place of H.B. Shepardson), D.M. Cundy, C.A. Davies, W.R.A. Davies, W.T. Evans (In place of H.L. Davies), S.J.G. Gilasbey, B.W. Jones, H.I. Jones, B.A.L. Roberts, G.B. Thomas and A.Vaughan Owen

Also in attendance:

Councillor L.D. Evans, Executive Board Member for Housing
P. Hughes-Griffiths, Executive Board Member for Culture, Sport and Tourism

The following Officers were in attendance:

I. Jones, Head of Leisure
H. Morgan, Economic Development Manager
L. Quelch, Head of Planning
S. Walters, Economic Development Manager
J. Morgan, Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities
J. Willis, Housing Services Manager (Advice & Options)
R James, Performance Planning & Business Officer
R. Evans, Home Improvement Agency Manager
I.R. Llewelyn, Forward Planning Manager
B Lovering, Forward Planning Officer
K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Chamber, - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP. - 10.00 - 11.55 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H. Davies, S. Matthews and H. Shepardson

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
A. Vaughan-Owen	9 – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance – Wind and Solar Energy – Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan	Recently awarded a contract with Innogy U.K.

3. DECLARATION OF PROHIBITED PARTY WHIPS

There were no declarations of prohibited party whips.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED)

No public questions had been received.

5. DRAFT NEW CORPORATE STRATEGY 2018-23

The Committee received for consideration sections of the draft new Corporate Strategy 2018-23 relevant to its remit. It was noted that the New Strategy would replace the current one published in 2015 and would consolidate the following plans into one document:-

- the 2015-20 Corporate Strategy;
- the Improvement Objectives, as required by the Local Government Measure 2009;
- The Wellbeing Objectives as required by the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – these did not have to change every year, or be deliverable within one year and it was perfectly legitimate to set objectives which spanned more than one year;
- Carmarthenshire County Council's Executive Board key projects and Programmes for the next 5 years, as set out in "Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 years".

The following questions/observations were raised on the report:-

- Reference was made to the Council's Community Asset Transfer Scheme, and clarification sought on whether the Council would be able to offer financial assistance to voluntary organisations/community groups which may wish to take over an asset for which no interest had been expressed by the 31st March 2018 deadline.

The Head of Leisure advised that the Property Division were co-ordinating this work, and whilst he understood the Community Asset Transfer Scheme and the financial incentives associated therewith had expired, if any organisations expressed an interest in taking on one of those assets, the Council would work with them in an enabling role and signpost them to any grant assistance which may be available. That support would also extend to any organisation which had taken over / were in the process of taking over an asset.

- Reference was made to the operation of the Council's Library service in relation to the well-being objective of Promoting Welsh Culture and Heritage and information sought on the number of front line library staff who could speak Welsh.

The Committee was advised that arrangements could be made for it to be provided with information on the numbers of Welsh Speakers amongst the authority's staff.

- Reference was made to the promotion of the Welsh Language within businesses, especially, those starting up within the County and to whether there were any measures the Council could take to promote increased use of the Welsh language possibly, via Special Planning Guidance.

The Head of Planning confirmed that the authority was, wherever possible trying to promote the Welsh Language as part of the planning process for example, the provision of bilingual signs, with that approach being in the form of guidance at the current time. Consideration was also being given to the possibility of using Supplementary Planning Guidance as part of the LDP review as a means of promoting the language. Gwynedd County Council was also examining that possibility and the authority was liaising with that authority in that regard,

- Reference was made on the issue of mental health within Wales and its impact on both adults and children. The Committee was advised that a link to appropriate organisations dealing with that issue would be included within the document
- Reference was made to the issue of Childhood obesity with 30.7% of 4-5 year olds within Carmarthenshire being recorded as overweight or obese. The Committee was advised that the figures in question were compiled on a national basis by NHS Wales and that consideration could be given to providing a link thereto within the document. It was also confirmed that whilst Carmarthenshire had one of the highest rates of childhood obesity in Wales, including those classed as overweight, the authority was working in partnership with other organisations including the Public Service Board and the Health Authority in an endeavour to reduce those levels.
- The Head of Leisure in response to comments, confirmed the difficulties encountered in encouraging children to retain an interest in sporting activities during their teens. Whilst proving difficult, work was being undertaken in partnership with external organisations such as Sport Wales and the schools to attempt to reverse that trend.
- Officers advised that based on members comments a number of the 'Actions and Measures' in the Strategy would be strengthened prior to submission to the Executive Board.

RESOLVED to recommend to the Executive Board that the draft new Corporate Strategy 2018-23 be endorsed

6. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

The Committee received for consideration a report on the development of a Homelessness Strategy produced in accordance with the requirements of the Housing Act Wales (2014) which introduced new responsibilities on local authorities to prevent homelessness. The report outlined the approach adopted by the Authority to date and the following 5 key areas to be addressed prior to formal adoption of the Strategy by the December 2018 deadline:-

- Review of data and information;
- Stakeholder engagement;
- Strategy Development and Statement of Principles;
- Development of local action plans;
- Formal public consultation on Draft Strategy and Action Plan.

The following questions/issues were raised on the report:-

- The Acting Head of Homes and Safer Communities in response to a question confirmed the number of persons from outside Carmarthenshire presenting themselves to the authority as homeless were relatively small, with the majority of presenters coming from within the County.
- Reference was made to the reduction in the number of persons defined as being homeless within Carmarthenshire from in excess of 500 in 2013 to 135 in 2016. The Housing Services Manager (Advice and Options) advised that was attributable to a change in approach adopted by the Authority whereby it had invested more in the service and was more pro-active with the emphasis being on prevention. For 2017, some 1300 persons were at risk of becoming homeless. Of those, only 160 fell within the authority's duty to rehouse, with 128 having been rehoused.

- In response to a question on housing single homeless men, the Committee was advised that whilst local authorities in Wales did not have a duty to house those persons, unless they were vulnerable, the authority did, with the assistance of its social housing partners endeavour to provide assistance wherever possible. One of the challenges facing the new strategy would be how it addressed single persons who did not have a priority need.
- It was confirmed that persons facing homelessness could contact the authority 24 hours a day via its care line service
- With regard to persons who may be classed as being intentionally homeless, each case was treated on its merit with advice and assistance being provided on an individual basis

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND to the Executive Board that:-

- 6.1 The approach and consultation plan be approved**
6.2 To confirm the Council's intention to develop opportunities to work on a regional basis.

7. AMENDMENT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR RENEWAL POLICY

The Committee received for consideration an amendment to the Council's Private Sector Renewal Policy reflecting changes introduced by the Welsh Government to its Home Improvement Loan and Houses into Homes Schemes. As part of that proposal the Authority would receive £1.25m to support all forms of financial assistance for homeowners to maintain their home.

The following questions/issues were raised on the report:-

- It was confirmed that the new policy would allow landlords to apply for funding of up to £250k per application for up to 10 properties (£25k per property) representing an increase on the previous award of a maximum of £150k per application for 6 properties (£25k per property)
- In response to a question on the Committees' previous Task and Finish Group on empty properties, it was confirmed a report could be submitted to a future meeting providing an update on the work subsequently undertaken, which could include the number of properties brought back into use and any enforcement activities.
- It was confirmed that to date there had been no defaults in loan repayments and all loans were secured against the property.

UNAUNIMOUSLY RESOLVED to recommend to the Executive Board that the Welsh Government's revised Home Improvement Loan and Houses to Homes Scheme criteria be adopted, and that the Authority's Private Sector Renewal Policy be amended to reflect those changes.

8. REVISED CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018 - 2033 DRAFT DELIVERY AGREEMENT

The Committee received for consideration a Draft Delivery Agreement produced in response to the Council's decision on the 10th January, 2018 to formally commence preparation on a revised (replacement) Local Development Plan (LDP) following a period of public consultation that expired on the 23rd March. It was

noted that subject to Council confirming the Draft Agreement, it would then need to be submitted to the Welsh Government for its approval.

The following questions/issues were raised on the report:-

- It was confirmed that the invitations for expressions in relation to Candidate Sites would be relaunched the following week and local members would be provided with details of the appropriate departmental contact points for their ward.
- Reference was made to the practice of land banking and to whether, as part of the revised LDP, existing planning consents could be withdrawn if landowners had not demonstrated a desire to deliver a development.

The Forward Planning Manager confirmed that, as part of the revised LDP process, prospective developers wishing to have land included within the plan would have to demonstrate its development was deliverable, an expression of desire to develop would no longer be sufficient. Should that not occur there was a possibility land allocated within previous Local Plans may not be included as an allocation in the new Plan. That is, there is no automatic re-inclusion or indeed guaranteed inclusion for currently allocated sites in terms of the new LDP.

- Reference was made to planning consents issued under the current Plan, and to applications being received for their renewal. It was confirmed that consideration of those would be made in accordance with existing planning policies. However as the review progressed, there may be a possibility consent may not be renewed or may only be granted for a much shorter period of time e.g. one year. An applicant could appeal against the non-inclusion of a parcel of land within the revised LDP.
- In response to a question on town and community council involvement with place plans, the Forward Planning Manager confirmed that whilst meetings had been held with 3 community councils there was a general degree of confusion on the plans and a need for greater level of understanding thereon. The Forward Planning Team will help where they can, but there was reference to the level of resources available and that the resource would need to be primarily focussed on delivering the new LDP. There was a role for other bodies such as Planning Aid Wales in also assisting Town and Community Councils

UNNIMOUSLY RESOLVED to recommend to the Executive Board that:

- 8.1 The representations received and the recommendations in respect of the Draft Delivery Agreement be noted**
- 8.2 The amendments to the timetable be noted**
- 8.3 That the submission of the Delivery Agreement (inclusive of the report recommendations) to the Welsh Government for agreement be noted**
- 8.4 The extension of the consultation period for the submission of candidate sites to the 29th August, 2018 be noted.**

9. DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY - CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

(NOTE: Councillor A. Vaughan-Owen had previously declared an interest in this item)

The Committee received for consideration the Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for Wind and Solar Energy which had been prepared to support and elaborate on the policies and provisions of the adopted Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan. If approved by Council, the guidance would then be subject to a six week period of public consultation prior to formal adoption.

The following questions/issues were raised on the report:-

- In response to a question on why Hydro Electric Power was not included within the report, the Forward Planning Manager advised that it fell within the remit of Natural Resources Wales and was already catered for within the LDP. However, should future circumstances warrant a specific SPG, consideration could be afforded thereto at the appropriate time.
- In response to a question on the impact of existing wind turbines the Forward Planning Manager confirmed whilst monitoring was undertaken of the effectiveness of the plan's policies, it did not include the impact of the individual turbines. He could however look at that issue, but not as part of the SPG process.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to recommend to the Executive Board that:

- 9.1 The Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance set out within the report be approved for public consultation for six weeks**
- 9.2 The publication be noted of the Cumulative Impact of Wind Turbines on Landscape and Visual Amenity Guidance and the Landscape Capacity and Sensitivity Studies as supporting documentation to the SPG and forthcoming revised LDP.**

10. COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018/19

The Committee, in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Council's constitution considered its Forward Work Programme for 2018/19.

Reference was made to the proposed report on Ammanford and Carmarthen Regeneration to be submitted to the Committee's November meeting. A view was expressed that it would be advantageous if the presentation could be made to all members of Council by means of a seminar and to include the recent presentation received by the Committee on regeneration within Llanelli Town centre

Reference was made to the arrangements for the submission of the LDP Preferred Strategy to the Committee in July and it was noted that following the issue of correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary on the 28th March the strategy would now be submitted to the Committee towards the end of 2018.

The Committee received a report on the preliminary work undertaken to date in Ammanford on the suggested Task and Finish Group on large empty church/chapels, halls blighting town centres and commercial properties where it was advised that no significant issues had arisen.

RESOLVED that the 2018/19 Forward Work Programme be endorsed subject to:

- The suggested Task and Finish Group on empty properties being not progressed with
- The amended submission dated of the LDP Preferred Strategy from July to the end of 2018 be noted
- A seminar being arranged for all members of Council to provide an update from the task groups established for Ammanford and Llanelli and to also provide feedback on regeneration within Carmarthen

11. FORTHCOMING ITEMS

The Committee received a list of forthcoming items to be considered at its next meeting to be held on the 25th June, 2018.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the list of forthcoming items for the meeting of the Committee to be held on the 25th June, 2018 be received.

12. EXPLANATION FOR NON-SUBMISSION OF SCRUTINY REPORT

The Committee considered the explanation provided for the non-submission of a report.

UNAUNIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the non-submission report be received.

13. MINUTES - 29TH MARCH 2018

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 29th March, 2018 be signed as a correct record.

CHAIR

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