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MONDAY, 13 MAY 2019

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC
PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE
**ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE **CHAMBER,
COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN AT 10.00 AM ON FRIDAY,
17TH MAY, 2019** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS
OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Mark James CBE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



PLEASE RECYCLE

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ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 MEMBERS

PLAID CYMRU GROUP – 8 MEMBERS

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| 1. | Councillor | Karen Davies |
| 2. | Councillor | Mansel Charles |
| 3. | Councillor | Jeanette Gilasbey |
| 4. | Councillor | Dorian Phillips |
| 5. | Councillor | Susan Phillips |
| 6. | Councillor | Alan Speake |
| 7. | Councillor | Dai Thomas |
| 8. | Councillor | Aled Vaughan Owen (Vice Chair) |

LABOUR GROUP – 3 MEMBERS

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| 1. | Councillor | Penny Edwards |
| 2. | Councillor | Tina Higgins |
| 3. | Councillor | John James (Chair) |

INDEPENDENT GROUP – 2 MEMBERS

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| 1. | Councillor | Arwel Davies |
| 2. | Councillor | Joseph Davies |

NEW INDEPENDENT GROUP – 1 MEMBER

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| 1. | Councillor | Eryl Morgan |
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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST INCLUDING ANY PARTY WHIPS ISSUED IN RELATION TO ANY AGENDA ITEM
3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED)
4. REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2018/19 5 - 28
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ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17TH MAY 2019

REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2018/19

To consider and comment on the following issues:

That the scrutiny committee receives the budget monitoring reports for the Environment Service, Public Protection Service and the Community Safety Service and considers the budgetary position.

Reasons:

To provide the Committee with an update on the latest budgetary position, as at 28th February 2019 in respect of 2018/19.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Hazel Evans (Environment)
- Cllr. Philip Hughes (Public Protection)
- Cllr. Cefin Campbell (Community Safety)
- Cllr. David Jenkins (Resources)

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

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17TH MAY 2019

REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2018/19

The Financial monitoring Report is presented as follows:

Revenue Budgets

Appendix A

Summary position for the Environment and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee. Services within the Environment & Public Protection Scrutiny remit are forecasting a £17k underspend.

Appendix B

Report on main variances on agreed budgets.

Appendix C

Detail variances for information purposes only.

Capital Budgets

Appendix D

Details the main variances, which shows a forecasted net spend of £15,191k compared with a working net budget of £16,929k giving a **-£1,738k** variance. The variance will be incorporated into future years' budgets.

Appendix E

Details a full list of schemes.

Savings Report

Appendix F

The savings monitoring report

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 –Overall, the Environment, Public Protection and Community Safety services are projecting to be under the approved budget by £17k.

Capital – The capital programme shows a net variance of **-£1,738k** against the 2018/19 approved budget.

Savings Report

The expectation is that at year end £680k of Managerial savings and £110k of Policy savings put forward for 2018-19 are projected to be on target.

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
2018/19 Budget	Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen

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Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Report

Budget Monitoring as at 28th February 2019 - Summary

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Feb 2019 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Dec 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		
Business Support & Performance	41	-102	146	85	23	-99	146	70	-15	-0
Waste & Environmental Services	23,725	-4,442	1,384	20,666	24,141	-4,655	1,383	20,869	203	228
Highways & Transportation	50,931	-31,912	9,129	28,149	48,652	-29,473	9,129	28,308	160	293
Property	39,587	-36,426	-1,617	1,545	41,732	-38,766	-1,616	1,350	-196	-48
Public Protection	3,081	-835	588	2,834	2,954	-831	588	2,710	-124	16
Community Safety Service	65	0	9	75	21	0	9	30	-44	-43
GRAND TOTAL	117,431	-73,717	9,640	53,355	117,522	-73,824	9,640	53,338	-17	447

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Budget Monitoring as at 28th February 2019 - Main Variances

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Division	Working Budget		Forecasted		Feb 2019 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000	Notes	Dec 2018 Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000			
Business Support & Performance							
Business Support	-138	-35	-155	-35	-17	A few vacant posts during the year.	-9
Waste & Environmental Services							
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	35	-35	35	-21	15	Net cost of new Sustainable drainage legislation introduced in January 2019	0
Cleansing Service	2,293	-83	2,375	-108	57	Service reviews have commenced to look at ways of reducing costs within the cleansing service	80
Waste Services	15,367	-1,702	15,470	-1,715	90	Trade Waste Transfer not yet fully completed - CCC operational requirements remain until April 2019 at a cost of £47k; Clinical Waste is showing a £43k overspend as a result of the service transfer postponement due to complexity of ensuring a service for all users .	96
Green Waste Collection	86	0	284	-152	45	The green waste collection service is not yet self-financing. We did not anticipate to break even this financial year, as per the original business plan, but we are on track with growing the service as anticipated, with a view to being break even in future years.	40
Highways & Transportation							
Transport Strategic Planning	297	0	252	-0	-45	Core staff recharged to grant schemes	0
Car Parks	2,136	-3,577	1,901	-2,972	370	Unachievable income target as the income target is increased every year but parking fees have not been increased plus an increase in NNDR bills due to revaluation of car parks.	363
Bridge Maintenance	764	0	738	-5	-30	There have been staff vacancies during the year. Bridge inspections have continued to be undertaken to meet statutory obligations.	-17
Remedial Earthworks	310	0	286	-7	-31	Delayed works due to storm Callum	0
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	408	-350	403	-455	-111	£108k increased income on Highways Adoptions.	-70
Property							
Carbon Reduction Programme	277	0	229	0	-48	Reduction in Carbon Reduction Programme payments due to Energy Efficiency Initiatives	-35
Property Maintenance Operational	23,351	-25,247	26,142	-27,997	42	Under recovery of surplus target	103
Strategic Asset Management Business Unit	768	-4	660	-12	-116	Vacant posts and Asset Collaboration Grant funding awarded	-49
Building Cleaning	3,902	-3,605	3,823	-3,551	-24	Efficiencies generated from Supplies and Services	-2
Administrative Buildings	2,981	-691	2,993	-733	-29	Early delivery of efficiency savings proposed for 19/20	-29
Industrial Premises	469	-1,396	426	-1,383	-30	Based on very high occupancy levels and the release of phase 1 units at Glanamman Workshops.	-43

Public Protection				
PP Management support	99	-8	63	-15
PP Business Support unit	146	0	112	0
Public Health	268	-12	271	-5
Animal Welfare	76	-78	80	-60
Dog Wardens	94	-27	109	-29
Licensing	332	-315	341	-315
Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	471	-38	424	-25
Fair Trading	140	-62	137	-9
Safety	67	-9	62	-18
Financial Investigator	28	-52	115	-115
Trading Standards Services Management	115	-37	8	-41
Community Safety Service				
CCTV	35	0	11	0
Community Safety-Revenue	30	0	10	0
Other Variances				
Grand Total				

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Reduced expenditure on computer materials -£35k and Increased Income -£8k
Vacant Posts
Potential underachievement of income
Decrease in licensees
Potential underachievement of income due to additional kenneling costs as a result of difficulties in tracing owners. Work ongoing to try to alleviate these issues.
Agency Staff costs
Full time budgeted post being paid 22 hrs
Underachievement of income
Overachievement of income
Additioinal costs incurred will deliver increased income in 2019/20
Reduction of legal costs reserve
CCTV responsibility transferred back to the police
Due to establishment of new partnership structure it has not been possible to undertake anticipated projects during the year

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Budget Monitoring as at 28th February 2019 - Detail Monitoring

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Feb 2019	Notes	Dec 2018
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000			
Business Support & Performance											
Emergency Planning	71	0	11	82	68	0	11	79	-3		4
Business Support	-138	-35	176	3	-155	-35	176	-14	-17	A few vacant posts during the year.	-9
Operational Training	51	-67	16	0	32	-49	16	-0	-0		-0
Departmental - Core	58	0	-58	0	64	0	-58	5	5		5
Departmental - Policy	-1	0	1	-0	-1	-0	1	0	0		1
Rechargeable Works	0	0	0	0	15	-15	0	-0	-0		-0
Business Support & Performance Total	41	-102	146	85	23	-99	146	70	-15		-0
Waste & Environmental Services											
Waste & Environmental Services Unit	-12	0	4	-8	-10	-0	4	-6	1		5
Flood Defence & Land Drainage	514	-2	16	528	517	-11	16	522	-6		0
WG-Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Revenue Grant	65	-65	0	0	65	-65	0	0	0		0
SAB - Sustainable Drainage approval Body Unit	35	-35	0	0	35	-21	0	15	15	Net cost of new Sustainable drainage legislation introduced in January 2019	-0
Environmental Enforcement	539	-25	53	567	531	-18	53	566	-1		-0
Ammanford Cemetery	25	-8	0	17	25	-9	0	16	-2		-3
Child Burial & Cremation Grant Scheme	0	0	0	0	35	-35	0	0	0		0
Public Conveniences	558	-12	62	609	556	-16	62	602	-7		-1
Bus Shelters	0	0	0	0	4	-4	0	0	0		0
Cleansing Service	2,293	-83	81	2,291	2,375	-108	81	2,347	57	Service reviews have commenced to look at ways of reducing costs within the cleansing service	80
Waste Services	15,367	-1,702	865	14,530	15,470	-1,715	865	14,619	90	Trade Waste Transfer not yet fully completed - CCC operational requirements remain until April 2019 at a cost of £47k; Clinical Waste is showing a £43k overspend as a result of the service transfer postponement due to complexity of ensuring a service for all users .	96
Green Waste Collection	86	0	1	88	284	-152	1	133	45	The green waste collection service is not yet self-financing. We did not anticipate to break even this financial year, as per the original business plan, but we are on track with growing the service as anticipated, with a view to being break even in future years.	40
ESD Revenue grant - Local Env Quality	67	-32	1	36	69	-32	1	38	3		4
Grounds Maintenance Service	3,794	-2,478	130	1,447	3,719	-2,403	130	1,447	0		-0
Urban Parks	84	-1	157	241	150	-66	157	241	0		-0
Closed Landfill Sites	230	0	8	238	230	0	8	238	0		-0
Landfill sites	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	7		7
Coastal Protection	79	0	5	84	79	0	5	84	-0		-0
Waste & Environmental Services Total	23,725	-4,442	1,384	20,666	24,141	-4,655	1,383	20,869	203		228

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Feb 2019	Notes	Dec 2018
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Highways & Transportation											
Departmental - Transport	4	0	-12	-8	6	-1	-12	-8	0		0
Departmental Pooled Vehicles	0	0	6	6	0	0	6	6	0		-0
Engineering Sub-Contractors	0	0	0	0	37	-37	0	0	0		-0
Civil Design	954	-1,442	115	-373	1,057	-1,548	115	-376	-3		-19
Transport Strategic Planning	297	0	55	352	252	-0	55	308	-45	Core staff recharged to grant schemes	-0
Fleet Management	6,186	-7,736	1,691	140	6,419	-7,969	1,691	140	0		0
Passenger Transport	4,153	-2,551	137	1,738	4,989	-3,387	137	1,739	1		-0
School Transport	10,674	-1,084	135	9,725	10,676	-1,086	135	9,724	-1		2
LINC - Local Integrated Network Collaboration	770	-769	24	24	736	-736	24	24	-0		0
Spark & Drive	11	-11	0	0	19	-19	0	-0	-0		-0
Traffic Management	517	-39	63	540	570	-92	63	540	-0		0
Car Parks	2,136	-3,577	158	-1,283	1,901	-2,972	158	-913	370	Unachievable income target as the income target is increased every year but parking fees have not been increased plus an increase in NNDR bills due to revaluation of car parks.	363
Nant y Ci Park & Ride	77	-32	1	46	89	-34	1	55	9		19
Road Safety Revenue Grant	136	-134	0	2	136	-133	0	2	0		8
Road Safety	176	0	31	207	177	-6	31	203	-4		0
School Crossing Patrols	147	0	32	179	151	0	32	182	4		-0
Bridge Maintenance	764	0	31	795	738	-5	31	764	-30	There have been staff vacancies during the year. Bridge inspections have continued to be undertaken to meet statutory obligations.	-6
Remedial Earthworks	310	0	6	316	286	-7	6	285	-31	Delayed works due to storm Callum	6
Street Works and Highway Adoptions	408	-350	38	97	403	-455	38	-14	-111	£108k increased income on Highways Adoptions.	-17
Technical Surveys	325	0	26	351	325	0	26	351	1		0
Highway Maintenance	12,131	-4,895	518	7,754	11,343	-4,029	440	7,754	-0		-70
Capital Charges	0	0	5,928	5,928	0	0	5,928	5,928	0		7
Western Area Works Partnership	8,130	-8,122	66	74	4,800	-4,869	143	74	0		0
Highway Lighting	2,321	-1,156	65	1,230	3,242	-2,077	65	1,230	0		0
Public Rights Of Way	303	-12	17	309	303	-11	17	309	-0		0
Highways & Transportation Total	50,931	-31,912	9,129	28,149	48,652	-29,473	9,129	28,308	160		293

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Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Feb 2019	Notes	Dec 2018
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000			
Property											
Renewable Energy Fund	0	0	0	0	54	-54	0	0	-0		-0
Carbon Reduction Programme	277	0	0	277	229	0	0	229	-48	Reduction in Carbon Reduction Programme payments due to Energy Efficiency Initiatives	-35
Property Maintenance Operational	23,351	-25,247	463	-1,433	26,142	-27,997	463	-1,391	42	Under recovery of surplus target	103
Property Maintenance Business Unit	1,894	-1,659	-492	-256	1,988	-1,753	-492	-256	0		0
Strategic Asset Management Business Unit	768	-4	-733	31	660	-12	-733	-84	-116	Vacant posts and Asset Collaboration Grant funding awarded	-49
Property Maintenance - Notional Allocation	2,512	0	12	2,524	2,516	-4	12	2,524	-0		0
Mechanical and Electrical Schools SLA	327	-327	0	0	331	-331	0	-0	-0		-0
Pumping Stations	40	0	0	40	49	0	0	49	9		9
Property Design - Business Unit	2,634	-2,927	234	-59	1,921	-2,214	234	-59	-0		0
Design Framework	0	0	0	0	189	-189	0	0	0		0
Salix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-2
Building Cleaning	3,902	-3,605	386	683	3,823	-3,551	386	659	-24	Efficiencies generated from Supplies and Services	0
Operational Depots	303	0	58	362	304	0	58	362	0		-3
Administrative Buildings	2,981	-691	-2,428	-138	2,993	-733	-2,428	-167	-29	Early delivery of efficiency savings proposed for 19/20	-29
Commercial Properties	1	-46	66	21	0	-46	66	20	-0		-1
Industrial Premises	469	-1,396	416	-511	426	-1,383	416	-541	-30	Based on very high occupancy levels and the release of phase 1 units at Glanamman Workshops.	-43
County Farms	71	-322	394	143	52	-303	394	144	0		-0
Livestock Markets	57	-201	4	-139	55	-198	4	-139	0		3
Property Total	39,587	-36,426	-1,617	1,545	41,732	-38,766	-1,616	1,350	-196		-48

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Budget Monitoring as at 28th February 2019 - Detail Monitoring

Division	Working Budget				Forecasted				Feb 2019	Notes	Dec 2018
	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net non- controllable £'000	Net £'000	Forecasted Variance for Year £'000		Forecasted Variance for Year £'000
Public Protection											
PP Management support	99	-8	132	223	63	-15	132	180	-43	Reduced expenditure on computer materials -£35k and Increased Income -£8k	-1
PP Business Support unit	146	0	4	151	112	0	4	116	-35	Vacant Posts	-5
Public Health	268	-12	29	286	271	-5	29	295	10	Potential underachievement of income	12
Noise Control	205	0	8	213	206	-2	8	213	-0		-4
Air Pollution	121	-33	6	93	110	-20	6	96	3		12
Other Pollution	26	0	3	29	24	0	3	26	-3		-1
Water - Drinking Quality	44	-4	3	42	49	-9	3	42	-0		3
Stray Horses	5	0	0	5	7	0	0	7	2		1
Animal Welfare	76	-78	7	5	80	-60	7	26	21	Decrease in licensees	3
Diseases Of Animals	46	-38	3	11	44	-45	3	2	-9		-7
										Potential underachievement of income due to additional kenneling costs as a result of difficulties in tracing owners. Work ongoing to try to alleviate these issues.	25
Dog Wardens	94	-27	29	96	109	-29	29	109	13		5
Animal Safety	141	0	36	177	144	-1	36	179	2		0
Public Health Services Management	104	-106	79	77	111	-109	79	80	3		0
Health & Well Being Strategy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Licensing	332	-315	95	112	341	-315	95	121	10	Agency Staff costs	-2
Food Safety & Communicable Diseases	471	-38	23	457	424	-25	23	423	-34	Full time budgeted post being paid 22 hrs and other staff savings	-25
Occupational Health	128	-2	8	134	128	-1	8	134	0		0
Trading Standards Services Management	115	-37	85	163	8	-41	85	52	-112	Reduction of legal costs reserve	9
Metrology	118	-13	6	111	116	-11	6	110	-1		3
Safeguarding, Licensing & Financial Investigation	88	0	6	94	82	0	6	88	-6		-1
Civil Law	220	0	13	232	213	-1	13	225	-8		-8
Fair Trading	140	-62	8	85	137	-9	8	136	51	Underachievement of income	-2
Safety	67	-9	3	60	62	-18	3	47	-13	Overachievement of income	-2
Financial Investigator	28	-52	3	-21	115	-115	3	3	24	Additional costs incurred will deliver increased income in 2019/20	0
Public Protection Total	3,081	-835	588	2,834	2,954	-831	588	2,710	-124		16
Community Safety Service											
CCTV	35	0	1	36	11	0	1	11	-24	CCTV responsibility transferred back to the police	-23
Community Safety-Revenue	30	0	9	39	10	0	9	19	-20	Due to establishment of new partnership structure it has not been possible to undertake anticipated projects during the year	-20
Community Safety Service Total	65	0	9	75	21	0	9	30	-44		-43
TOTAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION	117,431	-73,717	9,640	53,355	117,522	-73,824	9,640	53,338	-17		447

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Capital Programme 2018/19						
Capital Budget Monitoring - Report for February 2019 - Main Variances						
	Working Budget			Forecasted		
DEPARTMENT/SCHEMES	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
ENVIRONMENT	21,382	-4,453	16,929	20,626	-5,435	15,191
Murray Street Car Park, Llanelli	257	0	257	133	0	133
Bridge Strengthening & Replacement	1,126	0	1,126	269	0	269
Major Structural Highway Improvements	2,851	0	2,851	2,772	0	2,772
Towy Valley Path	624	0	624	447	0	447
Agile Working Projects	889	0	889	748	0	748
East Gate Development	118		118	12	0	12
Other Projects with Minor Variances	15,517	-4,453	11,064	16,245	-5,435	10,810

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Environment

Capital Budget Monitoring - Scrutiny Report for February 2019 - Detailed Variances

		Working Budget			Forecasted		
Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Coastal Protection Works	Jun-19	270	0	270	221	0	221
Fleet Replacement	Ongoing	447	0	447	447	0	447
Murray Street Car Park, Llanelli	Ongoing	257	0	257	133	0	133
Bridge Strengthening & Replacement	Ongoing	1,126	0	1,126	269	0	269
Road Safety Improvement Schemes	Ongoing	298	0	298	275	-18	257
Street Scene Infrastructure	Ongoing	2,934	0	2,934	2,855	0	2,855
Public Lighting Works	Ongoing	1,271	0	1,271	1,271	0	1,271
Road Safety Projects	Ongoing	563	-472	91	604	-513	91
Local Gov't Borrowing Initiative (LGBI) - Safety	Completed	9	0	9	9	0	9
Trebeddrod Reservoir, Furnace, Llanelli	Completed	21	0	21	21	0	21
Pantyglyn Retaining Wall, Llanybydder	Jun-19	345	0	345	345	0	345
Emergency Planning	Completed	0	0	0	17	-17	0
Junction Improvements	Ongoing	191	-99	92	99	-98	1
Armanford Highway Infrastructure	Ongoing	861	-741	120	762	-642	120
Walking & Cycling	Ongoing	521	-493	28	521	-493	28
Cross Hands ELR	Ongoing	3,056	-948	2,108	3,953	-1,845	2,108
Public Transport Infrastructure	Ongoing	25	0	25	17	0	17

Variance for year £'000	Comment
-49	
0	
-124	Expenditure profile being planned in accordance with whole of life care plan. Funding required for future year maintenance.
-857	Tender newly awarded for works at Bronwydd (A484), works have commenced. Delays due to land issues on other schemes.
-41	
-79	Scheme delayed resulting in underspend in year, to be completed early 19/20. Committed Funds to carry forward to 19-20
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-91	
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-8	

Environment

Capital Budget Monitoring - Scrutiny Report for February 2019 - Detailed Variances

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		Working Budget			Forecasted		
Scheme	Target Date for Completion	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000	Expenditure £'000	Income £'000	Net £'000
Towy Valley Path	Ongoing	624	0	624	647	-200	447
Carmarthen Western Link Road	Completed	2,591	-1,112	1,479	2,500	-1,021	1,479
Safe Routes in Communities	Ongoing	625	-588	37	625	-588	37
St Davids Park	Jun-19	1,200	0	1,200	1,200	0	1,200
Rural Estates Capital Schemes	Completed	255	0	255	250	0	250
Capital maintenance	Ongoing	2,722	0	2,722	2,675	0	2,675
Industrial Redevelopments	Completed	163	0	163	150	0	150
Agile Working	Ongoing	889	0	889	748	0	748
East Gate Development	Jun-19	118	0	118	12	0	12
NET BUDGET		21,382	-4,453	16,929	20,626	-5,435	15,191

Variance for year £'000	Comment
-177	Additional in year external grant allocation which allowed us to free up and carry forward the council capital element to 19/20.
0	
0	
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-5	
-47	
-13	
-141	Additional Works identified at 3 Spilman Street, which has led to a revised delivery programme.
-106	Works committed and to be completed in 19/20.
-1,738	

2018-19 Savings Monitoring Report
Environment & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee
17th May 2019

1 Summary position as at : 28th February 2019 £0 k variance from delivery target

	2018-19 Savings monitoring		
	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Target	Delivered	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Communities(Public protection)	61	61	0
Environment(Excluding planning)	1,393	1,393	0
	1,454	1,454	0

2 Analysis of delivery against target for managerial and policy decisions:

Managerial £0 k ahead of target
Policy £0 k ahead of target

	MANAGERIAL			POLICY		
	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Target	Delivered	Variance	Target	Delivered	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Communities(Public Protection)	61	61	0	0	0	0
Environment(Excluding planning)	1,283	1,283	0	110	110	0
	1,344	1,344	0	110	110	0

3 Appendix F(i&ii) : Savings proposals on target(for information)

Department	Scrutiny Indicator	2017-18 Budget	FACT FILE	'2018-19 Proposed	'2018-19 Delivered	'2018-19 Variance	EFFICIENCY DESCRIPTION
		£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	
Managerial - on Target							
Communities							
Homes and Safer Communities							
Business & Consumer Affairs							
Business & Consumer affairs - financial investigator	Environment & PP	632	Trading Standards enforce around 40 Acts of Parliament and over 1,000 associated regulations, which impact on all aspects of life, from the safety of children's toys, to the honesty of property descriptions when buying a home. It is responsible for ensuring that sales are carried out within the law. Trading Standards list a number of local handypersons and gardeners on the Registered Traders Scheme.	25	25	0	Additional income due as part of enforcing the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 in relation to criminal confiscation and cash seizures.
Increase in fees / reduction in sampling budget	Environment & PP	632		10	10	0	Income from checkatrade services. Income from financial literacy products. Reduction in sampling budgets and increase in fees.
Environmental Protection							
Reduction in sampling	Environment & PP	428	Environmental protection are responsible for monitoring, by means of sampling, the shellfish beds in the Burry Inlet and Three Rivers for commercial gathering. The beds are controlled by the Natural Resources Wales for the former and Welsh Government for the latter. There is a legal requirement on the Local Authority to establish and monitor the classification of the beds to ensure that the shellfish is within a 'safe' limit (bacterial and toxin) for processing and consumption. In addition to this, the section also take food samples to routinely check that businesses are producing 'safe' foods. A single food team is being established across environmental health and trading standards which will lead to organisational efficiencies over time. Following demand from members and the public we have re-introduced pest treatments. As officers have to visit to investigate possible infestation, it makes sense to offer immediate treatments. This service will be run on a full cost recovery basis.	10	10	0	Reduction in food and other sampling costs across public protection services. Potential reduction in staffing costs following the establishment of a single food team in Environmental Protection.
Pest control	Environment & PP	75	Since the removal of the pest control service, the Public Health team have continued to give advice on pest control including means of elimination and removal of sources and harbourage. As a result of feedback on recurring pest problems in Council Home occupants, these visits have recently also include treatments for rats and mice in addition to providing advice. This will improved the health and wellbeing of the tenants	10	10	0	Increased income from pest control services
Primary authority / services income	Environment & PP	1,396	Primary Authority enables businesses to form a legal partnership with one local authority, which then provides assured and tailored advice on complying with relevant food safety, standards and health and safety that other local regulators must respect. There is a charge associated with the partnership.	6	6	0	Agreement with businesses to charge for advice from local authority
Total Homes and Safer Communities				61	61	0	
Communities Total							
				61	61	0	

Department	Scrutiny Indicator	2017-18 Budget	FACT FILE	'2018-19 Proposed	'2018-19 Delivered	'2018-19 Variance	EFFICIENCY DESCRIPTION
		£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	

Environment

Business Support and Performance

Business Support and Performance							
Operational compliance training	Environ-ment & PP	604	The Policy and Performance Division provides support and advice to all sections of the Department by providing a variety of financial, administrative, democratic, business support and performance management services.	15	15	0	To generate external income through the provision of Operational compliance training.
Business Support review	Environ-ment & PP		A review of business support within the department is currently ongoing with a view to streamlining processes and functions.	100	100	0	Efficiencies generated as a result of the implementation of the Business support review recommendations.
Total Business Support and Performance division				115	115	0	

Waste & Environmental Services

Waste Treatment	Environment & PP	6,226	Targeted campaigns to reduce waste and increase the awareness and use of all recycling schemes/initiatives. It is anticipated that this will result in the diversion of waste from the residual waste stream to the recycling waste stream, thereby realising savings due to the differential in the treatment costs as set out.	70	70	0	<p>Year One:</p> <p>Diversion from Residual Waste to Food Recycling @ 550t - gate fee saving = £26k</p> <p>Diversion from Residual Waste to Blue Bag Recycling @ 550t increase - gate fee saving = £18k</p> <p>Diversion from Residual Waste to Green/Garden Waste Recycling @ 375t increase - gate fee saving = £26k</p> <p>Year Two:</p> <p>By undertaking waste minimisation activities realising an overall reduction in Residual Waste by 500t saving = £53k</p> <p>Further diversion of food waste @ 500t - gate fee saving = £24k</p> <p>Further diversion into Blue Bag Recycling @ 350t - saving = £11k</p> <p>Further diversion to Green/Garden Waste @ 175t - saving = £12k</p>
Closed landfill Sites	Environment & PP	231	We currently manage the ongoing aftercare at two former refuse landfill sites - Nantycaws (Phase 1) in Carmarthen and Wern Ddu in Ammanford. This includes dealing with leachate from the landfill sites and ensuring the adequacy and functionality of the infrastructure, including drainage systems.	30	30	0	Negotiation of reduced licensing fees and reduced effluent disposal costs will realise savings.
Enforcement	Environment & PP	551	The Environmental Enforcement section is responsible for providing enforcement activity in relation to environmental crime. This includes matters relating to dog fouling, litter, fly tipping, waste carrier offences, domestic and business waste offences, abandoned vehicles, anti-social behaviour for example graffiti, highways offences and skips and scaffolding. Enforcement is effected by means of formal notices, fixed penalty fines and prosecutions.	11	11	0	<p>Review, procure and tender the abandoned vehicle service collaboratively working with Fleet Management. Review current pool and lease car arrangements with the aim of reducing the number.</p> <p>Abandoned Vehicle Saving - £7,175</p> <p>Removal of Lease Car Saving - £4,000</p>
Flood Defence and Coastal	Environment & PP	335	Overall management and delivery of arrangements to ensure the integrity of assets associated with mitigating risks associated with flooding and coastal erosion.	30	30	0	Reduction in minor improvement works programme - this can be accommodated since investment over previous years has addressed main flooding issues. Funding will continue to be required to maintain assets and to upgrade defective culverts.
Communications expenditure reduction	Environment & PP		This budget is allocated to raise awareness and education of the waste services operating to Carmarthenshire residents. Promoting the kerbside dry recycle and food waste service, home composting, bring sites and household waste recycling centres. Advising on methods of re use and waste minimisation. Information in various formats have been used to encourage participation in various schemes in order to assist with the overall objective of meeting our recycling targets.	30	30	0	By bringing more focus to specific messages and target audiences, following the corporate vision of channel shift and taking advantages of the changes within the communication method medium, we can further enhance communication at a reduced cost. Social media and website based data provision can be used further as a method of focussed communication. Developing and enhancing relationships with established volunteer community groups and non-government organisation and linking in on their social media platforms to expand on capturing our target audience will reduce the requirement/ frequency of using traditional communication methods. Cutting back on printed materials and streamlining information leaflets will also reduce print re print/ graphics costs. Capturing data such as email addresses and mobile telephone numbers from residents who authorise the use of said contact details in order to join the text messaging service and dot-mailer facility reducing postage costs on mass mailing.

Department	Scrutiny Indicator	2017-18 Budget	FACT FILE	'2018-19 Proposed	'2018-19 Delivered	'2018-19 Variance	EFFICIENCY DESCRIPTION
		£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	
Grounds - Plant rationalisation	Environment & PP	1,364	The Grounds Maintenance Section incorporates the direct responsibility of managing and maintaining parks and playgrounds, inland water areas and a large number of public open spaces within Carmarthenshire. It also maintains grounds for many other departments of the County Council such as Social Care and Housing, Cultural Services, Education and many individual schools. The Section also has numerous external clients such as Town and Community Councils and private sports clubs.	18	18	0	Review of Fleet Replacement Programme - due to the success of the Community Asset Transfer programme and resulting rationalisation of plant, some items of plant due for renewal within the Fleet Renewal Programme can be disposed of instead of replaced.
Grounds - management of open water facilities - B line provision	Environment & PP	as above	The Grounds Unit is responsible for some inland water areas. Part of this responsibility is to ensure that where buoyancy aid type safety equipment (floatation B-Lines) are installed, that these are maintained and are fit for purpose. Installation and equipment type depends on the specific risk assessment that is undertaken on each site.	7.5	7.5	0	The buoyancy aid B Lines that are installed often get damaged or stolen. There is an ongoing cost to replace these items. We will source a different product that meets our requirements for a reduced cost.
Asset Transfers - Parks	Environment & PP	as above	Transfer of Parks, Playgrounds and Amenity areas to Town Councils, Community Councils or Sports organisations.	141	141	0	Reduction in maintenance costs following the transfer of assets to Town/Community Councils or sports organisations.
Review of Divisional structures	Environment & PP	divisional budget		30	30	0	Divisional review to be undertaken following the departmental re-alignment with a view to rationalising service provision.
PCs and Cemetery	Environment & PP	514	Operation and maintenance of Public Conveniences and Ammanford Cemetery facility..	10	10	0	Review of general expenditure budgets
Total Waste & Environmental Services				377.5	377.5	0	

Highways & Transport

General - Public & School Transport	Environment & PP	8,681	The County Council provides financial support to enable the provision of socially necessary bus and community transport services where the commercial sector does not provide. Over 1.07 million passenger journeys are supported each year. The bus network covers 13,658 kms every day. 55% of the overall network is subsidised to sustain access for communities. The Authority also provides school and college transport for 8,258 pupils/students who are eligible for assistance. Circa 3.07 million passenger journeys per annum are undertaken on the school/college network of services.	150	150	0	Supply chain efficiencies across transport networks. We will continually review routes to ensure the most efficient routing and loading of vehicles is achieved. Demand will also be managed in accordance with the Authority's statutory obligations and policy on provision. Routes will also be subject to competition.
Highway Lighting	Environment & PP	1,267	The County Council provides and maintains Street Lighting to help facilitate the safe movement of goods and people. There are over 19,700 columns across the highway network with a further 800 units located on industrial estates and car parks. The street lighting network is currently being modernised via a 3 year investment plan. LED lamps are replacing the previous Sodium lamps.	107	107	0	Saving in energy consumption arising from investment in LED lighting and installation of timers for part night illumination. WG invest 2 Save funding has been approved. Proposal is to reduce operating costs without turning lights off. Delivery programme is underway.
Highways	Environment & PP	8,047	The County Council maintains 3,371 km of highway in Carmarthenshire. It is the second largest length of highway network in Wales. The Authority has a statutory duty to maintain the network to a safe standard to facilitate the safe movement of goods and people. Over fifty five percent of the Gross Expenditure relates to supplies and services.	292	292	0	Improving the efficiency across the supply chain from supplies and services, programme management and works delivery.
Highways & Transport division	Environment & PP	divisional budget	The Highways and Transportation services merged into a single division in August 2016. This will provide an opportunity to reduce areas of duplication.	35	35	0	Divisional review to be undertaken following the departmental re-alignment with a view to rationalising service provision.
Civil Design	Environment & PP	-432		80	80	0	Reconfigure Design to increase income
Total Highways & Transport division				664	664	0	

Property

Admin Buildings	Environment & PP	2,426	Energy, rates, telephone and cleaning costs for Administrative Office buildings including St David's Park	121	121	0	Savings on the running costs of the Council's office accommodation following vacation and subsequent sale or rental(In 18/19 this was as a consequence of agile working).
Industrial Premises	Environment & PP	-922	Rental income and costs of managing the Council's 400 industrial units, which provide business accommodation supporting 2,000 jobs in the County	5	5	0	Above-inflation increase in income target
Total Property division				126	126	0	

ENVIRONMENT TOTAL**1,283 1,283 0**

Department	Scrutiny Indicator	2017-18 Budget	FACT FILE	'2018-19 Proposed	'2018-19 Delivered	'2018-19 Variance	EFFICIENCY DESCRIPTION
		£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	

Policy - on Target

Environment

Waste & Environmental Services

Clinical Waste Collections	Environ-ment & PP	221	The collection of hygiene waste is currently undertaken by a third party contractor. The contract comes to an end in November 2018. Hygiene waste includes the following types of waste: Items used to dispose of urine, faeces and other bodily secretions or excretions including: Disposable bed pans Bed pan liners Incontinence pads Stoma bags Urine containers This type of waste can be placed in black bags.	54	54	0	This waste is suitable for collection as part of our residual black bag waste collection service. The proposal is to terminate the current contract and co-collect with our domestic waste at the kerbside. There will be a loss of recycling to the extent of approximately 0.25%.
Age Cymru	Environ-ment & PP	20	Since 2011 the Authority has had a service level agreement in place with Age Cymru to assist with access to recycling facilities in the County. The main focus was to provide recycling information and assist with glass collection from the domestic residency to a nearby recycling centre by age cymru volunteers.	11	11	0	Our Contact Centre and Customer Service centre have all the information required to fully inform residents of their requirements either by face to face, telephone or leaflets and electronic methods of communication. We also have community recycling advisors who would be able to visit if the resident could not use the aforementioned facilities. This element of the SLA is fully covered in house. In respect of the glass recycling we have recycling facilities at over 150 recycling centres across the county and many are located at supermarket locations where residents carry out their daily/ weekly grocery shop and would allow for residents or their carers/ aids to take one or two items on frequent basis allowing for ease of disposal. The service currently has 52 clients and currently operating at approx.£350/client.
Grounds - at Town Hall	Environ-ment & PP	20	At Town Hall Grounds in Llanelli successional bedding has always been planted i.e. Spring Bedding and Summer Bedding.	10	10	0	We propose to cease with the supply and planting of Spring Bedding, leaving the bed fallow. Non planting of spring bedding will result in colourful flower displays through the summer months only.
Total Waste & Environmental Services division				75	75	0	

Highways & Transport

Searches	Environ-ment & PP	0	The Strategic Planning and Infrastructure unit processes local land searches to identify the status of land in terms of designation and any potential highway implications, maintaining records of highways schemes and new requests for infrastructure.	10	10	0	Searches charges
Highways	Environ-ment & PP	8,047	The County Council maintains 3,371 km of highway in Carmarthenshire. It is the second largest length of highway network in Wales. More than 6,000km of grass verges throughout Carmarthenshire are cut every year. The council has a statutory duty to maintain the highway in a safe condition for motorists and pedestrians. Generally one cut is carried out a year, however, a second cut may be needed in some areas in early September, depending on weather and growing conditions throughout the season.	25	25	0	Reduction in frequency of verge mowing
Total Highways & Transport division				35	35	0	

Environment Total

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ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17TH MAY 2019

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2019/20

To consider and comment on the following issues:

That the Committee confirms and notes its Forward Work Programme for 2019/20.

Reasons:

The County Council's Constitution requires scrutiny committees to develop and publish annual forward work programmes that identify issues and reports to be considered during the course of the municipal year.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: *NOT APPLICABLE*

Directorate: Chief Executive's	Designations:	Tel Nos. / E-Mail Addresses:
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17TH MAY 2019

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2019/20

Article 6.2 of the County Council's Constitution states that: *"Each scrutiny committee is required to develop and publish an annual forward work programme, identifying issues and reports to be considered during the course of a municipal year"*.

The Forward Work Programme:

- Provides an opportunity for members to determine the priority issues to be considered by their scrutiny committee over the course of the next year.
- Provides the Committee opportunities to scrutinise both budget and performance monitoring reports.
- Provides a focus for both officers and members, and is a vehicle for communicating the work of the Committee to the public. The programme (see attached report) will be published on the council's website and will be updated on a quarterly basis – www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/scrutiny. It will also be updated on a quarterly basis.
- Ensures agreement of provisional agendas for scheduled scrutiny meetings within the council diary. The Programme is a flexible document that can be amended to reflect additional meetings and agenda items during the course of the year.

Members will recall that the Committee held an informal Forward Work Programme development session on the 22nd February, 2019 to begin the process of formulating the forward work programme for 2019/20. This afforded Members the opportunity to develop the Committee's Forward Work Programme within the remit of the Environment and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee.

The outcome of this meeting is now presented to the Committee in the Forward Work Programme for confirmation.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

**Draft Forward Work Programme 2019/20
Executive Board Forward Work Programme 2019/20**

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

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities – In line with requirements of the County Council's Constitution.

2. Legal – In line with requirements of the County Council's Constitution.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: **Linda Rees-Jones** Head of Administration & Law

- 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
Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Reports and Minutes	Meetings held up to July 2015: http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/committees-meetings/agendas-minutes-(archive)/ Meetings from September 2015 onwards: http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=134
Executive Board Forward Work Programme	Executive Board Forward Work Programme 2019/20 http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s29690/EXECUTIVEBOARDFWP.doc.pdf

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Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee – Forward Work Plan 2019/20

17 th May 2019	10 th June 2019		5 th July 2019	30 th September 2019	15 th November 2019	9 th December 2019	13 th January 2020	21 st February 2020	17 th April 2020
	Joint Committee with SC&H 10:00am	E&PP only 11:00am							
E&PP Forward Work Programme 2019/20	Area Planning Board’s Drug & Alcohol Misuse Annual Report 2018	Public Convenience Strategy	Carmarthenshire Council Annual Report 2018/19	Quarter 1 New Corporate Strategy Performance Monitoring Report 2019/20	Business and Consumer Affairs Annual Report 2018/19	3-year Revenue Budget Consultation	Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) Annual Update	Highway Footway and Road Safety Investment Programme Update	Quarter 3 New Corporate Strategy Performance Monitoring Report 2019/20
Report on Public Space Protection Order consultation		Task and Finish Scoping Document	Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Highways Asset Management Plan Annual Statement	Compliments & Complaints Annual Report 2018/19	Environment Departmental Business Plan 2019/20 – 2022			
Budget Monitoring 2018/19			E&PP Scrutiny Committee - Actions Update	Budget Monitoring 2019/20	Net Zero Carbon Action Plan	5-year Capital Budget Consultation			
Corporate Strategy 2019/20 Page 33	Substance Misuse Service Annual Report 2018/19	Active Travel Update	Environmental Protection Annual Report 2018/19	Communities Departmental Business Plan 2019/20 – 2022		E&PP Scrutiny Committee - Actions Update			
		Environment Act Action Plan Update	E&PP Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2018/19		Budget Monitoring 2019/20				
		Flood Report							

OTHER REPORTS TO BE INCLUDED:

As agreed by the Committee on 22nd February at its Forward Work Programme Development session, periodic updates on the waste collections modelling review will be reported to the Committee throughout the course of the year. Information/General updates on this matter will also be provided to Members of the Committee by e-mail.

ITEMS FOR JOINT MEETINGS IN 2019/20:

Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting with Social Care and Health to consider (10th June 2019):

- Area Planning Board's Drug & Alcohol Misuse Strategy Annual Report 2018
- Substance Misuse Service Annual Report 2017-18

TASK & FINISH REVIEW:

At its informal Forward Work Programme development session on 22nd February 2019, the Committee considered a number of suggested topic areas/projects to review. Following a discussion, the Committee in principal agreed to undertake a review of the Trading Standards Services – Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme (FESS). A Planning and Scoping report will be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 10th June 2019.

SITE VISIT / DEVELOPMENT SESSION

Site visit – None identified

Development session – All member seminar on Conservation and biodiversity – 20th June 2019

EXECUTIVE BOARD FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 19/20

as at 15th March 2019

Introduction

This plan is published to encourage and enable greater understanding between the Executive, all Councillors, the public and other stakeholders. It assists the Scrutiny Committees in planning their contribution to policy development and holding the executive to account.

The plan gives the public and stakeholders a chance to see the forthcoming major decisions to be made by the Executive Board over the next 12 months. It is reviewed and published quarterly to take account of changes and additional key decisions.

EXECUTIVE BOARD FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 19/20
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CHIEF EXECUTIVES

Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT	Wendy Walters Director of Regeneration & Policy	HR	Yes	N/A
EQUALITIES REPORT	Wendy Walters, Director of Regeneration & Policy/Gwyneth Ayres	Housing	July	July
COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT	Wendy Walters	Deputy Leader	All Sept	

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as at 15th March 2019

CHIEF EXECUTIVES				
Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
SICKNESS ABSENCE UPDATE	Paul R Thomas	Deputy Leader	June – monitoring report	
TRANSFORMATION INNOVATION AND CHANGE ANNUAL REPORT	Jon Owen – TIC MANAGER	Deputy Leader	OCT	OCT
WELLBEING OBJECTIVES	Wendy Walters Director of Regeneration and Policy	Communities and Rural Affairs		
ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT - DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY 2017-2020	Noelwyn Daniel Head of ICT	Deputy Leader	APRIL	MAY

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CHIEF EXECUTIVES

Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
WELSH LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT	Wendy Walters, Director of Regeneration & Policy/Gwyneth Ayres	Culture, Sport & Tourism	June	July
ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCILLORS' & CO-OPTED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME	Gaynor Morgan Democratic Services		Democratic Services Cttee MARCH 2019	
WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS	Wendy Walters Director of Regeneration & Policy	Deputy Leader	If applicable	If applicable
REVIEW OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES & ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS	Wendy Walters, Director of Regeneration & Policy	Resources	As and when required	

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as at 15th March 2019

CHIEF EXECUTIVES				
Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION (LEGISLATION CHANGES) - CRWG	Linda Rees Jones Head of Administration & Law	N/A CRWG - FEB	N/A	AS AND WHEN REQUIRED
CONFERENCE APPLICATIONS/REPORTS	Gaynor Morgan Democratic Services Manager	Leader	N/A	N/A
CITY DEAL UPDATE (INCLUDING LIFE SCIENCE & WELLNESS PROJECT	Wendy Walters Director of Regeneration and Policy	Leader		
RURAL AFFAIRS TASK GROUP REPORT	Wendy Walters Director of Regeneration & Policy/Gwyeth Ayres	Communities & Rural Affairs		

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
POOLED FUND ARRANGEMENTS (ALL ADULTS))	Martyn Palfreman Head of Regional Collaboration	Social Care & Health	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
IFST POOLED FUND AGREEMENT (DEC 2018)	Martyn Palfreman Head of Regional Collaboration	Social Care & Health	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
ORIEL MYRDDIN UPDATE ON TRUST	Ian Jones Head of Leisure	Culture, Sport & Tourism	No	To be confirmed
LEASE OF LAND BRYNAMMAN RFC	Ian Jones Head of Leisure	Culture, Sport & Tourism	NO	To be confirmed
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2018/19	Jake Morgan	Social Care & Health	03/07/19 (to be joint SC&H & E&CS)	29/07/19
CHS+ DELIVERING WHAT MATTERS BUSINESS PLAN	Jonathan Morgan – Head of Homes and Safer Communities	Housing	Community Jan 2020	Feb 2020

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Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
AFFORDABLE HOMES POLICY	Jonathan Morgan Head of Homes and Safer Communities	Housing		
AFFORDABLE HOMES STANDARDS	Jonathan Morgan - Head of Homes and Safer Communities	Housing	TBC Community	TBC

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Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
BI-MONTHLY REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORTS	Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services	RESOURCES	N/A	APRIL JUNE SEPT NOV JAN MARCH
QUARTERLY TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT	Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services	RESOURCES	N/A	JULY OCT JAN
ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT & PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT	Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services	RESOURCES	N/A	JULY
5 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME	Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services	RESOURCES	ALL DEC/ JAN	NOV

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COUNCIL TAX BASE	Chris Moore / Helen Pugh	RESOURCES	N/A	DEC
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	Chris Moore / Helen Pugh	RESOURCES	N/A	FEB
BUDGET STRATEGY (Revenue and Capital)	Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services	RESOURCES	ALL DEC/ JAN	NOV
HIGH STREET RATE RELIEF	Chris Moore / Helen Pugh	RESOURCES	N/A	End May/ early June
CORPORATE RISK REGISTER	Chris Moore / Helen Pugh	RESOURCES	– Audit Committee March & SEPT	

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FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES	Chris Moore /Helen Pugh	RESOURCES	TBC – Audit Committee	
TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY	Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services	RESOURCES	N/A	FEB
FINAL BUDGET Revenue & Capital	Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services	RESOURCES	N/A	FEB
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND RENT SETTING REPORT	Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services	RESOURCES	HOUSING	FEB
BUDGET OUTLOOK	Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services	RESOURCES	N/A	JULY/SEPT

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EDUCATION & CHILDREN				
Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME - QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS	Simon Davies - Modernisation Services Manager	E&C	N/A	N/A

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ENVIRONMENT

Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
Community Council LED Light	Ruth Mullen Director of Environment / Steve Pilliner Head of Transportation & Highways	Environment	N/A	01/04/2019
LDP	Ruth Mullen Director of Environment / Llinos Quelch Head of Planning	Strategic Planning	N/A	29/04/2019
Tywi valley path	Ruth Mullen Director of Environment / Steve Pilliner Head of Transportation & Highways	Environment	N/A	29/04/2019

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Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
Household Waste Recycling provision	Ruth Mullen Director of Environment / Ainsley Williams Head of Waste & Environmental Services	Environment	17/05/2019	03/06/2019
Public Space Protection Order	Ruth Mullen Director of Environment / Ainsley Williams Head of Waste & Environmental Services	Environment	17/05/2019	03/06/2019
Public Convenience Strategy	Ruth Mullen Director of Environment / Ainsley Williams Head of Waste & Environmental Services	Environment	17/05/2019	03/06/2019

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ENVIRONMENT

Subject area and brief description of nature of report	Responsible Officer	Executive Portfolio	Scrutiny Committee to be consulted	Date of expected decision by Executive Board
Regional Technical Statement for Aggregates	Ruth Mullen Director / Llinos Quelch Head of Planning	Strategic Planning	N/A	29/07/2019
Flood Investigation Report	Ruth Mullen Director / Ainsley Williams Head of Waste & Environmental Services	Environment	05/07/2019	29/07/2019
Adoption of Flood Risk Management Plan	Ruth Mullen Director / Ainsley Williams Head of Waste & Environmental Services	Environment	N/A	01/07/2019
Cleansing Review	Ruth Mullen Director / Ainsley Williams Head of Waste & Environmental Services	Environment	30/09/2019	21/11/2019

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ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 MAY 2019

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (CARMARTHENSHIRE DOG ORDERS)

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- 1) That the duration of the Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2016 be extended for a further period of 3 years with effect from the 1st July 2019.
- 2) That the Council makes an Extension Order to give effect to the above extension and endorses the 2016 Order with suitable wording to reflect the fact that the duration of the 2016 order has been extended.

Reasons:

The Original Order came in to force on the 1st July 2016. It was made for a period of 3 years, and is due to expire shortly, for this reason we need to consider extending it. If the existing order is not extended, the current controls will no longer apply from the 1st July.

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

YES- Executive Board on 3rd June 2019

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

Cllr. Philip Hughes

Directorate: Environment Name of Head of Service: Ainsley Williams Report Author: Michael Roberts	Designations: Head of Waste & Environmental Services Local Environment Quality Policy Officer	Tel Nos. / E-Mail Addresses: 01267 224500 AIWilliams@carmarthenshire.gov.uk 01267 225806 MJRoberts@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 MAY 2019

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (CARMARTHENSHIRE DOG ORDERS)

1. Background to the 2016 Order

- 1.1 People who fail to clean up after their dogs on publicly accessible land cause nuisance to others. The presence of dog faeces is a potential hazard to all members of the public. It causes risks to health, defaces land and has the potential to deface people and their property.
- 1.2 When not properly supervised and kept under control, dogs that are allowed off a lead in public areas can cause road traffic accidents, and can cause nuisance or injury to members of the public and to other animals.
- 1.3 Dogs in children's play areas can become aggressive if startled. They can also defecate in these areas, defacing and causing a health risk to the young children that use them.
- 1.4 In 2016, the Council made the Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2016 ("the Original Order") to address the above behaviour on the basis that it had and was likely to continue to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of people within Carmarthenshire (Appendix 1).
- 1.5 The Original Order sought to prevent or reduce the detrimental effects referred to above, by imposing reasonable restrictions and requirements on people whilst in charge of dogs on public land.
- 1.6 Subject to a number of exemptions and restrictions, the Original Order required people:
 - To clean up after their dogs on all public land in the County;
 - To put and keep their dog on a lead of not more than 2 metres in length when directed to do so by an authorised officer of the Council, where such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
 - Not to take their dog onto, or permits their dog to enter or remain on any enclosed children's play areas in the County.
- 1.7 The Original Order came in to force on the 1st July 2016. It was made for a period of 3 years, and is due to expire shortly, for this reason we need to consider extending it. If the existing order is not extended, the current controls will no longer apply from the 1st July.
- 1.8 Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) can be extended for further periods of up to 3 years at a time.

2. Legal Test

2.1 Before the a public spaces protection order expires, the local authority that made the order may extend the period for which it has effect if satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent:-

- (a) occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the order; or
- (b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.

3. Evidence and Reasons

3.1 Since the 2016 Order came in to force there have been 396 complaints received in relation to dog fouling; 73 fixed penalty tickets have been issued and 7 prosecutions have been implemented for offenders who failed to pay the fixed penalty notice.

3.2. In the last 3 years no directions have been issued requiring individuals to place their dog on a lead of no more than 2m in length. We did not expect these powers to be widely used, as they were intended for use only where it is necessary to place a dog on a lead in order to deal with ongoing acts of nuisance. They also require authorised officers to be “in the right place at the right time” to be able to defuse incidents. We do continue to receive complaints about dog related nuisance on public land and remain of the view that this is useful power which enables officers to deal with any incidents which they may come across.

A small number of complaints have been received about dogs in play areas and enforcement action has been taken against 1 person. We believe that the provision excluding dogs from children’s play areas and the accompanying signage which we have erected at relevant sites have served as an effective deterrent.

3.3 The Council is satisfied that it is necessary to extend the duration of the Original Order for a further 3 years in order to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of the behaviour set out set out above after the 1st July 2019, or to prevent an increased in the frequency or seriousness of the behaviour after that date.

3.4 It is a requirement the PSPO be reviewed after 3 years. As part of the review, approval was given by CMT on the 18th February 2019 that the authority sought the views of a limited consultees on the extension of the 2016 Order. This consultation period opened on Friday 15th February 2019 and closed on Friday 29th March 2019. There is also a requirement to publish details of the proposed extension on the authority’s web site, this was undertaken and is currently available for the public to view.

4. Summary of responses received to the Limited Consultation

4.1 Between February and March 2019 the Council undertook a statutory consultation to gather the views of key stakeholders on the authority's proposals of extending the current Public Spaces Protection Orders. Consultees were asked whether they supported the extension of the orders, with a section where comments can be made by the consultees.

4.2 We consulted with the following:-

- The Chief of Police and the local policing body for the area affected by the order
- County Councillors
- The Town and Community Councils.
- The Kennel Club
- Local Access forum
- Carmarthenshire Disabled Access Group
- CCC's Public Rights of Way.
- Brecon Beacons National Park

4.3 A summary of responses is provided below:-

35 responses were received (these are as follows):-

- 4 County Councillors
- 23 Town & Community Councils
- 7 Other Organisations or Group
- 1 Anonymous

100% of respondents supported the extension of the current PSPO for a period of 3 years.

4.4 It was noted that the authority received multiple response from two Community Councils and 4 responses from individuals / groups that weren't invited to comment. We have decided to take all the responses into account. This has no bearing on the outcome as all the respondents were supportive of the proposals.

The Kennel Club provided a comprehensive response / report on the authority's PSPO's (See Appendix 5)

4.5 A number of respondents suggested that we consider introducing additional dog controls/restrictions to wider areas. However, the purpose of this consultation was to consider extending the duration of the current order.

The Authority could consider additional controls in future if necessary, but they would need to be evidence based and subject to a separate consultation.

4.6 The Kennel Club asked the authority to consider a broader definition of the term "assistance dog" for the purposes of the exclusions in the 2016 Order, to allow for owner trained assistance dogs. We already allow flexibility when considering whether a disabled person's dog is acting as an assistance dog. If we are satisfied that a disabled person relies on assistance dog which has not been trained by a registered charity, we will not consider it in the public interest to prosecute them if they breach the exclusion order. However, it will be up to the disabled person to provide us with evidence to show that the dog is suitably trained and that they rely on it for assistance. We will consider each case on its merits. Our Equality Impact Statement reflects this.

5. Procedure

5. 1 To extend the duration of the 2016 Order a new Extension Order will need to be made. A draft order can be found in Appendix 2.
5. 2 The Council will also need to endorse the original 2016 sealed order with suitable wording to reflect the fact that the duration of the 2016 order has been extended. This is necessary because after the order has been extended we are required to publish a copy of the original order "*as extended*".

6. Recommendation

It is recommended:-

- a) That the duration of the Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2016 be extended for a further period of 3 years with effect from the 1st July 2019
- b) That the Council makes an Extension Order to give effect to the above extension and endorses the 2016 Order with suitable wording to reflect the fact that the duration of the 2016 order has been extended.

Appendices: -

**Appendix 1 – Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control)
Public Spaces Protection Order 2016**

Appendix 2 - Draft Extension Order 2016

Appendix 3 – Summary report of PSPO Consultation.

Appendix 4 – Finalised Data of PSPO Consultation

**Appendix 5 - Detailed Response from the Kennel Club to Carmarthenshire County
Council's Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation**

Appendix 6 – Equality Impact Statement

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

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: A I Williams

Title: Head of Waste & Environmental Services

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder & Equalities

This matter falls within Community Safety and Public Health Policies and Initiatives. These proposals will support the Council's aims with regard to reducing environmental Crime and Safeguarding Public Health.

An Equality Impact Assessment in respect of the proposal is attached to the detailed report (Appendix 6).

2. Legal

Introduction of the PSPO (Dog Control Orders) is not a legal duty, but is a discretionary power. However, there are benefits in extending the current order, and this would be done in compliance with all the relevant legislation and in consultation with the Council's Legal Services Department.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: A I Williams

Title: Head of Waste & Environmental Services

Local Member(s) – N/A

Community / Town Councils – N/A; affects whole Authority area

Relevant Partners – To be consulted

- The Chief of Police and the local policing body for the area affected by the order
- County Councillors
- The Town and Community Councils.
- The Kennel Club
- Local Access forum
- Carmarthenshire Disabled Access Group
- CCC's Public Rights of Way.
- Brecon Beacons National Park

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
The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Statutory guidance for frontline professionals (Updated 2017)	Home Office- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/679712/2017-12-13_ASB_Revised_Statutory_Guidance_V2.1_Final.pdf
2014 DEFRA Dealing Practitioner's Manual on dealing with irresponsible dog ownership	DEFRA- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/373429/dog-ownership-practitioners-manual-201411.pdf
The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014	Legislation. gov.uk http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/content
Anti – Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. (Statutory Instruments).	Home Office https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/2591/pdfs/uksi_20142591_en.pdf
The Kennel Club - Responsible Dog Ownership	The Kennel club website http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/responsible-dog-ownership

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Carmarthenshire County Council

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014

**Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces
Protection Order 2016**

Carmarthenshire County Council ("the Council") hereby makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order under section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014:

This Order may be cited as the 'Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2016'.

This Order will come into force on 1st July 2016 and will remain in force for a period of three years.

Introduction

- (a) People who fail to clean up after their dogs on publicly accessible land cause nuisance to others. The presence of dog faeces is a potential hazard to all members of the public alike. It causes risks to health, defaces land and has the potential to deface people and their property.
- (b) When not properly supervised and kept under control, dogs that are allowed off a lead in public areas can cause road traffic accidents, and can cause nuisance or injury to members of the public and to other animals.
- (c) Dogs in children's play areas can become aggressive if startled. They can also defecate in these areas, defacing and causing a health risk to the young children that use them.
- (d) The Council is satisfied that the behaviour set out above has had, and is likely to continue to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of people within Carmarthenshire.
- (e) This Order seeks to prevent or reduce the detrimental effects referred to above, by imposing reasonable restrictions and requirements on people whilst in charge of dogs on public land. It seeks to facilitate the safe sharing of our public spaces, whilst recognising that people should be able to exercise their dogs off lead in public areas, provided that their dogs are under control and behaving appropriately.

Offences

Part 1 - Dog Fouling

1. If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this part of the Order applies, and the person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless he can show that:-
 - (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - (b) the owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to him failing to do so;
2. This part of the Order applies to all public places in the County of Carmarthenshire.

For these purposes, a "public place" means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.
3. For the purpose of this part of the Order:
 - (a) placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for this purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be a sufficient removal from the land;
 - (b) being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces, shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;

Part 2 - Dogs on Leads by Direction

4. A person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if at any time, on land to which this part of the Order applies, they fail to comply with a direction given to them by an authorised officer of the Council to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than 2 metres in length for such period and/or in such circumstances as directed by the officer, unless he can show that:-
 - (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - (b) the owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land, has consented (generally or specifically) to him failing to do so.
5. For these purposes, a "lead" means any rope, cord, leash or similar item used to tether, control or restrain a dog, but does not include any such item which is not actively being used as a means of restraint so that the dog remains under a person's close control.
6. This part of the Order applies to all public places in the County of Carmarthenshire.

For these purposes, a "public place" means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission
7. For the purposes of this part of the Order, an authorised officer of the Council may only direct a person to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
8. In this part of the Order "an authorised officer of the Council" means a person who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this Order. This can include a person who is not an employee of the Council.

Part 3 - Dog Exclusions

9. A person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if at any time he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or remain on, any land to which this part of the Order applies, unless he can show that:-
- (a) he has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
 - (b) the owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land, has consented (generally or specifically) to him doing so;
10. This Part of the Order applies to all enclosed children's play areas in the County of Carmarthenshire that are open to the air.
- For these purposes land which is covered is to be treated as land which is "open to the air" if it is open on at least one side.
11. For the purposes of this part of the Order:-
- (a) A "children's play area" is an area that is set aside for children to play in and contains children's play equipment such as a slide, swings, seesaw, climbing frame or other similar play apparatus.
 - (b) A children's play area is "enclosed", if it is surrounded on all sides by fences, gates, walls or other structures that mark the extent of the play area.

Exemptions for Disabled People

12. The dog fouling provisions in this Order do not apply to a person who:
- (a) is registered as partially sighted or blind, in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
 - (b) is registered as "sight-impaired", "severely sight-impaired" or as "having sight and hearing impairments which, in combination, have a significant effect on their day to day lives", in a register compiled under section 18 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014; or
 - (c) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination, or ability to lift, carry, or otherwise move everyday objects, such that he cannot reasonably be expected to remove the faeces; or

- (d) has some other disability, such that he cannot reasonably be expected to remove the faeces.
- 13. The dog exclusion provisions in this Order do not apply to a dog trained by a registered charity to assist a person with a disability and upon which a disabled person relies for assistance.
- 14. For the purposes of this Order, a “disability” means a condition that qualifies as a disability for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010 and a “disabled person” means a person who has such a disability.

Exemption for Working Dogs

- 15. Nothing in this Order shall apply to the normal activities of a working dog, whilst the dog is working.

This includes dogs that are being used for work in connection with emergency search and rescue, law enforcement and the work of Her Majesty’s armed forces; farm dogs that are being used to herd or drive animals; dogs that are being lawfully used for the capture or destruction of vermin and dogs that are being lawfully used for the purposes of hunting.

Other Matters

- 16. For the purposes of this Order a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
- 17. Where the person in charge of a dog wishes to rely upon any of the exemptions set out in this order, the burden will be on him to prove that he satisfies the requirements of the exemption being relied upon.

Penalties

18. A person who is guilty of an offence under this order shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
19. A Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued to a person who breaches this Order, offering them the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for the offence by payment of a fixed penalty.

Dated the 9th day of June 2016

The Common Seal of
**Carmarthenshire County
Council** was hereunto
affixed in the presence of:

Linda Rees-Jones
Head of Administration & Law



Carmarthenshire County Council

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

**Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces
Protection Order 2019**

This Order may be cited as the ‘Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2019’.

On the 9th day of June 2016 Carmarthenshire County Council ("the Council") made a Public Spaces Protection Order ("the Original Order") as described in the first schedule.

The Original Order came in to force on the 1st July 2016. It was made for a period of 3 years.

The Council hereby makes the following Order under section 60 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014:

Extension

The Original Order shall be extended for a further period of 3 years with effect from the 1st July 2019.

First Schedule
(The Original Order)

The Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2016

Dated the day of 2019

The Common Seal of
Carmarthenshire County
Council was hereunto
affixed in the presence of:

Head of Administration & Law

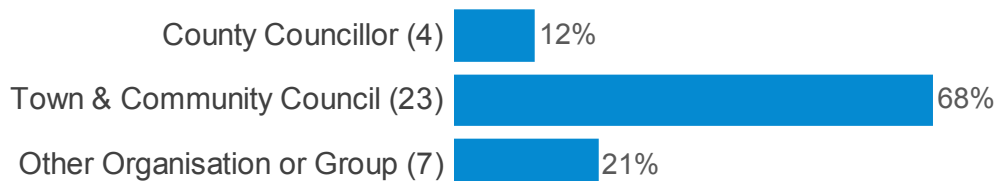
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Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

This report was generated on 01/04/19. Overall 35 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'.

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(1) Are you responding as a?**(1a) Please tell us which ward you represent**

Penygroes
Ammanford
Ward Llansteffan
Bigyn

(1a) Please tell us which Town or Community Council you are responding on behalf

Llanwinio Community Council	Capel Iwan a Chenarth
Carmarthen	Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn
Tref Caerfyrddin	Cynwyl Gaeo
Laugharne	Talley Community Council
Laugharne	Pendine Community Council
Llangynog Carms	Laugharne Township Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Llanedi	Laugharne Township Community Council
Llandybie Community Council	Pendine Community Council
Llangynog	St Clears Town Council
Llangadog	Llanelli Town Council
Cwarter Bach	Abernant Community Council

(1a) Please tell us which Organisation or Group you are representing

Whitland Memorial Hall	Dyfed Powys Police
Llandybie Rugby Club	Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum
Town councillor but my own view	The Kennel Club
Cymdeithas Twristiaeth Llansteffan	

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

(2) Do you agree with the proposed 3 year extension of the Public Spaces Protection Order?

Yes (35)  100%

No (-)

(2a) Please add any comments that you wish to make.

Public playing areas need to have a restriction on dogs. Many local sports clubs have raised the point of having to delay games because of time taken to remove dog and other animal faeces off the grass. This is a major danger to health and needs to be addressed.

We have spent a large amount of money fencing both fields and erecting signage , yet we still have a problem with dog faeces on the pitch. More dog patrols is the only answer, but we recognise the budgetary constraints you are working under.

Dog fouling is a massive problem

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Mae angen llawer mwy o erlyniadau oherwydd fel un sy'n byw ar drothwy y traeth dwi'n gweld pobl yn anwybyddu'r rheolau yn llwyr bob dydd.

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Would like to see more enforcement

Newydd gosod cctv yn parc Tygroes achos bobl yn gadael cwn i drochi yn y parc hoffwn weld swyddogion yn galw ar brydiau, hefyd darn o dir y Cyngor Sir nes i 78/79 Teglan Park a hefyd Heol Penygarn Tygroes , llawer o faw cwn ar y tri lleoliad ! Diolch

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

(2a) Please add any comments that you wish to make.

The PSPO has been very welcome , and its renewal carries the full support of Llandybie Community Council. We have had the full support of the local County Council team , and we as a Council would highly recommend greater investment into this area. Our sports pitches are a real issue, and whilst we realise the recent issues with implementing a blanket ban of dogs on sports field in Cardiff, it really is something we should pursue. Unfortunately , nothing will happen until a fatality occurs.

Seems reasonable

Mae ymddangosiad baw ci wedi cynnyddu yn sylweddol yn yr ardal, yn enwedig mewn llefydd chwaraeon yn ein cynefin

Yr ydym am cadw ein Llwybrau, Heol y dda, meysydd chwarae a lawntiau pentrefi yn hollol ian. Dim Baw Cwn. Rhagor o finniau - Baw a posteri.

This is vital to protect our community and visitors

The county Council should put byelaws in place linked to PSPO to have seasonal dog exclusion zones on beaches in the county

The Town Council support the extension of teh order as the Town Council's own efforts to combat problems with dog fouling that continue.

The Council fully supports the extension of the current order, however wished to request if a further offence could be included for not carrying dog waste bags while walking animals ? additionally the council would wish to see improvements to teh signage of the orders to ensure there was no confusion in relation to the requirements at locations.

As chairman of abernant Community Council I feel strongly about the strict need for dog control. especially on public spaces.

I write to advise that we are extremely supportive of the order being extended.

No objections were made by any of the LAF members present at the meeting and the LAF agreed to support the continuation of the orders.

We are happy to support an extension of the existing PSPO for the further three years. We have supplied additional information in our postion on the various measures contained within the existing / proposed extension order.

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15/02/19	07:23:35	15/02/19	07:24:37	1.03	Cymraeg/Welsh	County Councillor	Penygroes			Yes	
15/02/19	08:54:17	15/02/19	08:55:28	1.18	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Llanwinio Community Council		Yes	
15/02/19	08:52:45	15/02/19	08:57:04	4.32	Saesneg/English	County Councillor	Ammanford			Yes	Public playing areas need to have a restriction on dogs. Many local sports clubs have raised the point of having to delay games because of time taken to remove dog and other animal faeces off the grass. This is a major danger to health and needs to be addressed.
15/02/19	10:06:55	15/02/19	10:07:41	0.77	Saesneg/English	Other Organisation or Group			Whitland Memorial Hall	Yes	
15/02/19	11:55:21	15/02/19	11:59:37	4.27	Saesneg/English	Other Organisation or Group			Llandybie Rugby Club	Yes	We have spent a large amount of money fencing both fields and erecting signage , yet we still have a problem with dog faeces on the pitch. More dog patrols is the only answer, but we recognise the budgetary constraints you are working under.
15/02/19	12:49:05	15/02/19	12:50:32	1.45	Saesneg/English	Other Organisation or Group			Town councillor but my own view	Yes	
15/02/19	17:53:15	15/02/19	17:54:24	1.15	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Carmarthen		Yes	Dog fouling is a massive problem
15/02/19	23:19:07	15/02/19	23:32:18	13.18	Cymraeg/Welsh	County Councillor	Ward Llansteffan			Yes	Rhaid ymestyn y Gorchymyn. Mae cwn yn bla ar draeth a Grŵn Llansteffan a hoffwn i weld rheolaethau llymach os rhywbeth. Hefyd mae'n rhaid "bod yn y man cywir ar yr adeg gywir" i sicrhau mwy o erlyniadau - a rhoi cyhoeddusrwydd y cyfryngau i'r unigolion sy'n euog - er mwyn pwysleisio difrifoldeb yr achosion hyn. Mae hefyd angen dull o reoli cerddwyr cwn sy'n mynd allan wedi iddi dywyllu, pan fo'r cyhoedd ddim yn gallu gweld nad ydynt yn codi baw eu cwn. Mae system posteri Llygaid gan Keep Britain Tidy wedi bod yn llwyddiannus - gweler "Keeping an eye on it - Keep Britain Tidy" - https://www.google.com/search?ei=I0tnXLryHsOe1fAPktW88AI&q=eyes+poster+stops+dog+owners+poo&og=eyes+poster+stops+dog+owners+poo&gs_l=psy-ab.3...32970.32970..34111...0.0..0.68.68.1.....0....1..gws-wiz.....0i71.StxZ iP5KeY Diolch .
16/02/19	14:05:59	16/02/19	14:08:11	2.2	Cymraeg/Welsh	Other Organisation or Group			Cymdeithas Twristiaeth Llansteffan	Yes	Mae angen llawer mwy o erlyniadau oherwydd fel un sy'n byw ar drothwy y traeth dwi'n gweld pobl yn anwybyddu'r rheolau yn llwyr bob dydd.
16/02/19	21:09:44	16/02/19	21:20:27	10.72	Cymraeg/Welsh	Town & Community Council		Tref Caerfyrddin		Yes	Mae'n hanfodol bod cŵn yn parhau i gael eu gwahardd o barciau a neilltuwyd ar gyfer offer chwarae i blant bach, er mwyn: 1) diogelu plant rhag cael eu brawychu neu eu cnoi gan gŵn, a 2) rhag i blant ddod i gysylltiad â baw cŵn nad yw'n cael ei godi gan rai perchnogion anghyfrifol, a thrwy hynny beryglu eu hiechyd. (Yn fy marn i, dylid ystyried ymestyn y gwaharddiad i feysydd chwaraeon sy'n cael ei defnyddio gan blant ac oedolion hefyd am yr ail reswm a nodir uchod.)
17/02/19	23:42:44	17/02/19	23:43:33	0.82	Saesneg/English	County Councillor	Bigyn			Yes	
19/02/19	11:13:56	19/02/19	11:15:57	2.02	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council				Yes	Still some members of the public fail to pick up dog poo when walking their dog, this causes considerable nuisance to public health, especially children. This needs to be kept in place and policed.
19/02/19	21:56:23	19/02/19	21:58:45	2.37	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Laugharne		Yes	We would appreciate more dog warden appearances in this area
20/02/19	09:27:22	20/02/19	09:39:24	12.03	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Laugharne		Yes	As a responsible dog owner I understand peoples concerns when are off their leads, we should have dog walking zones that are easy assessable along with no dog areas or dogs must be kept on leads. I live in Laugharne and walk my dogs off their leads when it is safe to do so. ie not on open roads etc. It would be a shame if the foreshore of Laugharne would become dogs to be kept on leads, as dogs like us need to exercise. Laugharne is a very popular place to visit and walk dogs, most people being responsible owners. local businesses also benefit from these visitors as they are dog friendly. Perhaps some signage letting dog owners know they will be fined and how much they will be fined if they do not clean up after their pets. Is Essex where I used to live it could be up to a £1000 fine, if my memory serves me well. Pets wishes ;)
25/02/19	13:29:42	25/02/19	13:30:32	0.83	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Llangynog Carms		Yes	
25/02/19	15:59:06	25/02/19	15:59:54	0.8	Saesneg/English					Yes	Would like to see moe enforcement
26/02/19	09:25:47	26/02/19	09:39:00	13.22	Cymraeg/Welsh	Town & Community Council		Cyngor Cymuned Llanedi		Yes	Newydd gosod cctv yn parcTycroes achos bobl yn gadael cwn I drochi yn y parc hoffwn weld swyddogion yn galw ar brydiau, hefyd darn o dir y Cyngor Sir nes i 78/79 Teglan Park a hefyd Heol Penygarn Tycroes , llawer o faw cwn ar y tri lleoliad ! Diolch
28/02/19	00:09:18	28/02/19	00:15:44	6.43	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Llandybie Community Council		Yes	The PSPO has been very welcome , and its renewal carries the full support of Llandybie Community Council. We have had the full support of the local County Council team , and we as a Council would highly recommend greater investment into this area. Our sports pitches are a real issue, and whilst we realise the recent issues with implementing a blanket ban of dogs on sports field in Cardiff, it really is something we should pursue. Unfortunately , nothing will happen until a fatality occurs.
28/02/19	22:32:17	28/02/19	22:33:04	0.78	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Llangynog		Yes	Seems reasonable
05/03/19	16:54:12	05/03/19	16:54:52	0.67	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Llangadog		Yes	
07/03/19	08:58:59	07/03/19	09:02:05	3.1	Cymraeg/Welsh	Town & Community Council		Cwarter Bach		Yes	Mae ymddangosiad baw ci wedi cynnyddu yn sylweddol yn yr ardal, yn enwedig mewn llefydd chwaraeon yn ein cynefin
14/03/19	09:58:20	14/03/19	10:14:49	16.48	Cymraeg/Welsh	Town & Community Council		Capel Iwan a Chenarth		Yes	Yr ydym am cadw ein Llwybrau, Heol y dda, meysydd chwarae a lawntiau pentrefi yn hollol ian. Dim Baw Cwn. Rhagor o finniau - Baw a posteri.
15/03/19	07:41:21	15/03/19	07:42:37	1.27	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn		Yes	
20/03/19	12:25:30	20/03/19	12:27:14	1.73	Cymraeg/Welsh	Town & Community Council		Cynwyl Gaeo		Yes	
20/03/19	20:01:28	20/03/19	20:03:21	1.88	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Talley Community Council		Yes	
26/03/19	16:14:09	26/03/19	16:15:34	1.42	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Pendine Community Council		Yes	This is vital to protect our community and visitors
26/03/19	16:16:34	26/03/19	16:17:37	1.05	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Laugharne Township Community Council		Yes	
26/03/19	16:17:50	26/03/19	16:18:16	0.43	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Laugharne Township Community Council		Yes	
26/03/19	16:18:27	26/03/19	16:20:33	2.1	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Pendine Community Council		Yes	The county Council should put byelaws in place linked to PSPO to have seasonal dog exclusion zones on beaches in the county
01/04/19	13:28:02	01/04/19	13:30:36	2.57	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		St Clears Town Council		Yes	The Town Council support the extension of teh order as the Town Council's own efforts to combat problems with dog fouling that continue.
01/04/19	13:37:18	01/04/19	13:42:11	4.88	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Llanelli Town Council		Yes	The Council fully supports the extension of the current order, however wished to request if a further offence could be included for not carrying dog waste bags while walking animals ? additionally the council would wish to see improvements to teh signage of the orders to ensure there was no confusion in relation to the requirements at locations.
01/04/19	13:43:22	01/04/19	13:47:08	3.77	Saesneg/English	Town & Community Council		Abernant Community Council		Yes	As chairman of abernant Community Council I feel strongly about the strict need for dog control. especially on public spaces.
01/04/19	13:47:41	01/04/19	13:49:50	2.15	Saesneg/English	Other Organisation or Group			Dyfed Powys Police	Yes	I write to advise that we are extremely supportive of the order being extended.
01/04/19	13:50:21	01/04/19	13:52:45	2.4	Saesneg/English	Other Organisation or Group			Carmarthenshire Local Access Forumn	Yes	No objections were made by any of the LAF members present at the meeting and the LAF agreed to support the continuation of the orders.
01/04/19	13:53:29	01/04/19	13:56:11	2.7	Saesneg/English	Other Organisation or Group			The Kennel Club	Yes	We are happy to support an extension of the existing PSPO for the further three years. We have supplied additional information in our postion on the various measures contained within the existing / proposed extension order.

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THE KENNEL CLUB

Making a difference for dogs

Kennel Club response to Carmarthenshire County Council Public Spaces Protection Order consultation

Submitted on 1 March 2019 by: The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB, tel: 020 7518 1020, email: kcdog@thekennelclub.org.uk

The Kennel Club is the largest organisation in the UK devoted to dog health, welfare and training, whose main objective is to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners. As part of its External Affairs activities, the Kennel Club runs a dog owners group KC Dog which was established to monitor and keep dog owners up to date about dog related issues, including Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) being introduced across the country.

As a general principle, we would like to highlight the importance for all PSPOs to be necessary and proportionate responses to problems caused by dogs and irresponsible owners. It is also important that authorities balance the interests of dog owners with the interests of other access users.

Summary

We are happy to support an extension of the existing PSPO for a further three years.

For information please find our position on the various measures contained within the existing / proposed extension Order below.

Perhaps the only point that we would seek to draw specific attention to, would be our updated position on exemptions for assistance dogs and the definition of an assistance dog.

Assistance dogs

We welcome the exemptions that have been included in the 2016 Public Spaces Protection Order. However, we would encourage the council to consider a broader definition of assistance dogs. .

A number of well-known assistance dog providers are members of Assistance Dogs UK. This umbrella group, currently has eight member organisations which can be viewed here - <http://www.assistedogs.org.uk/>. However, it is important to note that the membership of Assistance Dogs UK is not a definitive list of all UK assistance dog organisations, and may change during the currency of the PSPO, it also does not provide for owner trained

assistance dogs. We would therefore encourage the Council to allow some flexibility when considering whether a disabled person's dog is acting as an assistance dog.

The Council could consider adopting the definitions of assistance dogs as used by Mole Valley District Council which can be found on page 4 of this document -

https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/media/pdf/1/b/83072_-_Completed_PSPO.pdf

For further information on assistance dogs we encourage the Council to review the Equality and Human Rights Commission guidance for businesses and service providers –

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/assistance-dogs-a-guide-for-all-businesses.pdf>

Dog fouling

The Kennel Club strongly promotes responsible dog ownership, and believes that dog owners should always pick up after their dogs wherever they are, including fields and woods in the wider countryside, and especially where farm animals graze to reduce the risk of passing Neospora and Sarcocystosis to cattle and sheep respectively. The exception to this is when there is a clear indication from the landowner to the contrary.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage the local authority to employ further proactive measures to help promote responsible dog ownership throughout the local area in addition to introducing Orders in this respect.

These proactive measures can include: increasing the number of bins available for dog owners to use; communicating to local dog owners that bagged dog poo can be disposed of in normal litter bins; running responsible ownership and training events; or using poster campaigns to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dog.

Dog access

The Kennel Club does not normally oppose dog exclusion or dog on lead orders in playgrounds or in enclosed recreational facilities such as tennis courts or skate parks, as long as alternative provisions are made for dog walkers in the vicinity. We would also point out that children and dogs should be able to socialise together quite safely under adult supervision, and that having a child in the home is the biggest predictor for a family owning a dog.

Dogs on lead by direction

The Kennel Club strongly welcomes 'dogs on lead by direction' orders, as these allow responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs off lead without restriction providing their dogs are under control, whilst allowing the local authority powers to restrict dogs not under control.

We would recommend that the authorised officer enforcing the order is familiar with dog behaviour in order to determine whether restraint is necessary. There is a danger that, through no fault of its own, a dog could be a 'nuisance' or 'annoyance' to another person who simply does not like dogs.

We would also recommend local authorities make use of the other more flexible and targeted measures at their disposal such as Acceptable Behavioural Contracts and Community Protection Notices. Kennel Club Good Citizen Training Clubs and our accredited trainers can also help those people whose dogs run out of control due to them not having the ability to train a reliable recall.

Appropriate signage

It is important to note that in relation to PSPOs the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014 make it a legal requirement for local authorities to –

“cause to be erected on or adjacent to the public place to which the order relates such notice (or notices) as it considers sufficient to draw the attention of any member of the public using that place to –

- (i) the fact that the order has been made, extended or varied (as the case may be); and
- (ii) the effect of that order being made, extended or varied (as the case may be).”

While all dog walkers should be aware of the requirement to pick up after their dog, signage should be erected for the PSPO to be compliant with the legislation.

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Carmarthenshire County Council

Assessing Impact

The Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) brings together and replaces the previous anti-discrimination laws with a single Act. It simplifies and strengthens the law, removes inconsistencies and makes it easier for people to understand and comply with it. The majority of the Act came into force on 1 October 2010.

The Act includes a new public sector equality duty (the 'general duty'), replacing the separate duties on race, disability and gender equality. This came into force on 5 April 2011.

What is the general duty?

The aim of the general duty is to ensure that public authorities and those carrying out a public function consider how they can positively contribute to a fairer society through advancing equality and good relations in their day-to-day activities. The duty ensures that equality considerations are built into the design of policies and the delivery of services and that they are kept under review. This will achieve better outcomes for all.

The duties are legal obligations. Failure to meet the duties may result in authorities being exposed to legal challenge.

Under equality legislation, public authorities have legal duties to pay 'due regard' to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality with regard to race, disability and gender, including gender reassignment, as well as to promote good race relations. The Equality Act 2010 introduces a new public sector duty which extends this coverage to age, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, and religion or belief. The law requires that this duty to pay 'due regard' be demonstrated in the decision making process. It is also important to note that public authorities subject to the equality duties are also likely to be subject to the obligations under the Human Rights Act and it is therefore wise also to consider the potential impact that decisions could have on human rights as part of the same process.

Appendix 4

Carmarthenshire's approach to Equality Impact

In order to ensure that the council is considering the potential equality impact of its proposed policies and practices, and in order to evidence that we have done so, every proposal will be required to be supported by the attached Equality Impact Assessment. Where this assessment identifies a significant impact then more detail may be required.

Reporting on assessments

Where it is clear from the assessment that the likely impact on the authority's ability to meet the general duty is substantial, then it must publish a report.

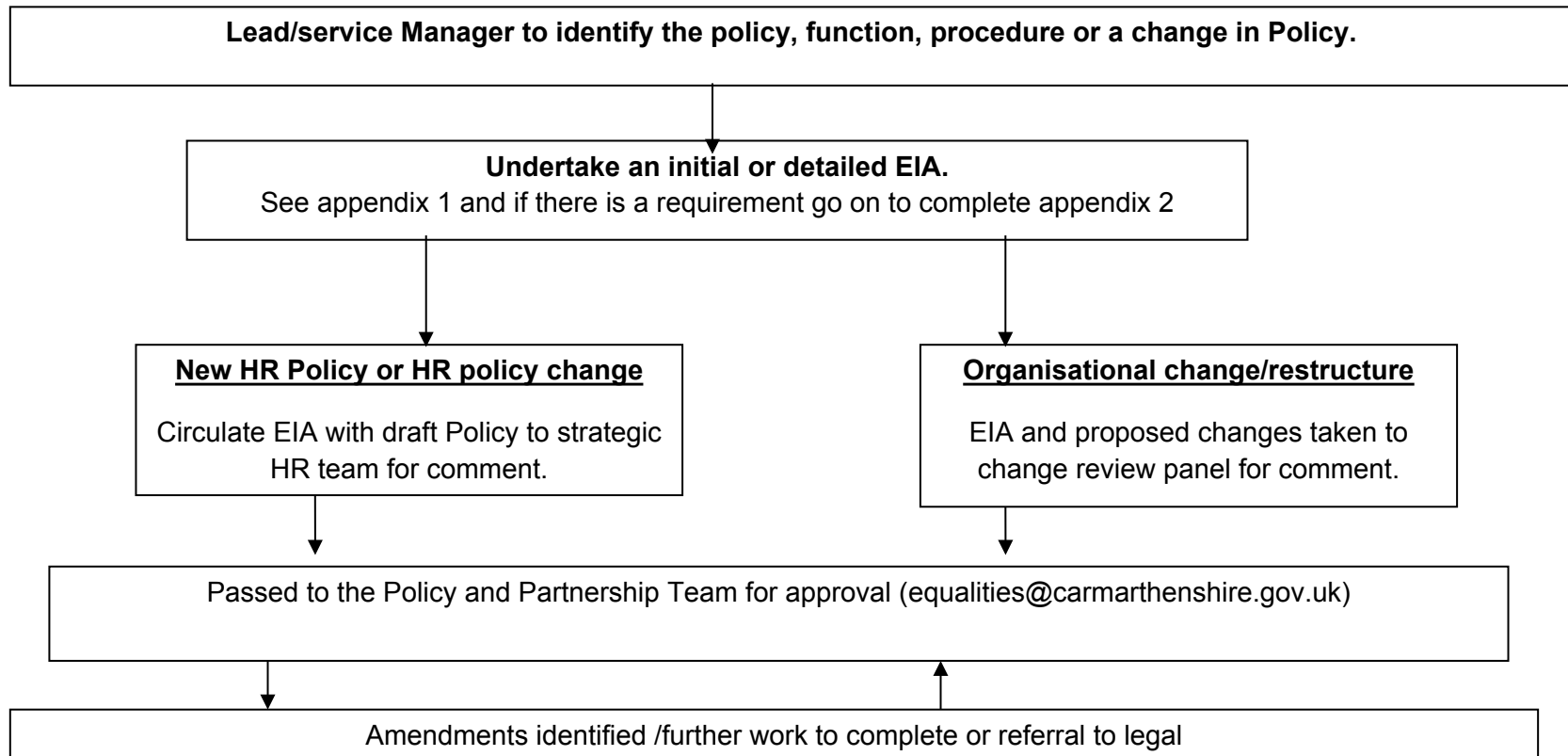
Initial and Detailed Equality Impact Assessments

The initial EIA (appendix 1) is a simple and quick method of assessing the effect of a policy, function, procedure, decision including financial cuts on one or more of the protected characteristics.

The Service Manager responsible for the relevant new or revised policies, functions, procedures and financial decisions must undertake, at least, an initial EIA and where relevant a detailed Equality Impact Assessment (appendix 2); EIA must be attached as background paper with reports to Executive and Scrutiny .

Appendix 4

Equality impact assessment – Process to follow where HR implications have been identified



Initial Equalities Impact Assessment Template

Appendix 1

Department: Environment Department	Completed by (lead): Michael Roberts	Date of initial assessment: 4 th April 2019 Revision Dates:
Area to be assessed: (i.e. name of policy, function, procedure, practice or a financial decision)	Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Controls) and the use of Fixed Penalty Notices.	
Is this existing or new function/policy, procedure, practice or decision?	Extension to Public Spaces Protection Orders (Dog Controls) and the use of Fixed Penalty Notices.	
What evidence has been used to inform the assessment and policy? (please list only)		

1. Describe the aims, objectives or purpose of the proposed function/policy, practice, procedure or decision and who is intended to benefit.	1. Describe the item you are assessing and the outcomes you want from it ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2016 Carmarthenshire County Council introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order to tackle irresponsible dog ownership that is occurring in the County. At the time we consulted with the public to find out if there was public support for further dog controls in the County. Based on the results of that consultation exercise, the Authority introduced a draft Public Spaces Protection Order, containing 3 proposed dog controls, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A provision requiring people to clean up after their dogs immediately, if it defecates on public land. This will apply on ALL publicly accessible land in the County of Carmarthenshire. A provision requiring people to place their dog on a lead of no more that 2 metres in Length, when directed to do so by an authorised officer of the Council. This will also apply on ALL publicly accessible land in the County of Carmarthenshire. A provision prohibiting dogs from all outdoor enclosed children's play areas in the County of Carmarthenshire
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Appendix 4

Anyone who breaches the order could be issued with a Fixed Penalty of up to £100, or they may receive a fine of up to £1,000 if convicted in the magistrates' court.

The dog fouling provisions in the Order did not apply to a person who:

- (a) is registered as partially sighted or blind, in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- (b) is registered as "sight-impaired", "severely sight-impaired" or as "having sight and hearing impairments which, in combination, have a significant effect on their day to day lives", in a register compiled under section 18 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014; or
- (c) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination, or ability to lift, carry, or otherwise move everyday objects, such that he cannot reasonably be expected to remove the faeces; or
- (d) has some other disability, such that he cannot reasonably be expected to remove the faeces.

The dog exclusion does not apply to a dog trained by a registered charity to assist a person with a disability and upon which a disabled person relies for assistance.

If we are satisfied that a disabled person relies on assistance dog which has not been trained by a registered charity, we will not consider it in the public interest to prosecute them if they breach the exclusion order. However, it will be up to the disabled person to provide us with evidence to show that the dog is suitably trained and that they rely on it for assistance. We will consider each case on its merits.

Anybody who fails to comply with a requirement of order would have a defence against prosecution if they can show that they have a "reasonable excuse" for doing so.

The 2016 order applied for 3 years from the 1st July 2016. The Council is now proposing to extend the order for a further period of 3 years from the 1st July 2019.

2. Who is intended to Benefit, what is the full scope of the item and who is it aimed at ?

The aim of the policy is to:

- Help make Carmarthenshire a cleaner, greener and safer environment through the appropriate use of FPN's with the Public Spaces Protection Orders
- These would address Dog Fouling, a pest free environment and a culture change in people's attitude to dog fouling and controlling their dogs in public areas.
- Ensure enforcement action is transparent, accountable, proportionate, consistent and targeted.
- Provide Enforcement Officers with a policy and guidelines to enable them to issue FPN's appropriately and in line with the general enforcement principles
- To inform the public, business and the community of the principles by which enforcement action is taken.

3. Do the anticipated outcomes meet or hinder any other things that the authority is doing ?

The aims of the policy is to link in to the strategic priorities in line with the Integrated Community Strategy 2011 – 2016 (<http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1000254/IntegratedCommunity-Strategy2011-2016.pdf>), to serve our communities effectively by

- Maintaining a clean, green and safe County
- Improving the health, safety & welfare of people working in, living in and visiting the County
- Increasing the levels of street scene related enforcement activities

The Policy is supplementary to Carmarthenshire County Council's Overarching Environmental Enforcement Policy and has been **drafted in line with the** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fixed-penalty-notice-issuing-and-enforcement-by-councils>

4. Who defined the Policy, Function or service provision and who are the main stakeholders.

The PSPO has been developed by officers in conjunction with members and approved by the Executive Board.

The enforcement Policy has been defined by members of the Environmental Enforcement Unit, Corporate Strategies, statutory Functions and guidance laid down by external organisations such as DEFRA, Crown Prosecution Service etc.

The Main stakeholders are :

Members of the Environmental Enforcement Unit.

Other Internal Departments that manage public assets such as Country Parks, County Parks etc.

All Members of Public inc visitors to the County.

Town & Community Councils

Dyfed Powys Police Authority.

Sports Associations and other groups.

5. Who Implements your proposal and who is responsible for delivery?

The Policy will be implemented and delivered by Officers of the Environmental Enforcement Unit and partner organisations such as Dyfed Powys Police.

6. Is this Policy, Practice, service or function affected by external drivers for changes ? e.g. new legislation, national policy, external inspection etc.

Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 in relation to dealing with ASB issues which include Irresponsible dog ownership.

7. How is the information about the Policy, practice, service or function publicised?

Authority's web page.

Fact Sheets

Community News

Word of Mouth

Social Media i.e. Facebook, Twitter

Local Newspaper reports

Signage

Appendix 4

The Public Sector Equality Duty requires the Council to have “due regard” to the need to:- (1) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; (2) advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and (3) foster good relations between different groups (see guidance notes)		2. What is the level of impact on each group/ protected characteristics in terms of the three aims of the duty? Please indicate high (H) medium (M), low (L), no effect (N) for each.	3. Identify the risk or positive effect that could result for each of the group/protected characteristics?		4. If there is a disproportionately negative impact what mitigating factors have you considered?
			Risks	Positive effects	
P L O	Age	L	Juveniles are specifically covered within the Children & Young adults Policy. Warning letters and restorative justice techniques are normally used where offences are committed by children, to avoid criminalising children. We liaise with youth offending teams as appropriate. The elderly could be impacted if they have medical conditions which contribute to their ability to comply with the legislation.	People who fail to clean up after their dogs on publicly accessible land cause nuisance to others. The presence of dog faeces is a potential hazard to all members of the public alike. It causes risks to health, defaces land and has the potential to deface people and their property. Young children can be at particular risk from dog mess. The order should make public areas safer for all.	Warning letters and restorative justice techniques are normally used where offences are committed by children, to avoid criminalising children. We liaise with youth offending teams as appropriate. All staff issuing FPN's will be appropriately briefed to use a common sense approach at all times. Whilst there is no appeal mechanism for FPN's, if additional information is made available to the council it may result in the FPN being cancelled. Guidelines will be drafted, which will include a section on medical conditions that contribute to the offence.

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	Disability	M	<p>The Council recognises that some people will not be able to clean up after their dogs for reasons that are related to a disability. For example, people with serious sight issues may not be able to see their dog defecate, and people with mobility or manual dexterity problems might not be able to remove the faeces.</p>	<p>The order should make public areas safer for all, including disabled people.</p>	<p>The Council has included exemptions in the order (as set out in box 2 above) to display these requirements to people with appropriate physical and mental impairments.</p> <p>The Council recognises that some disabled people rely on assistance dogs and that prohibiting assistance dogs from children's play areas could prevent these people and their families from using play areas. To prevent this, the Council has included an exemption in the order stating that the dog exclusion will not apply to trained assistance dogs.</p>

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Page 86			<p>To address this the Council has included exemptions in the order (as set out in box 2 above) to disapply these requirements to people with appropriate physical and mental impairments. The Council recognises that some disabled people rely on assistance dogs and that prohibiting assistance dogs from children's play areas could prevent these people and their families from using play areas. To prevent this, the Council has included an exemption in the order stating that the dog exclusion will not apply to trained assistance dogs. Anybody who fails to comply with a requirement of order will have a defence against prosecution if they can show that they have a "reasonable excuse" for doing so.</p>		<p>Anybody who fails to comply with a requirement of order will have a defence against prosecution if they can show that they have a "reasonable excuse" for doing so. Any disabled person who believes that their disability gives them a reasonable excuse for failing to comply, but who is not covered by the disability exemptions within the order, will still be able to raise a "reasonable excuse" defence. By incorporating these defences and exemptions in the order, the Council has endeavoured to avoid any discrimination against disabled people. All staff issuing FPN's will be appropriately briefed to be fair and reasonable and to use a common sense approach at all times. When enforcing the orders, officer will have regard to any known disabilities and the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality of opportunity and will be expected to take these issues in to account when deciding whether or not to take enforcement action against an individual. Guidelines will be drafted, which will include a section on medical conditions that contribute to the offence.</p>
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Appendix 4

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	Gender reassignment	N			
	Race	M	<p>There could be potential impacts on those who are not fluent in English or Welsh.</p> <p>All Enforcement Staff will be briefed to ensure they recognise that there is diversity within the community and care must therefore be taken to ensure that any enforcement actions are clearly understood. Pictorial signage will be used to ensure that the requirements of the order are easily understood by all . Consideration will be given to providing documents in appropriate language if necessary. The Council may also arrange for interpreter in appropriate cases.</p>		<p>All Enforcement Staff will be briefed to ensure they recognise that there is diversity within the community and care must therefore be taken to ensure that any enforcement actions are clearly understood. Pictorial signage will be used to ensure that the requirements of the order are easily understood by all. Consideration will be given to providing documents in appropriate language if necessary. The Council may also arrange for interpreter in appropriate cases.</p>

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	Religion/Belief	N			
	Pregnancy and maternity	N			
	Sexual Orientation	N			
	Sex	N			
	Welsh language	L	<p>The orders will be made and published on the Council's website bilingually. Bilingual fixed penalty books are also used.</p> <p>Offenders can be interviewed bilingually and court proceedings can be undertaken through the medium of Welsh.</p>		<p>The orders will be made and published on the Council's website bilingually. Bilingual fixed penalty books are also used.</p> <p>Offenders can be interviewed bilingually and court proceedings can be undertaken through the medium of Welsh.</p>
	Any other area	N			

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<p>5. Has there been any consultation/engagement with the appropriate protected characteristics?</p>	<p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>6. What action(s) will you take to reduce any disproportionately negative impact, if any?</p>		
<p>7. Procurement</p> <p>Following collation of evidence for this assessment, are there any procurement implications to the activity, proposal, service.</p> <p>Please take the findings of this assessment into your procurement plan. Contact the corporate procurement unit for further advice.</p>		
<p>8. Human resources</p> <p>Following collation of evidence for this assessment, are there any Human resource implications to the activity, proposal or service?</p>		
<p>9. Based on the information in sections 2 and 6, should this function/policy/procedure/practice or a decision proceed to Detailed Impact Assessment? (recommended if one or more H under section 2)</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Approved by:</p> <p>Head of Service</p>	<p>A. Williams</p>	<p>Date: 5th April 2019</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 MAY 2019

CORPORATE STRATEGY 2018-23 – DRAFT UPDATE JUNE 2019

To consider and comment on the following issues:

The Corporate Strategy 2018-23 update relevant to this Scrutiny.

Reasons:

The relevant Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives together with their detailed delivery plans for this Scrutiny Committee. It is good practice to ensure our Corporate Strategy is kept up to date.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: YES – 3rd June 2019

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Hazel Evans (Environment)
- Cllr. Philip Hughes (Public Protection)
- Cllr. Cefin Campbell (Communities and Rural Affairs)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17TH MAY 2019

CORPORATE STRATEGY 2018-23 – DRAFT UPDATE JUNE 2019

- The Draft updated Corporate Strategy 2018-23 document together with the relevant Well-being Objective (WBO) delivery plans for this Scrutiny Committee
- The following sections within the document are relevant to Environment & Public Protection Scrutiny:
 - Introduction
 - WBO 8. Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour and obesity)
 - WBO 9. Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities
 - WBO 12. Looking after the present and future cultural and natural conditions of the environment
 - WBO 13. Improving the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity
 - Appendices

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
Jonathan Morgan Head of Homes & Safer Communities
Steve Pilliner Head of Highways & Transport
Llinos Quelch Head of Planning
Ainsley Williams Head of Waste & Environmental Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Our key strategic policies are addressed throughout our Well-being Objectives
Crime and disorder is identified and addressed through the *Well-being Objective 9: Supporting good connections with friends, family and communities*
Equality implications are addressed within the *Well-being Objective 15: Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources*

2. Legal

The 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
- 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.
 - A prosperous Wales
 - A resilient Wales
 - A healthier Wales
 - A more equal Wales
 - A Wales of cohesive communities
 - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
 - A globally responsible Wales

3. Finance

We need to continue to strengthen the links between Strategic and Financial Planning.

The Act requires the publication of a statement detailing how a public body proposes to ensure that resources are allocated annually for the purpose of taking such steps to meet the well-being objectives. Para 53 SPSF 1

4. ICT

ICT implications are being taken forward within our Digital Transformation Strategy and feature within the *Well-being Objective 15: Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources*

5. Risk Management Issues

Our key strategic risks are identified and addressed within Service Business Plans that underpin our Well-being Objectives

6. Physical Assets

The key strategic Asset Management Plan incorporates our Well-being Objectives, Capital prioritisation takes into account the Objectives.

7. Staffing Implications

People Management Strategy issues are identified in Well-being Objective 15: *Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources*

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed:	Wendy Walters	Director of Regeneration & Policy
	Jonathan Morgan	Head of Homes & Safer Communities
	Steve Pilliner	Head of Highways & Transport
	Llinos Quelch	Head of Planning
	Ainsley Williams	Head of Waste & Environmental Services

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	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)
Moving forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 years	Moving forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 years
Annual Report 2017/18	Annual Report 2017/18

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Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire

The Council's Corporate Strategy 2018-2023

Updated June 2019



The following sections within the document are relevant to this Scrutiny:

- **Introduction**
- **WBO 8.** Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour and obesity)
- **WBO 9.** Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities
- **WBO 12.** Looking after the present and future cultural and natural conditions of the environment
- **WBO 13.** Improving the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity
- **Appendices**

Please Note: The detailed action plans for all the WBOs will be available as document links within the final published document

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Update News in brief

1. We published an Annual Report on year one of this Corporate Strategy in October 2018
2. We have reviewed the Well-being Objectives above and consulted upon them as part of budget consultation results and found good support for them - January 2019
3. Well-being Objective 3 has been renamed to reflect the National emphasis on the success and well-being of every learner. See Well-being Objective 3.
4. Other Well-being Objective's remain the same but with some content updates (See Appendix 1).
5. All Action Plans have been refreshed.
6. In February 2019 the Council adopted a motion for Zero Carbon (See Well-being Objective 12)

Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 years

In January 2018, Carmarthenshire County Council's Executive Board presented its key aspirations for the next 5 years – '*Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 years*'. This plan identified a number of key projects and programmes that the Council will strive to deliver over the next five years. It seeks to continuously improve economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being in the County.

Given this direction, the Council published a New Corporate Strategy that consolidated and aligned our existing plans.

The Challenges facing the Council

Following a period of engagement and consultation, the Carmarthenshire Well-being Assessment was published in March 2017. The assessment looked at the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing in Carmarthenshire through different life stages. The key findings and a copy of the Assessment can be found at www.thecarmarthenshirewewant.wales

As the Council plans for the future we must take account of a number of challenges that we face. Most of these challenges are driven by factors outside of the Council's control but they are factors that we have to consider as we develop and, in some instances, change the way that we work and do things.

1. Developing a dynamic economy in the context of Brexit
2. Addressing a Climate emergency
3. Acting 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 (WbFG principle)
4. Increasing demand and complexity for services
5. Increasing expectations of provision at the same time as managing decreasing budget
6. Challenging economic climate and local economy
7. Increasing need to strengthen the digital infrastructure and support digital inclusion for individual residents as well as public, private and third sector organisations looking to develop economic prosperity and agile working
8. Changing demographic profile of the county and in particular its ageing population
9. Increasing risks to ensure children and young people are protected from harm
10. Increasing deprivation and poverty with growing inequities between communities
11. Increasing legislation and regulation from Welsh Government
12. Managing the workforce risks associated with the pace of change required by the organisation.

The Council's Core Values

In delivering this strategy it is important that we maintain our core values in everything we do:-



Equality and Diversity

Carmarthenshire County Council has developed a [Strategic Equality Plan](#).

This strategic plan sets out the principles of our commitment to equality and diversity and outlines how we intend to fulfil our responsibilities and ensure that we follow our principles through into practice. These commitments are outlined in terms of:

1. The role of the county council as an employer;
2. The role of the county council as a provider of services;
3. The role of the county council in promoting tolerance, understanding and respect within the wider community

We have a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to the following **protected characteristics**:-

- Age
- Race
- Sex
- Disability
- Religion and belief
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and Civil Partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity

Bringing Plans together

This Corporate Strategy consolidates the following requirements and plans into one document:-

1. It incorporates our Improvement Objectives as required by the Local Government Measure 2009 (See *Appendix 2*)
2. It includes our Well-being Objectives as required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. For the first time in Wales, there is a shared vision and set of goals for all public bodies to work towards, our Well-being Objectives are set to maximise our contribution to these (See *Appendix 2*)
3. It includes 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*'

Priorities

'*Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 years*' makes it clear that regeneration is the Council's number one priority. Our 15 Well-being Objectives cover the broad range of Council Services to ensure economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being. The allocation of resources to deliver these objectives is outlined in *Appendix 3*.

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.

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Start Well



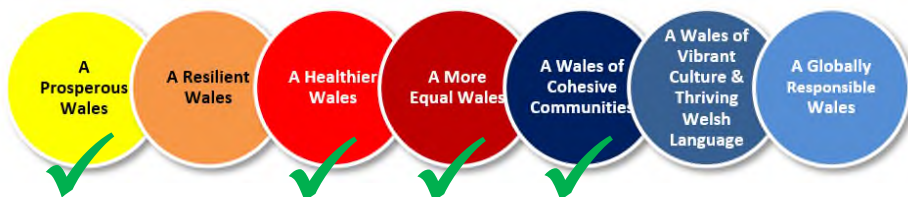


Well-being Objective 1

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

So why is this important?

- Giving every child the best start in life is crucial to reducing inequalities across the life course.
- Early intervention is key to long term health and well being
- Children who experience stressful and poor quality childhoods are more likely to experience poor mental health and develop long term health problems as they move into adulthood.
- 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.
- There is a growing recognition of the detrimental impact which exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences in childhood, particularly multiple ACEs, can have upon physical and mental health and wellbeing, relationships with others, educational attainment and prosperity outcomes into adulthood.
- Looked After Children (LAC) are more likely to have been exposed to high rates of [Adverse Childhood Experiences](#) (ACE's) associated with poor long term outcomes before entering care.



Why this should concern us?

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have harmful impacts on health and well-being across the life course.
- For every 100 adults in Wales, 47 have suffered at least one ACE during their childhood and 14 have suffered 4 or more. Children who experience stressful and poor quality childhoods are more likely to adopt health harming behaviours. (*National Survey of ACE's in Wales*)
- Children in workless households are more likely to experience ACE's. 10.2% of children in Carmarthenshire are living in workless households, this lower than the 2016 figure of 12.3% and is currently below Wales (12.6%) and the UK (10.9%).
- In Carmarthenshire there are currently 94 children on the Child Protection Register, 192 Looked After Children and 731 children in receipt of care and support. (@ 31/12/18).

What do we need to do?

- We need to give every child the best start in life and ensure development throughout early childhood.
- We need to build resilience against adverse experiences.
- We will implement the recommendations of the Education and Children's Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Review of the current provision for early years education, childcare and play opportunities.

How will we do this?

A. We will **support families** by:

- working together to reduce the number of children who suffer ACEs
- promoting bonding and attachments to support positive good parent-child relationships.
- better equipping parents and care-givers with the necessary skills to avoid ACEs arising within the home environment and encourage development of social and emotional well-being and resilience in the child.
- identifying and intervening where children may already be victims of abuse, neglect or living in an adverse environment.
- continuing to provide attachment awareness training in schools to ensure they become *attachment awareness schools* and are able to meet the emotional well-being needs of vulnerable children.

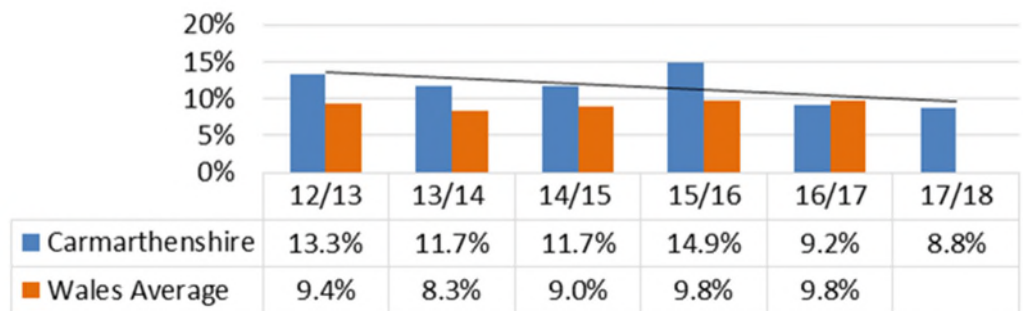
- We will ensure that every child with identified **additional learning needs (ALN)** in all Carmarthenshire schools will have access to appropriate integrated support services – e.g. Educational and Child Psychology, Sensory Impairment support and specialist Inclusion Advisory Staff.

Key Measure of Success

Children in care who had to move 3 or more times (PAM/029)

During the last two years we have seen a significant improvement in **placement stability** for our looked after children with the % 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

% of Looked After Children on 31 March who have had 3 or more placements during the year



An example of what we are doing

The revised **Families First programme**, implemented from 1st April 2018, comprises of 13 projects under three focus areas:

Parenting Support

- **Parenting Support** (procured - Action for Children)
- **Domestic Abuse Stops Here!** (procured - CDAS)
- **Volunteering & Community Support** (procured - Home-Start)
- **Family Centres** (exempt from procurement - Plant Dewi)
- **Integrated Children's Centres** (make in house -CCC)
- **Family Support Workers & Psychological Support** (make in house -CCC)
- **Family Engagement Workers** (make in house -CCC)

Support for Young People

- **Post 16 Youth Workers** (make in house -CCC)
- **Youth Support 10-18 years** (make in house -CCC)
- **Young Carers** (make in house -CCC)
- **Youth Health Team** (exempt from procurement - Hywel Dda University Health Board)

Disability Support

- **Disability Play Clubs** (make in house -CCC)
- **Tim Camau Bach** (make in house -CCC)



The new programme will be required to work towards preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as well as helping to mitigating the effects of ACEs on those who have already been exposed to them. An example of service delivery; The Integrated Children's Centres are venue based services providing support to children aged 0-12 years and their families in their local communities of Morfa, Llwynhendy and Felinfoel. The centres offer a range of activities to families to help them be positive parents, have strong relationships and build resilience, including; Bumps, baby and family play sessions (0-3 years), Play club sessions (4-6 years); Open access play sessions (7-11 years); Non-accredited LAP/NAP courses delivered; Parenting courses co-facilitated, Pre-employment accredited courses, Healthy lifestyle sessions, Baby massage courses and Community consultation events.



Lead Executive Board
Member
Cllr Glynog Davies



View our [detailed delivery plan](#)
against this objective – **to follow**



Well-being Objective 2

Start Well - Help children live healthy lifestyles

So why is this important?

- 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.
- The [Play Sufficiency Assessment](#) identified playing outside as the most popular setting for children but also found that 31% of parents often worry and sometimes find it difficult to let their child out to play. This was mostly concerned with road traffic.
- 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.
- Living healthy lives allows children to fulfil their potential and meet education aspirations.
- Habits established early in life remain with people to allow them to play a full part in the economy and society of Carmarthenshire.



Why this should concern us?

- Carmarthenshire has the 9th highest (previously 3rd highest) levels of childhood obesity in Wales with 29.4% (560) of 4-5 year olds being overweight or obese, higher than the Welsh average of 27.1%
- Engagement with primary schools identified a strong link between physical activity and opportunities to play in outside spaces, and to feel safe in that environment.
- Mental health disorders in children and young people are equally as prevalent, with 1 in 10 children and young people aged five to sixteen suffering from a diagnosable mental health disorder. Between the ages of one to twelve, 1 in 15 young people deliberately self-harm.

Source: - *Our Health Our Future, Hywel Dda Interim Integrated Medium Term Plan 2016/17 - 2018/19 (page 56)*

What do we need to do?

- We need to work with partners to ensure children across Carmarthenshire: eat healthily, are physically active and maintain good mental health.
- *We will address the Welsh Audit Office recommendations following their review of this Well-being Objective under the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.*
- We need to measure activity through schools.

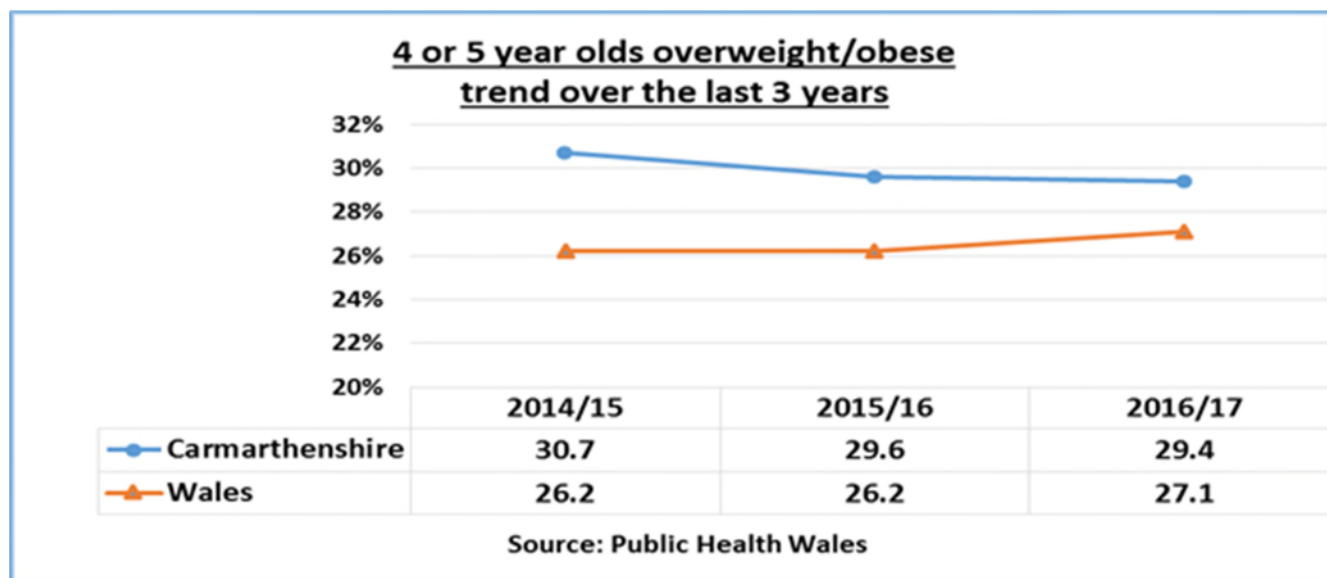
How will we do this?

- A. We will increase the range of **physical activity** opportunities available for children, and target those at higher risk of inactivity.
- B. We will **address mental health** including reducing exposure to adverse childhood experiences.
- C. We will **promote eating healthy**, including through school meals, the *Healthy Schools scheme* and the *School Holiday Enrichment Programme*.
- D. We will **increase awareness** of healthy lifestyles through the Healthy Schools scheme.
- E. We will continue to develop, promote and deliver the **Flying Start Programme**.

Key Measure of Success

Childhood obesity (Child Measurement Programme NHS)

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.



An example of what we are doing



There is enormous potential for swimming and aquatic activity to have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of our population due to the relative easy access to facilities and the accessibility across a whole lifetime. You'll see how we have built and displayed our comprehensive pathway above – aiming to provide opportunities across the life course, e.g. by recently expanding our children's structured programme to younger age groups through a 6-stage 'Splash' scheme and diversifying the options far beyond swimming, including specific links with gymnastics/trampolining and diving.



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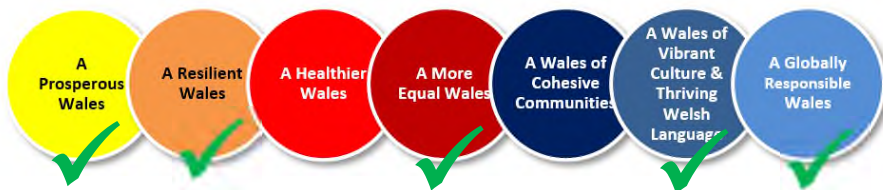


Well-being Objective 3

Start Well - Support and improve progress and achievement for all learners

So why is this 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.](#)'



Why this should concern us?

- There is currently a gap nationally (including Carmarthenshire) between the performance of pupils eligible for free school meals (eFSM) and those who are not. This aspect of our end of key stage performance and achievement continues to challenge and concern us.
- We have schools that need to improve in specific areas as recognised through the National Categorisation system* (for 2018; 21% of Primary schools are rated 'Amber Support Category' and 1% of Primary schools is rated 'Red Support Category').
*Four levels of 'Support Category' exist – Green, Yellow, Amber and Red. All Secondary schools are currently rated in the Green or Yellow Support Category.
- The [2015 PISA results](#) (Programme for International Student Assessment), for which Kirsty Williams, Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Education, has stated "*remains the recognised international benchmark for skills*", continue to show Wales adrift from the rest of the UK.

What do we need to do?

- We will continue to improve progress, wellbeing and outcomes further for all learners (with a focus on those entitled to eFSM and vulnerable learners - see also **Tackling Poverty Well-being Objective 5**).

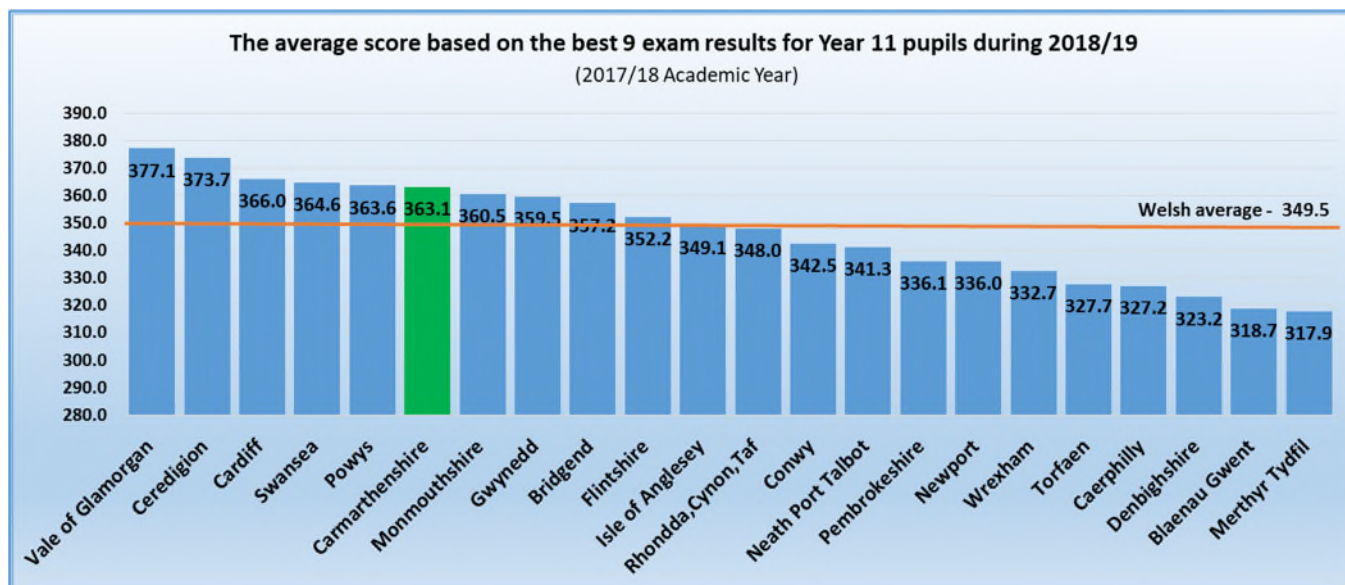
How will we do this?

- A. We will ensure a relentless emphasis on **improvement in pupil progress, wellbeing and outcomes** for all children and young people across all learning phases (focusing on vulnerable and eFSM learners) in line with the vision and aims of 'Education in Wales: Our National Mission.'
- B. We will continue to **improve school attendance** and learner well-being.
- C. We will provide **an excellent school in the right place** by:
 - a. Improving the condition, suitability and resource efficiency of our schools network through the *Modernising Education Plan*.
 - b. Developing an engaging, relevant and authentic *Local Curriculum*, within a clear framework of national guidance, which will fully prepare our children and young people for the challenges and opportunities of adult life.
- D. We will continue **workforce development and succession planning** by:
 - a. Developing and supporting a collaborative self-improving school system to ensure high quality leadership and provision for all learners.
 - b. Investing in further developing the skills of our teachers and support staff.
- E. We will continue the **development of Welsh in all our services**, thus moving towards ensuring that every pupil is confidently bilingual. Pupils can fulfil their potential in gaining skills to operate as bilingual citizens in their communities, the workplace and beyond.

Key Measure of Success

Educational attainment - Average Capped 9 points score (Year 11 pupils) (ref tbc) (Pupils best 9 results including English/Welsh, Mathematics–Numeracy, Mathematics and Science)

The average score based on the best 9 exam results for Year 11 pupils during 2018/19 (2017/8 Academic Year) is 363.1 where girls had an average score of 375.2 and boys 352.5. This is the 6th highest in Wales.



An example of what we are doing

In pursuit of our goals, we have implemented three additional Strategic Fora in partnership with our schools:

1. Access to Education Strategic Forum
2. Curriculum and Wellbeing Strategic Forum
3. Education Services Strategic Forum



This revised structure will enhance our collaborative work with senior school leaders from all sectors, thus ensuring a collegiate approach to improvement via agreed strategies in support of all our specific tasks and actions.

Each forum is charged with -

- Acting as a consultative group to assist with developing and co-constructing emerging strategy
- Proposing further areas which require strategic focus and development
- Piloting appropriate initiatives
- Advising on the implementation of strategy
- Advising on the prioritisation of resources
- Monitoring and evaluating progress
- Represent peers and disseminate to others

Progress and outcomes from each Forum is reported, evaluated and reviewed through our Head teacher and Governor networks along with our internal strategic Departmental and Corporate Management Teams.



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Well-being Objective 4

Start Well - Ensure all young people are in Education, Employment or Training (EET) and are following productive learning and career pathways

So why is this important?

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



Why this should concern us?

- In a globalising world, the perpetual march of technology and automation requires that young people are fully equipped for the challenges and opportunities of 21st Century working life. We aspire for our learners and young people to be work-ready - for entering a high wage, high-skill economy and be able to successfully compete in, and actively contribute to, regional regeneration if they chose to live and work in south west Wales.
- The % of Carmarthenshire Year 11 pupils who became NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) in 2017 was 1.4% (27 pupils) a reduction on 2016 of 2.1% (40 pupils), the % of Carmarthenshire Year 13 pupils who became NEET was 3% (20 pupils) in 2017 up from 2.0% (14 pupils) in 2016.
- Carmarthenshire ranks 13th (of 22) Local Authorities in Wales for Year 11 pupils becoming NEET and above the All-Wales average of 1.6%. (2018 data available in April 2019)

What do we need to do?

- We need to ensure that all children and young people in Carmarthenshire have the best possible opportunities to study, train and gain worthwhile employment locally, regionally or nationally.
- We will ensure that all vulnerable learners including those with a disability or additional learning needs are not excluded from programmes.
- We need to continue to deliver the six elements of the Welsh Government's Youth Engagement and Progression Framework (YEPF) which comprises of:
 - Identifying young people at risk of becoming NEET; Providing brokerage and co-ordinated support for young people; Improve tracking and transition support; Ensuring provision meets the needs of young people; Strengthening employability skills and entrepreneurship; Ensuring we are accountable for our actions.

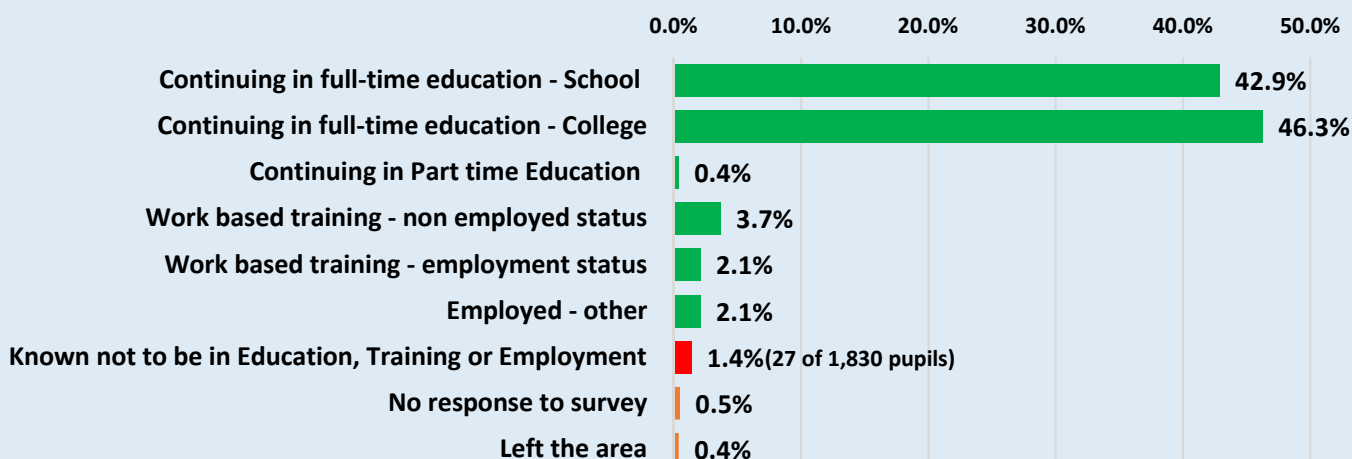
How will we do this?

- A. We will build on existing partnership relationships with local businesses and the public sector through the **Carmarthenshire Curriculum Review** to focus skills demands and employability of new and existing labour market entrants within Carmarthenshire to ensure that local and regional demands are met. *Also see Well-being Objectives 5+6 Action Plans re Hub and Regional Learning Partnership.* We will ensure that opportunities afforded by the new curriculum for Wales are dovetailed in Carmarthenshire's local curriculum with 21st century skills needs and gaps fully considered.
- B. We will implement the six **Youth Engagement and Progression Framework** Actions above.
- C. We will deliver the local elements of the *Cynnydd* and *Cam Nesa* **European Social Fund projects** (guaranteed funding till 2018-2020) which assists young people in progressing to further education, training and employment during the Post 16 education phase, while also working together with alternative curriculum provision to replace the services offered through the *Cynnydd* and *Cam Nesa* Projects, post Brexit by 2020 onwards.

Key Measure of Success

Number of leavers Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) Year 11 (PAM/009) & Year 13 (5.1.0.2)

Destination data for Carmarthenshire Y11 pupils (Academic Year 2016-17)



An example of what we are doing

How does the Vulnerability Assessment Profile (VAP) help support those at risk of becoming NEET?

The VAP is an initiative within the Welsh Government's Youth Engagement and Progression Framework. It plays an integral part in the early identification of those at great risk of becoming NEET and involves the School and a range of agencies.

- Vulnerable pupils are identified through a scoring system based on pupil data; behaviour, attendance, attainment, etc.
- Pupils scoring a Red or Amber score are discussed in the VAP meeting at the respective school.
- At School VAP meetings, staff use their knowledge of the young person and family context to describe their current issues and highlight concerns which add to a higher holistic VAP score.
- VAP meetings focus on the nature of the vulnerability of each young person, what interventions have been offered, what has worked, what else could be offered and which agencies are involved.
- **Careers Wales** update on the next step for year 11 pupils such as which college course or which training provider they have applied for or been accepted on.
- **Coleg Sir Gar** representatives promote the February taster week offering a variety of different curriculum areas and offer college transition support during the Summer holidays.
- **Cynnydd** offers engagement activities such as positive mentoring and a critical friend, hands-on activities such as multi-media, STEM, outdoor, sport and fitness, and a focus on a positive next step for year 11 pupils, which can include transition support and access to additional qualifications. Other support include emotional wellbeing while Careers Wales Cynnydd can arrange work placements and prepare young people to be work-place ready.
- If a young person has no plans at the end of year 11 and is likely to become NEET, a referral will be made to the **post 16 youth work team** and to **Cam Nesa**.



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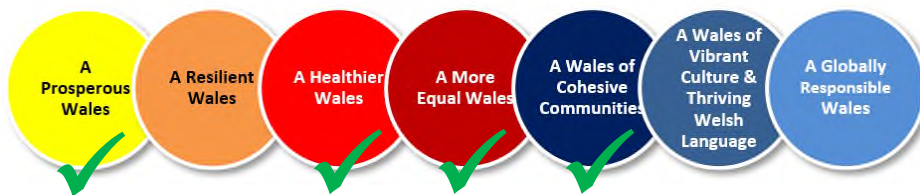


Well-being Objective 5

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

So why is this 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.
- Poverty can be a barrier to full participation in society and is too often an intergenerational experience which poses a significant threat to experiencing positive well-being both now and in the future.
- 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.



Why this should concern us?

- 35.5% (28,881) of households in Carmarthenshire can be defined as **living in poverty**, 13th highest in Wales (Welsh average 33.6%).
*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 £18,868** a year (2018 - 60% of £31,446)*

What do we need to do?

- We need to **prevent poverty** – There is a strong correlation between being born poor and experiencing a lifetime of poverty and many of the triggers of poverty experienced in childhood and later life are preventable if identified and addressed in a timely manner. Providing early, targeted and holistic interventions can therefore help reduce the likelihood of poverty occurring in our communities.
- We need to **help people into work** - work is one of the most fundamental and effective means of tackling poverty in all its forms. Work provides income and opportunities for social, emotional and cerebral development as well as improved health and well-being.
- We need to **improve the lives of people living in poverty** by supporting those in poverty and improving access to help to maintain basic standards of living.

How will we do this?

- A. Our children and education services will work to **prevent poverty** through delivering key early intervention programmes such as flying start, team around the family (TAF) and financial literacy is on the school curriculum. In addition services such as housing will take a more proactive, preventative approach to addressing key triggers of poverty to prevent escalation of issues such as homelessness and fuel poverty.
- B. We will **help people into work** by building their confidence and skills through the dedicated Communities 4 Work and Communities 4 Work plus programmes and targeted support for those who are furthest from the labour market e.g. those who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET). We will continue to extend the Hwb model as a one stop shop for employment advice and support.
- C. We will **improve the lives of those living in poverty** through promoting and supporting greater financial literacy via services such as trading standards and housing benefits. We will also deliver initiatives to support key vulnerable groups including the School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP), Toy Box and Hamper appeal.

Rural Poverty – see also Well-being objective 6 - Create more jobs and growth throughout the county; Part C - By identifying and addressing the issues facing rural communities.

Key measure

Households Living in Poverty (CACI's 'PayCheck' Data)

Household Income Figures Source: CACI's 'PayCheck' data										
Households Living in Poverty	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Carms	Wales	Carms	Wales	Carms	Wales	Carms	Wales	Carms	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%)	28,881 (35.5%)	456,971 (33.6%)

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An example of what we are doing

Community Engagement Programme in Tyisha Ward



Over the course of 2018 the Council has been working with residents of Llanelli's Tyisha ward in partnership with a number of key organisations to undertake a huge community engagement programme. The programme known as 'planning for real' sought to gain views and ideas from local residents to inform the development of a regeneration plan for the area. This means that residents, tenants and businesses have had a real opportunity to help plan for changes and improvements that will affect their future.

Cllr. Campbell has said: "We know that Tyisha has its problems, but we also recognise that it has a fantastic community spirit. People really want to see the area improve and we want people to be part of the change. There is real potential to do something and we're excited about what lays ahead."



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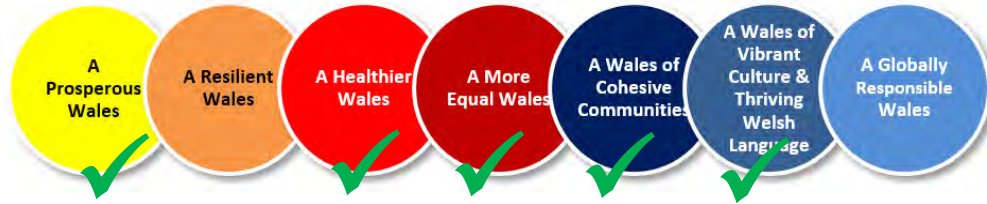


Well-being Objective 6

Live Well - Create more jobs and growth throughout the county

So why is this important?

- Providing secure and well paid jobs for local people is central to everything we are seeking to achieve.
- Increasing employability is fundamental to tackling poverty, reducing inequalities and has a dramatic impact on our health and ability to function in everyday society.



Why this should concern us?

- As at March 2018, of the 73.7% of Carmarthenshire's workforce, 59% were employed in the professional/technical/skilled trade occupations - well *below* the Welsh average of 63%, whilst 41% were employed in the caring/leisure/customer service/machine operative occupations – well *above* the 37% Welsh average.
Also see Well-being Objective 4 –Reduce the number of young adults that are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- As at September 2018, the total number of unemployed/economically inactive residents (excluding students) - 16-64 represents 21.3% of the total population of Carmarthenshire, this is above the Welsh average of 20.0%.
- We must tackle a GVA (gross value added) gap that is widening between UK GVA & Wales GVA; Total GVA in Carmarthenshire represents 4.8% of Wales total GVA, which is a relatively high share. However, GVA per job is low (£44,833), ranking 18th out of 22 authorities, indicating low productivity.
GVA is the measure of the value of the wages and profits from goods and services produced in an area.

What do we need to do?

- We need to build a knowledge-rich, creative economy by maximising employment & training places for local people through creating jobs and providing high quality apprenticeships, training and work experience opportunities, in order to have an on-going skilled & competent workforce to face the future
- We need to evolve Carmarthenshire's position in the Swansea Bay City Region (Swansea, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Neath Port Talbot) into a confident, ambitious and connected county.
- We need to continue to invest in our local rural, infrastructure, including transportation to attract businesses, tourism/leisure to the county to promote economic growth and activity by building better connections & generating a strong tourism industry (*see Improving highway & transport infrastructure & connectivity WBO13*)
- We need to continue to invest in the strategic regeneration of our 3 principal towns, rural market towns, key strategic employment sites and continue to support business growth.
- We need to support Welsh Governments' - [*Prosperity for All-the National Strategy: Economic Action Plan*](#)
- Monitor the impact of Brexit on the economy of Carmarthenshire, so we can mitigate any problems and embrace all opportunities which may arise
- We will publish a recommendations for action, on behalf of the Carmarthenshire Rural Affairs Task Group
- We will support those every day businesses that and are all around us and are the foundation of our economy.

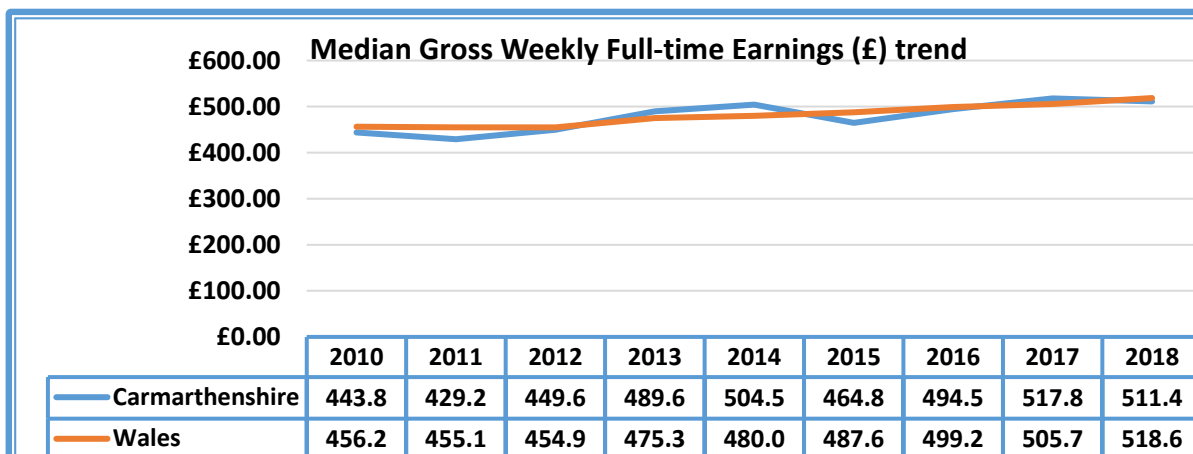
How will we do this?

- Regionally, by co-ordinating and delivering the Swansea Bay City Deal and specifically the Carmarthenshire based projects – Yr Egin and the Life Science and Wellness Village
- Locally, by delivering the 6 Transformational Strategy Area Plans targeting urban, coastal and rural Carmarthenshire
- By identifying and addressing the issues facing rural communities
- By developing learning, skills, employability and encouraging a spirit of entrepreneurship throughout the county to support new businesses in the county (Regional Skills & Learning Partnership)
- By ensuring clear business support plans in order to support any implications from Brexit.
- By supporting local economic growth

Key Measure of Success

Gross weekly pay (Median) (ONS – Annual Survey of hours and earnings)

There is a steady increase in the median gross weekly full-time earnings in both Carmarthenshire and Wales since 2010, but the increase seems to be a smoother continuous climb in Wales.



An example of what we are doing to help

The coffee makers inspired by Welsh heritage



Economic regeneration can take its inspiration from unusual sources. *Coaltown Coffee* owes its name and its ambition to the mining heritage of Ammanford. The company's founders are planning for a bright future thanks to this new kind of black gold.

When **Scott James** and his father Gordon set up their coffee roasting business in the garage of their family home, few could have predicted the success they would enjoy. A couple of years on, Coaltown Coffee Roasters now supplies 160 cafés, restaurants and shops across South Wales and beyond; together with national retailers - you can even buy their toasted Arabica beans in Selfridges. *"It's been amazing and we are really lucky to have such loyal customers,"* says 23-year-old Scott, as the business has recently moved into a 3,000 sq ft Roastery warehouse in Ammanford.



The warehouse was developed through our *Property Development Fund* by local Property Developer Dolawen Cyf. and the building leased to Coaltown – keeping it all local. The Roastery was set up with one ambition, to bring an industry back to their hometown. All of their coffee is roasted and packed at the Roastery, where they employ local people. They also have a dedicated training space at the Roastery set up for wholesale clients and for Public Barista Courses.



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Well-being Objective 7

Live Well - Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes

So why is this 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.



Why this should concern us?

- People told us during our consultation on affordable Housing in 2015 that we need to:
 - ✓ Target help where the need is highest, in both urban and rural areas, by delivering more affordable homes for rent and buy.
 - ✓ Be more flexible - whether by bringing wasted homes back into use, buying existing homes or building new ones.
 - ✓ Do whatever it takes by developing innovative and creative ways to deliver more homes.
 - ✓ Use our resources in the best possible way to ensure as many new homes as possible.
 - ✓ Use the expertise, skills and resources of those we work with.

What do we need to do?

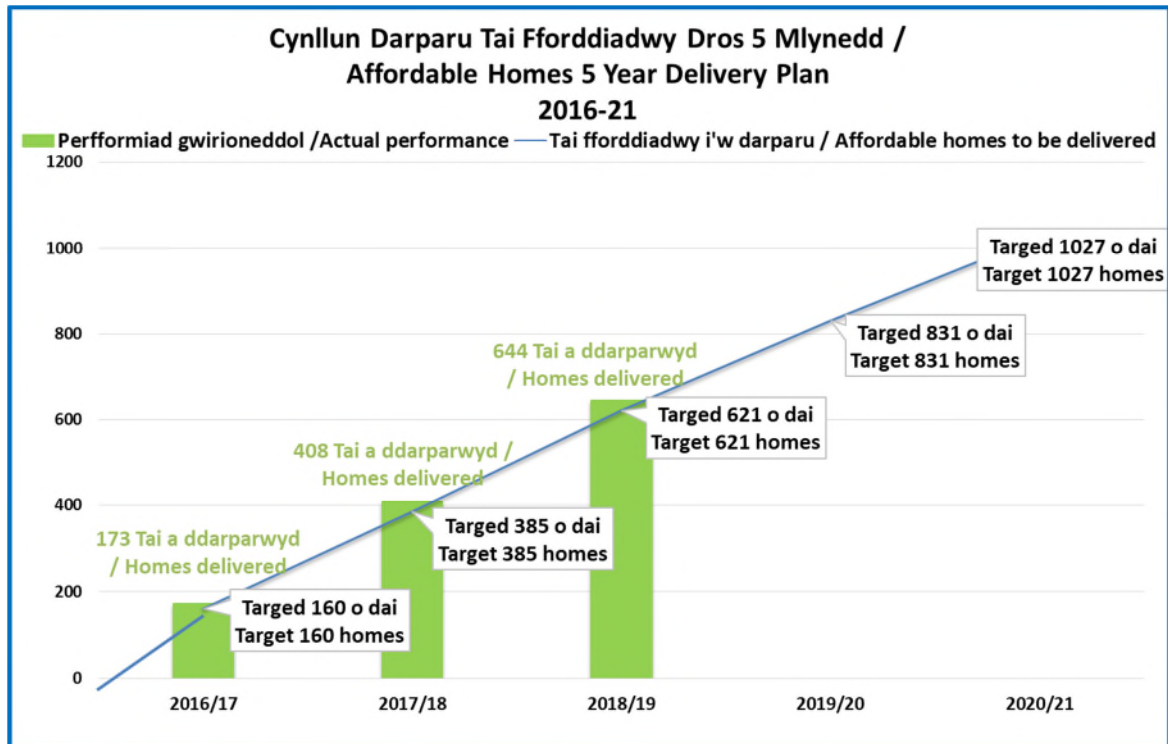
- We need to provide additional affordable homes to meet the needs of residents in Carmarthenshire.
- We need to build new council homes across the County.
- We need to actively work with private landlords to encourage them to make their properties available at affordable rental levels, including bringing more private sector homes into the management of our in-house 'Simple Lettings Agency'.
- We need to work in partnership with Housing Associations in Carmarthenshire to maximize the supply of new build affordable homes.
- We need to actively work with property owners to bring empty homes back into use.
- We need to purchase homes from the private sector and increase the Council Social Housing stock.
- We need to maximize the number of affordable homes delivered through developer contributions from the planning system.
- We need to maximize all funding opportunities for both the Council and Housing Associations.

How will we do this?

- A. We will deliver all of the above through our [Affordable Homes Delivery Plan](#). This is currently being further developed with more focus on building new Council and low cost affordable homes that will have a huge impact on the health, economic and social well-being of the County. We will also continue to bring empty homes back into use to increase choice and provide the right type of home in the right areas.

Key Measure of Success

Number of affordable homes in the County (7.3.2.24)



An example of what we are doing

Helping people to get on the property ladder.

Since the beginning of the plan we have helped over 50 families get on the property ladder. We have done this by providing homes on an equity share basis through our Low Cost Home Ownership programme. The homes have been provided from the Local Development Plan (LDP) Section 106 Affordable Housing process. The LDP requires all developers delivering more than 5 homes to provide affordable homes on the development. This can range between 10% and 30% depending on where in the County these developments are located.



Our homes are nominated to eligible individuals and families from the Affordable Housing Register. To be eligible, the household income cannot exceed than £25,000, meaning that these families would not be able to afford to buy their own home on the open market without subsidy. The homes remain affordable in perpetuity through the use of a local land charge. If the property is to be sold, it is again nominated to eligible households from the Affordable Housing Register.



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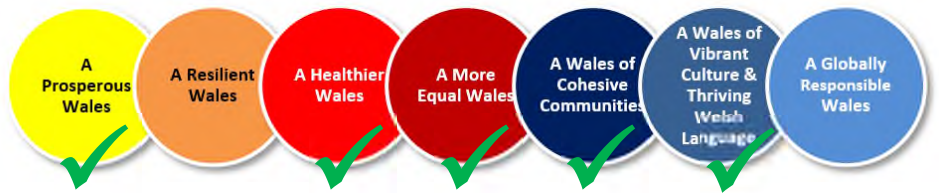


Well-being Objective 8

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

So why is this important?

- Our way of life is changing, people are living longer with a higher quality of life.
- The challenge is to prevent ill health.
- Living healthy lives allows people to fulfil their potential, meet educational aspirations and play a full part in the economy and society of Carmarthenshire.
- Many of the preventive services and interventions required to maintain health, independence and well-being lie outside health and social care.
- Playing a part in providing accessible, inclusive, exciting, sustainable services, which promote and facilitate learning, culture, heritage, information, well-being and leisure.



Why this should concern us?

- There is a significant gap in life expectancy and a healthy life expectancy. In Carmarthenshire:-
 - Life expectancy for males is 78.0 years (2015-17) compared to a healthy life expectancy of 65 years (2010-14)
 - Life expectancy for females is 82.2 years (2015-17) compared to a healthy life expectancy of 66 years (2010-14)
 - Healthy life expectancy of both males and females are below the Welsh average of 65.3 and 66.7 years.
- 18.6% of adults are still smoking in Carmarthenshire and 57.8% of adults are overweight or obese (Welsh Average of 59.5%) National Survey for Wales 2016/17 & 2017/18

What do we need to do?

- We need to work with partners to ensure people across Carmarthenshire:
 - Eat and breathe healthily
 - Are physically active; and
 - Maintain good mental health.
- We need to remove inequalities around opportunities for people to address these 3 key areas

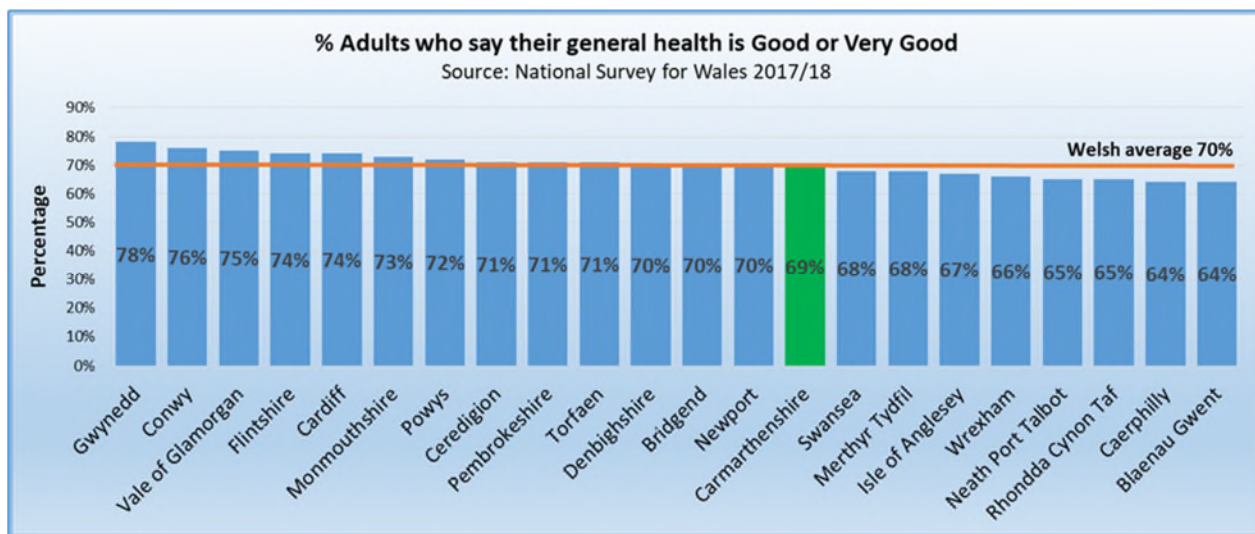
How will we do this?

- Eat and breathe healthily:** We will provide healthy vending and food options as part of their catering provision at our Leisure facilities and continue to ensure that our outdoor recreation facilities i.e. Country Parks, rights of way networks remain well maintained and can be accessed safely and enjoyed by everyone.
- Physical Activity:** We will continue investment in the new state of the art Wellness Village in Llanelli; Work in partnership with schools and the voluntary and health sectors to get “more people more active more often”; and, Enable employers to support the health and well-being of their workforce through Workplace Health initiatives.
- Mental Health:** We will continue to work with health and third sector partners to transform mental health services and improve access to information, advice, preventive and crisis services in Carmarthenshire. We will aim for people to experience the positive health benefits of taking inspiration from museum collections to promote creativity, mindfulness and self-confidence and imbed the New Mobile Library Fleet to improve information, digital and health literacy across the county.

Key Measure of Success

Adults who say their general health is Good or Very Good (National Survey for Wales)

The 2017/18 [National Survey for Wales](#) shows that **69%** of participating adults in Carmarthenshire say their **general health is Good or Very Good**. This is slightly below the Welsh average and down on last year's result of 70% but continues to be 14th highest in Wales.



An example of what we are doing

Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles

The objective in Leisure Services is to help people live healthy lifestyles and be more active more often is a mainstay in promoting and ensuring a healthier community in Carmarthenshire with all actions aimed at achieving this goal.

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

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Well-being Objective 8

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

How will we do this?

Our detailed delivery plan and to achieve this objective

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
	Also see: <i>Objective 1 – Help to give every child the best</i> <i>Objective 2 – Help children live healthy lifestyles and improve their early life experiences</i>		
A	Eat and breathe healthily		
1	We will assist in developing a departmental catering manual to help standardise operating procedures across the Leisure Division.	March 2020	COMM
2	We will continue to monitor air quality (nitrogen dioxide) for the residents of and visitors to the County. This will be carried out by regular assessments and, where necessary, sampling programmes.	March 2020	EPP
3	We will monitor private water supplies to ensure safety for the residents in Carmarthenshire. The service will explore the possibility of extending the programme to testing for the presence of radon and remediation as necessary.	March 2020	EPP
4	We shall ensure that a very high percentage of food establishments meet food hygiene standards (<i>PAM/023</i>) (2018/19 Result - 95.77%)	TBC%	EPP
5	We shall ensure that all high risk Food businesses that are liable to a programmed inspections are inspected. (<i>PPN/001iii</i>) (2018/19 Result - 100%)	100%	EPP
6	We will work with community organisations and Town Community Councils to improve access to the network of footpaths and bridleways across the County. <i>MF5-68</i>	March 2020	COMM
7	We will explore various options for possible delivery of treatment of care for pest control.	March 2020	EPP
8	We will review the physical infrastructure and programming of Pendine Outdoor Education Centre. (Action also in Well-being Objective 2)	March 2020	COMM
B	Physical Activity		
1	We will work alongside workplace health and wellbeing champion to effect change in physical activity levels of targeted staff within the Communities department.	March 2020	COMM
2	We will ensure a range of targeted physical activity interventions are put in place across the life course to increase the activity levels of those who are inactive or at risk of becoming inactive and increase social and community cohesion. (Action also in Well-being Objective 11)	March 2020	COMM
3	We shall invest in the County's leisure centre provision with the development of a new facility in Llanelli as part of the Wellness Village. <i>MF5-61</i>	March 2022	COMM
4	We will implement the Cycling Strategy for Carmarthenshire that will focus on 5 key strategic themes. 1- Education, Development & Training; 2-Infrastructure and Facilities; 3-Marketing & Branding; 4-Tourism and 5 - Events. We will work closely in developing the 4 focused sports which are: Cycling, Aquatics, Athletics and Triathlon (<i>Part of MF5-1- Carmarthen Velodrome</i>) (Action also in Well-being Objective 13)	March 2023	COMM

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
5	We will review and implement an improved pathway of aquatics provision that enables participants to reach their full potential. <i>(Also in Well-being Objective 2)</i>	March 2020	COMM
6	We will ensure best use is made of school facilities to support wider community activity. MF5-30 <i>(Action also in Well-being Objectives 2, 9 & 11)</i>	March 2020	E&CS
7	We will develop Carmarthen Leisure Centre facilities to include refurbishment of athletics facilities and the 3G astro turf pitch with upgrade to traffic infrastructure. (MF5-62 Part)	June 2020	COMM
8	We will develop Ammanford Leisure Centre facilities with upgrades to changing facilities, traffic infrastructure and external sports facilities. (MF5-62 part).	June 2020	COMM
9	We shall strive to continue to increase the number of visits to leisure centres per 1,000 population (PAM 017) <i>(Also in Well-being Objective 2)</i> (2018/19 Result- TBC)	TBC per 1,000 population	COMM
10	We shall increase the % of children who can swim 25m aged 11 (3.4.2.1) <i>(Also in Well-being Objective 2)</i> (2018/19 Result- TBC%)	TBC%	COMM
11	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) (2018/19 Result -58.7%)	TBC%	SCH
12	We shall increase the percentage of people referred to the National Exercise Referral scheme that complete the 16 week programme (PAM/041) (2018/19 Result 55.1%)	TBC%	SCH
13	We shall increase the percentage of National Exercise Referral clients whose health had improved on completion of the exercise programme (PAM/042) (2018/19 Result TBC%)	TBC%	SCH
C	Mental Health		
1	We will work with partners to contribute to health led transformation programmes in mental health and redesign of services within learning disability ensure appropriate mental health care services and support are available. MF5-57 <i>(Action also in Well-being Objectives 9 & 10)</i>	March 2020	SCH
2	We will develop the 'Stordy Digidol' digital project to show case Carmarthenshire's heritage collections to improve accessibility. <i>(Action also in Well-being Objective 14)</i>	March 2021	COMM
3	We will deliver a transformation plan for the Carmarthenshire Museums service, to include development at Parc Howard, a review of Kidwelly museum and a new Museum of Speed in Pendine to improve the provision for residents and visitors MF5-64 (Ref 13289) <i>(Action also in Well-being Objectives 6 & 14)</i>	March 2022	COMM
4	We will review governance and deliver re-development options for Oriel Myrddin to improve the provision for residents and visitors. MF5-64 <i>(Action also in Well-being Objectives 6 & 14)</i>	March 2020	COMM
5	We will begin the museums transformation plan with the delivery of a £1.2 million redevelopment of the County museum at Abergwili. MF5-65 (Ref 13290) <i>(Action also in Well-being Objectives 6 & 14)</i>	March 2023	COMM
6	We will review and re-develop the Council's Theatre Services provision. MF5-66 <i>(Action also in Well-being Objectives 6 & 14)</i>	March 2020	COMM

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
7	We shall improve and develop the infrastructure and facilities at Pembrey Country Park to enable it to become a first class facility for residents and visitors. <i>MF5-67 (Action also in Well-being Objective 6)</i>	March 2020	COMM
8	We will deliver a £2million programme to re-develop Burry Port Harbour infrastructure. <i>MF5-69 (Action also in Well-being Objective 6)</i>	March 2023	COMM
9	We will celebrate and promote Carmarthenshire's rich cultural and sporting achievements and diversity. <i>MF5 70 (Action also in Well-being Objective 14)</i>	March 2020	COMM
10	We shall increase the number of library visits per 1,000 population (<i>LCL/001</i>) (2018/19 Result - 8,151)	TBC	COMM
11	Percentage of Quality Indicators (with targets) achieved by the library service. (<i>PAM/040</i>) (2018/19 Result - TBC%)	86%	COMM

Additional Success Measures
Adults who say their general health is Good or Very Good (<i>National Survey for Wales</i>)
Adults who say they have a longstanding illness (<i>National Survey for Wales</i>)
Adult mental well-being score (<i>National Survey for Wales</i>) (<i>National Well-being Indicator</i>)
Adults who have fewer than two healthy lifestyle behaviours (<i>National Survey for Wales</i>) (<i>National Well-being Indicator</i>) (Not smoking, drinking > 14 units or lower, eating at least 5 portions fruit & veg the previous day, having a healthy body mass index, being physically active at least 150 minutes the previous week).

Age Well



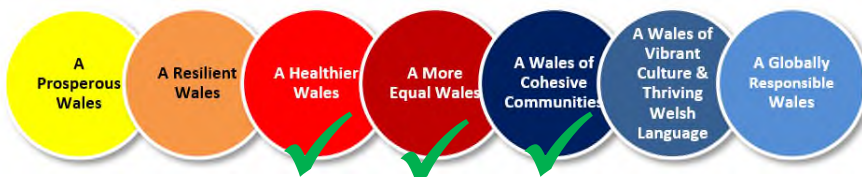


Well-being Objective 9

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

So why is this important?

- 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.
- Social isolation puts individuals at greater risk of cognitive decline
- Loneliness amongst young people has been shown to increase the likelihood of poor physical & mental health, the risk of becoming involved in criminal activity and reduce future employment opportunities.



Why this should concern us?

- In our well-being survey of 2,500 residents, good relationships and a sense of belonging was the 3rd highest thing that mattered.
- The importance of family in positively influencing well-being is evident in findings from primary engagement activities delivered as part of Carmarthenshire's Well-being assessment. Family and friends were overwhelmingly identified as the most important factor in experiencing positive well-being by over 500 adults and children taking part in an exercise.
- 48% (close to the National average of 50%) of Carmarthenshire residents feel they live in cohesive communities. 72% agreed that local people treat each other with respect and consideration, 68% agreed that people from different backgrounds get on well together and 70% feel they belong to their local area. (*National Survey for Wales, 2016/17*).
- Safety-related issues were highlighted throughout the Carmarthenshire Wellbeing Assessment and feeling safe at home and in the local community impacts on everyone's sense of well-being

What do we need to do?

- We need to ensure services respond to the needs of families and communities.
- We need to continue to build greater community cohesion and to support and empower communities to address their safety, collective well-being and the well-being of those within the community, including the building of social bonds within groups and social bridges between groups in our communities.
- We need to encourage promotion of independence, wellbeing, community engagement & social inclusion.
- We need to keep our communities safe when delivering our services

How will we do this?

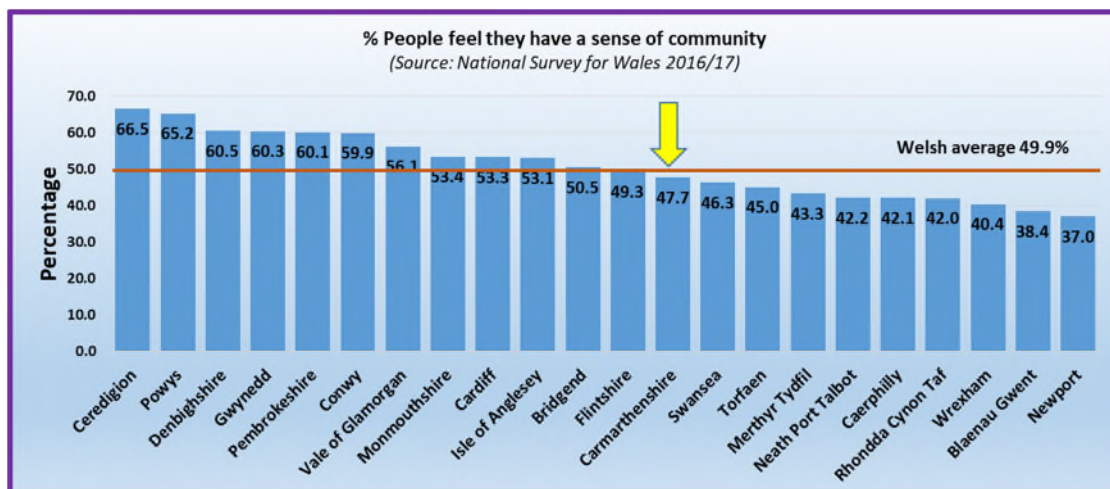
- A. We will continue to develop and implement how we provide information, advice and assistance across social care services.
- B. We will promote and develop strong connections for people, places and organisations.
- C. We will identify the strengths and resources within communities which can contribute to promoting and supporting the health and wellbeing of neighbours.
- D. We will continue to support community safety to help increase people's sense of personal security and their feelings of safety in relation to where they live, work and spend their leisure time.

Key Measure of Success

% Say they have a sense of community (National Survey for Wales) (National Well-being Indicator)

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



An example of what we are doing

The White Ribbon Campaign - end male violence against women and girls



Carmarthenshire Council, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service and Dyfed-Powys Police have all met the standards required to be awarded with White Ribbon UK accredited status. Achieving White Ribbon UK status shows an organisation's commitment to The White Ribbon Campaign - the largest global initiative to end male violence against women. The award is recognition of the work which the three organisations have already undertaken in involving men in speaking out

and challenging male violence against women and girls. It is also a reminder of the work that still needs to be done.



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Well-being Objective 9

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

How will we do this?

Our detailed delivery plan and to achieve this objective

(Lemon highlight means that this is not the Action or Measure's main objective).

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
A	We will continue to develop and implement how we provide information, advice and assistance across social care services		
1	We will continue to develop and improve how Children's Services provide information, advice and assistance (IAA) to support families, ensuring information is easily available, accurate, accessible in different formats and progress links to the Dewis Directory of services. Continue to strengthen links with community services in respect of children with disabilities.	March 2020	E&CS
2	Following the review and consultation of our disability service we are working towards a through age model for disability to ensure seamless transition and pathways from children to adults. (Action also in Well-being Objective 1)	March 2020	SCH
3	We will make the Information Advice and Assistance (IAA) service as effective as possible, focussing on prevention and early intervention, working with community and third sector organisations, to achieve better outcomes for individuals. MF5-52a (Action also in Well-being Objective 10 & 11)	March 2020	SCH
4	We will develop services to respond to the increased level of alcohol misuse in the Over 50s and the impact upon their health and wellbeing; including Alcohol related Brain Damage, alcoholic dementia and falls. (Action also in Well-being Objective 11)	March 2020	SCH
B	We will promote and develop strong connections for people, places and organisations		
1	We will work with regional partners to ensure community cohesion is co-ordinated throughout the region.	March 2021	COMM
2	We will support community groups and organisations to promote and publicise the rich variety of community events being held in Carmarthenshire from agricultural shows, festivals and carnivals to exhibitions, concerts and performances. MF5-85 (Action also in Well-being Objectives 6 & 14)	March 2020	COMM
3	We will implement Celtic Routes an Ireland Wales co-operation funded project worth £1.7m and aim for full strategic alignment to the Welsh Government's Wales Way initiative, which is a new family of three national routes that lead you into the heart of real Wales.	March 2020	COMM
4	We will further develop the Council's approach to implementing the Armed Forces Community Covenant.	March 2021	P&R
C	We will identify the strengths and resources within communities which can contribute to promoting and supporting the health and wellbeing of neighbours		
1	We will ensure best use is made of school facilities to support wider community activity. (Action also in Well-being Objectives 2, 8 and 11) MF5-30	March 2020	E&CS
2	We will continue to review and improve our Intermediate Care service model and provision. (Also in Well-being Objective 10)	March 2020	SCH

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
3	We will promote financial literacy and protect vulnerable people from financial fraud through the Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme (FESS) and develop further partnership arrangements in respect to financial exploitation <i>(Also in Well-being Objectives 5 & 11)</i>	March 2020	E&PP
4	We will Implement proceeds of crime across regulatory services to protect people.	March 2020	E&PP
5	We will make it easy and inviting for council tenants to get involved in shaping strategic decisions and improving services, through meaningful involvement and development of relevant tenant skills.	March 2020	COMM
D	With our partners we will continue to support Safer Communities		
1	We will work with partners to ensure Carmarthenshire's communities are safer with a specific focus on addressing issues contained in the Safer Communities Partnership Action Plan in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A drugs and County Lines • Violent crime including Violence against Woman, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) • Counter-terrorism • Cyber Crime • Child Sexual Exploitation 	March 2020	E&PP
2	We will work with the Home Office to deliver the roll-out of the Dovetail (Channel) programme across Wales, which is a new proposed approach for administering Channel, part of the Prevent counter-terrorism duty.	March 2020	E&PP
3	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 also in Well-being Objective 1)</i>	March 2020	SCH
4	We are embedding a culture of "everybody's business", where professionals take ownership of risks. We will ensure the service user is involved by embedding a person centred approach to safeguarding which ensures the service user is heard and central in decision making. <i>(Action also in Well-being Objective 10 & 11)</i>	March 2020	SCH
5	We will work with partners to contribute to health led transformation programmes in mental health and redesign of services within learning disability ensure appropriate mental health care services and support are available. <i>MF5-57 (Action also in Well-being Objectives 8 & 10)</i>	March 2020	SCH
6	We will continue to develop and deliver safeguarding awareness training sessions to licensed premises staff, in partnership with the Police and Security Industry Authority.	March 2020	E&PP
7	We will continue to develop and deliver safeguarding awareness training to transport drivers, in partnership with the Police and Four Counties.	March 2020	E&PP
8	We will improve the average number of calendar days taken to repair all street lamp failures <i>(THS/009)</i> <i>(2018/19 Result - TBC days)</i>	TBC days	E&PP

Additional Success Measure	
% Say they have a sense of community	<i>(Derived from feeling of belonging; different backgrounds get on, treat with respect'.) (National Survey for Wales) (National Well-being Indicator)</i>
People feeling safe	<i>(At home, walking in the local area, and travelling) (National Survey for Wales) (National Well-being Indicator)</i>



Well-being Objective 10

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

So why is this important?

- Carmarthenshire has a high proportion of residents over 65 who are a vital and vibrant part of the community. We want the county to be a place to age well.
- Consultations have demonstrated that 'what matters' to older people is to be able to be as independent and well as possible for as long as possible.
'Being respected as an older person and not being seen as a burden on the local health and social care system'
- Research shows that a vital factor of healthy aging is for older people to feel included and useful.
- Older people contribute to the economy in Carmarthenshire by caring for their grandchildren or other family members.
- The Royal Voluntary Service have described older people as the '*social glue*' of communities.



Why this should concern us?

- Current projections suggest that the population of people over 65 living in Carmarthenshire is growing and by 2030 this will increase by 60%. There has been, and continues to be, a significant increase in the 'oldest of the old' with the greatest rise represented in the over 85 age group; with a predicted growth of 116%.
- Older people are statistically more likely to have a life limiting health condition with 55% of the over 65 population in the reporting having a long-term illness or disability. Demand for hospital and community services by those aged 75 and over is in general more than three times greater than from those aged between 30 and 40.
- Whilst the people of Carmarthenshire are living longer there is not a similar trend in increased years of being well. This is defined as healthy and disability-free life expectancy and it is rising more slowly than life expectancy. In simple terms this means that people are living longer with illness and disabilities. For males in the area, life expectancy is 77.4, with disability free life estimated at 59.4 and healthy life at 64. For females, it is 82, with 61.2 disability free years and 65.7 healthy ones.
- 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.

What do we need to do?

- We need to continue to integrate health and social care at population health level to address the complex needs associated with age related multiple conditions and frailty.
- We need to work with individuals and communities together with the public, private and voluntary sectors to develop and promote innovative and practical ways to make Carmarthenshire a good place to grow older for everyone (see Objective 11 on *Ageing Well*).
- We need to develop service provision on a smaller footprint which are population based, integrated across health & social care and seek to reduce demand and growth in the future

How will we do this?

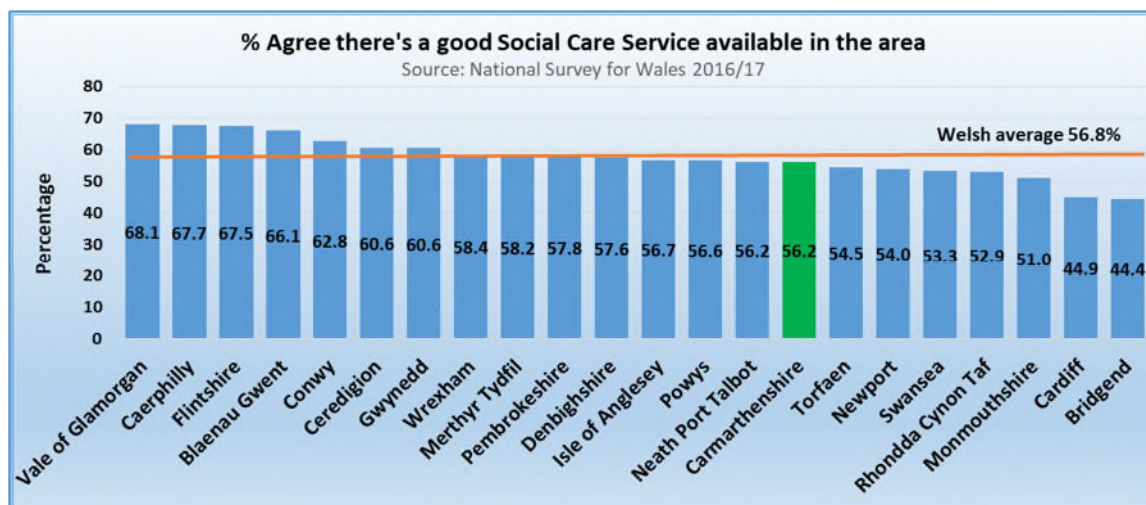
The Welsh Government commissioned a Parliamentary Review of the Long Term Future of Health and Social Care: "A Healthier Wales" is the Welsh Government's response to that Review. The report adopts a "Quadruple Aim". They are continually to work towards an:

- A. Improved population health and wellbeing;
- B. Better quality and more accessible health and social care services;
- C. Higher value health and social care; and
- D. A motivated and sustainable health and social care workforce. ."

Key Measure of Success

Agree there's a good Social Care Service available in the area (National Survey for Wales)

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 survey result of 53.1%. This puts us in **15th** position in Wales compared to 12th place in the previous year.



An example of what we are doing

Dementia Friends Initiative

We are committed to supporting our residents to Age Well, maintaining dignity and independence, enabling older people to remain in their own homes.

One of our initiatives is creating dementia friendly Carmarthenshire. Carmarthenshire County Council, Hywel Dda Health Board and Dyfed Powys Police together with local GP surgeries, Town Councillors, local businesses, voluntary groups and community members have worked together to support the Alzheimer Society's Dementia Friends initiative. The program aims to provide dementia awareness sessions to local businesses, organisations, public sector employees and members of the public to become dementia friends and to pledge actions so that people living with Dementia feel empowered to access their communities. This work is currently being undertaken in Llanelli, Pontyberem, Ammanford, Llandovery, Laugharne, St. Clears, Whitland and surrounding areas, Llandeilo and Carmarthen Town.



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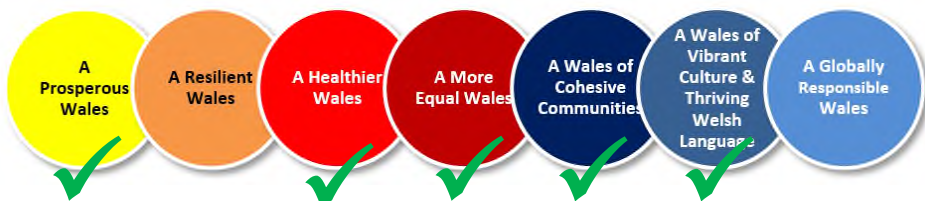


Well-being Objective 11

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

So why is this important?

- 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.
- When planning services for older people, we need to listen to what they have told us.
- In deciding what to do, we need to ask ourselves, would this service *be ok for me or my relatives*
- Tackling the causes of loneliness and social isolation is a national priority for the Welsh Government.
- Older people's rights must be promoted and protected so they can age well and are protected against ageism, discrimination and abuse. (See the Older People's Commissioners priorities)
- So that older people able to participate fully in their communities.
- We fully support the '*Dublin Declaration on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe, 2013*'.
- The Council has determined to make Carmarthenshire a dementia friendly county along the lines of the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friendly Community Programme.



Why this should concern us?

- Older people are a significant asset to Wales, worth over £1bn to the Welsh economy annually. We must take forward an asset-based approach which, rather than focusing on the costs of providing services for older people, considers instead the cost of not investing in older people
- Carmarthenshire has an ageing population and by 2039 around 1 in 3 residents will be aged 65 +.
- Older people who are supported by tailored services and living in inclusive communities, are able to contribute more to the local economy and society.
- When surveyed older people have told us that they want as much support as possible to help them do the things they enjoy and to be able to manage day to day.

What do we need to do?

- We need to 'join-up' our diverse divisions and departments to support independent living and to help older people live in their communities. Making sure that the impact of all service changes on elderly people are carefully thought through.
- We need to consult in a meaningful way with older people who are often '*experts by experience*' and know the services they need to remain active and independent in their communities.
- We need to focus on an outcome based approach to draw out the changes and improvements seen in an individual's life – we need to build services around the outcomes older people need.
- We need to examine how we will work with the Public Service Board (PSB) to achieve the Older People's Commissioner for Wales's targets for inclusion in the PSBs *Well-Being Plan*.

How will we do this?

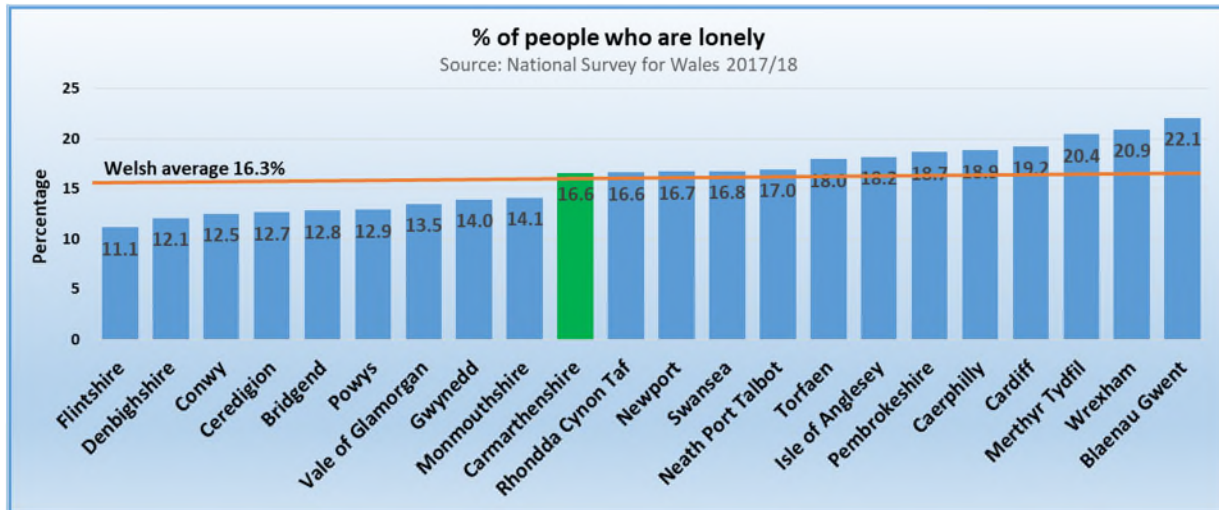
- The Welsh Government will be publishing their new Strategy for an Ageing Society in the Spring of 2019. The Council will need to refresh and respond to the local priorities emerging from this national strategy.
- In doing this the Council will also take account of the Older People's Commissioner's priorities and the World Health Organisation's age friendly priorities for action.

Key Measure of Success

People who are lonely (National Survey for Wales)(National Well-being Indicator)

According to the 2017/18 [National Survey for Wales](#),

16.6% of participating adults in Carmarthenshire **classed themselves as lonely**, this is slightly above the Welsh average of 16.3% but has reduced from previous year's result of 17.1% and we continue to be in 10th position.



Please note that this survey result is for all participating adults and not just the elderly.

An example of what we are doing

Carmarthenshire is kind

The 50+ Forum annual event was held on the 14 September 2018 at the Botanic Garden with 634 attendees. Close working relationship with colleagues in the Communities Department were developed in order to deliver the **Carmarthenshire is Kind** focus. This focus talked about the concept of kindness and encouragement that great things are possible with only the simplest acts of kindness and generosity.



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Healthy, Safe & Prosperous Environment

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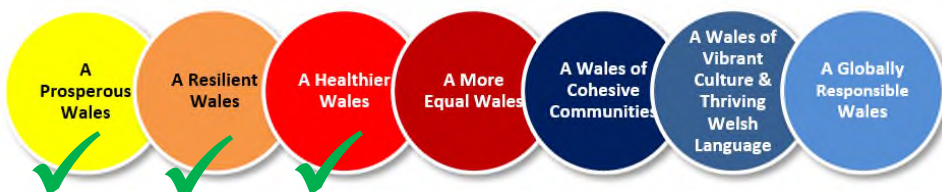


Well-being Objective 12

Healthy & Safe Environment - Look after the environment now and in the future

Why is this 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 & enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience*.
- A biodiverse natural environment, with healthy functioning ecosystems, supports social, economic and ecological resilience. Carmarthenshire's natural environment is the natural resource on which much of our economy is based – tourism, farming, forestry, and renewable energy. It is a major factor that attracts people, both young and older to live, work and visit the county, bringing inward investment with them.
- 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.
- The '*Resilient Wales*' goal set out in the Well-being Future Generations Act requires public bodies to set objectives to achieve a 'biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems'



Why this should concern us?

- The environment contributes £8.8 billion of goods and services annually to the Welsh economy, 9% of Welsh GDP and 1 in 6 Welsh jobs; with the environment being relatively more important to the Welsh economy than is the case for the other UK nations.
- A biodiverse natural environment, with healthy functioning ecosystems, supports social, economic and ecological resilience, as well as our health and well-being.
- Responses from the Well-being Assessment survey showed that a clean environment is important to well-being and that residents are concerned with preserving and enhancing the local environment with repeated references to tipping, littering and recycling.
- Rising sea levels are likely to impact not only the 5,587 properties in Carmarthenshire already at risk of tidal and rising river level flooding, but additional properties along the coastal & river communities. A biodiverse natural environment will be more resilient to both climate change, and changes in sea level.

What do we need to do?

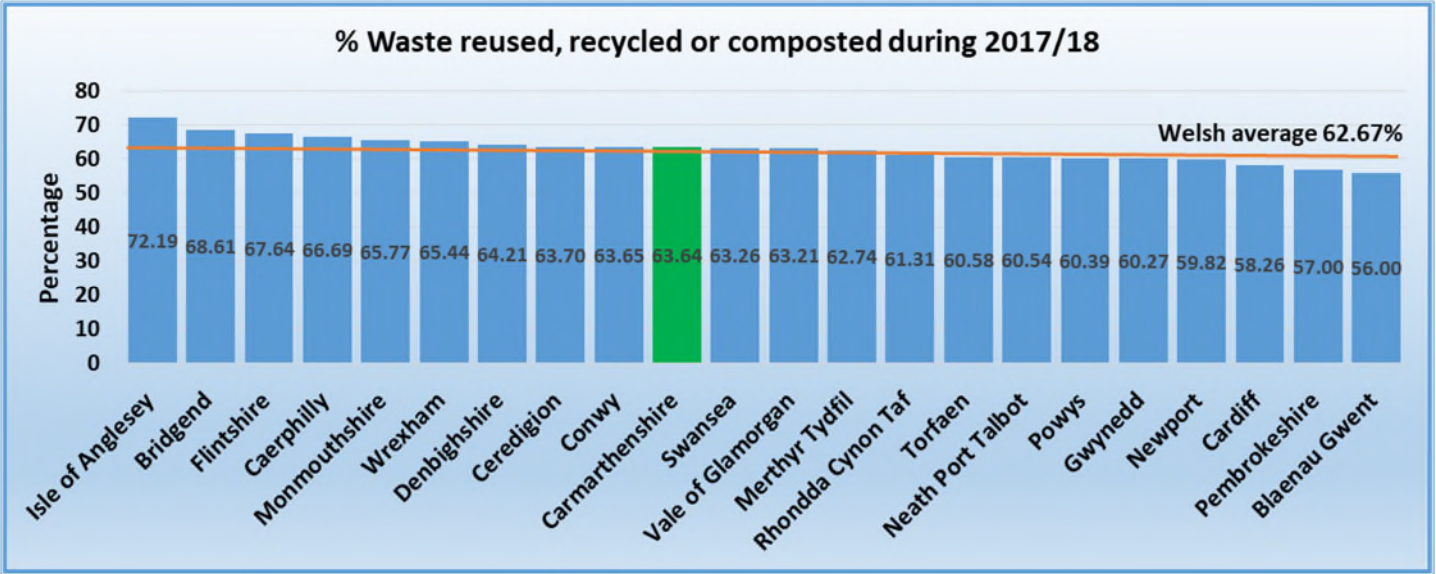
- We need to ensure that in delivering all our strategies, plans, projects and programmes for development, economic growth and the attraction of inward investment, we deliver our S6 Environment (Wales) Act duties and actively maintain and protect biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience.
- We need to sustain and enhance natural & built spaces to encourage healthy living for residents & visitors.
- We need to support resilience within our rural and urban communities.

How will we do this?

- We will advise the whole Authority and partners on our need to address the requirements of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and monitor delivery of CCC's Environment Act Forward Plan, so demonstrating its compliance with the Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystems Duty within the Act.
- Ensure that in delivering planning services across the County, and in particular the various aspects of Planning (Wales) Act 2015, we demonstrate compliance with the Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystems Duty within the Act
- We will continue to implement and promote the increased use of renewable energy and become carbon neutral by 2030.
- We will protect our environment and properties through delivering our *Flood & Waste Management Plan*; and protect and manage our coast by delivering the *Shoreline Management Plan*.
- We will deliver actions from the '*Towards Zero Waste strategy*', to become a high recycling nation by 2025 and a zero waste nation by 2050.

Key Measure of Success

Rates of recycling (PAM/030)



Recycling declined in 2017/18 to 63.64% from 66.23% the previous year, moving down from 5th to 10th place but just above the welsh average. The slight decline is predominantly as a result of the difficulties with the refuse derived fuel (RDF) outlets.

An example of what we are doing

Managing our wetland habitats

Managing our wetland habitats appropriately and recreating them in the right places can bring great benefits for wildlife *and* people. The flat coastal land south-east of Llanelli was once an area of coastal grazing marsh forming part of the distinctive coastal landscape of the county. Although much was lost/degraded as Llanelli developed into an important industrial town, areas have been recreated/restored over recent years and are now flourishing with wildlife. Over the past few years the Council, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT), Natural Resources Wales and local contractors have worked together to create/restore wetland features in degraded areas of former coastal grazing marsh that the Council owns close to the WWT. This year over 400 m of ditch was restored/created to help water voles in an area of land that was scrubbing over. It will hopefully become home to a range of wetland species and improve local flood storage. As the land is linked to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, where a significant amount of habitat creation has been undertaken and which is very important for wildlife (and is also a wonderful place for people to learn about and enjoy the natural environment), it should improve the ecological resilience of the local landscape to support water voles.



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Well-being Objective 12

Healthy & Safe Environment - Look after the environment now and in the future

How will we do this?

Our detailed delivery plan and to achieve this objective.

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
A	Address requirements of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and monitor delivery of CCC's Environment Act Forward Plan [IM2] We will advise the whole Authority and partners on our need to address the environmental requirements of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. . CCC's Environment Forward Plan was endorsed by CCC's Executive Board in March 2017, and progress in delivering it is monitored using the PIMS		
1	Through monitoring the delivery of the Council's Forward Plan, we will evidence how Carmarthenshire County Council is meeting its Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience Duty under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act, reporting on outcomes achieved to WG. We will evidence links between this work and the requirements of the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.	May 2020	E&PP
2	We will continue to deliver the Caeau Mynydd Mawr SAC Marsh Fritillary project, consistent with SPG, which aims to ensure the management of at least 100ha of Marsh Fritillary habitat in perpetuity.	Oct 2021	E&PP
3	We will implement the tree strategy to improve the environment and mitigate the effects of air and noise pollution in our more populated areas. MF5-23 This strategy will link with the Council's approved Tree Management Procedure, and will apply primarily to trees on land owned or managed by CCC, but could equally well apply to other land e.g. land managed by other members of the Public Service Board, and Town and Community Councils. This action will enhance and sustain both our natural and our built spaces. There is also a need to look at Ash Die back during the coming years.	March 2020	E&PP
4	We will implement the recommendations of the Environmental & Public Protection Task & Finish review of the maintenance provision of highway hedgerows and verges.	March 2020	E&PP
B	Ensure that in delivering planning services across the County , and in particular the various aspects of Planning (Wales) Act 2015, we demonstrate compliance with the Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystems Duty within the Act.		
1	We will review the Council's Rural Buildings Policy. MF5-22 Policies in the LDP relating to the re-use of rural buildings, together with relevant SPG if required will be reviewed as part of the LDP review process. The appropriate re-use of these buildings can contribute to the circular economy and a reduction in both the creation of waste and the demand for new building materials.	Dec 2019	COMM
2	We will implement and monitor the adopted Local Development Plan (LDP) in accordance with the statutory requirements and the content of the agreed Monitoring and Implementation Framework.	March 2020	COMM
3	We will continue with the preparation of a Revised LDP in accordance with statutory provisions. Subject to the political process and focus during 2019/20 will be the Deposit Consultation. MF5-20 Progress in relation to the Revised LDP timetable will be monitored twice yearly.	March 2020	COMM
4	We will continue to implement the Local Development Order for Llanelli Town Centre as part of a co-ordinated strategic approach to regeneration within the town centre.	March 2020	COMM

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
5	We will continue to monitor and where appropriate manage the use of monies raised through developer contribution including s106 agreements. As a consequence we will ensure monies are appropriately used and that there is an efficient turn around in the use of funds. <i>MF5- 21</i>	March 2020	COMM
6	We will develop and implement a comprehensive plan to fully utilise the assets at the house and park at Parc Howard with the aim of making the venue a Green Flag location and consider other venues across the County that may benefit from becoming a Green Flag location. <i>MF5-19</i>	March 2021	E&PP
7	We will work with stakeholders to improve sewerage capacity within the County through the development of appropriate schemes. Ensure planned programmed improvements are designed and implemented to address capacity issues. Address water supply too. <i>MF5-24</i>	March 2020	COMM
8	The Planning Division will develop a consistent approach to ensuring that biodiversity is maintained and enhanced, and that ecosystem resilience is promoted as part of the planning system and also within its Conservation, Minerals and Building Control activities.	March 2020	COMM
9	% of all planning applications determined in time (<i>PAM/018</i>) (2018/19 Result - 72.5%)	TBC%	COMM
10	% of planning appeals dismissed (<i>PAM/019</i>) (2018/19 Result - 71.4%)	TBC%	COMM
C	We will continue to implement and promote the increased use of renewable energy and become carbon neutral by 2030.		
1	We shall reduce energy consumption (kWh) / carbon emissions (tonnes) in the Council's existing non-domestic building portfolio. <i>MF5-13</i>	March 2021	E&PP
2	We will identify and deliver energy efficiency projects within the Council's existing, non-domestic buildings.	March 2021	E&PP
3	We will contribute to delivering the Swansea Bay City Deal programme to develop 'Homes as Power Stations' to help generate sustainable and affordable homes and address fuel poverty for our residents by developing new homes with innovative technologies. <i>MF5-46 (part)</i>	Dec 2019	COMM
4	We will develop a clear plan for a route towards being net zero carbon within 12 months (As per Notice of Motion at County Council –Feb.2019)	March 2020	E&PP
D	We will protect our environment & properties through delivering our <i>Flood & Waste Management Plan</i>; & protect & manage our coast by delivering the <i>Shoreline Management Plan</i>.		
1	We will publish the Flood Risk Management Plan and commence implementation as part of the strategy for identifying, managing and mitigating flood risk within our communities.	March 2020	E&PP
E	We will deliver actions from the '<i>Towards Zero Waste strategy</i>', to become a high recycling nation by 2025 and a zero waste nation by 2050.		
1	We will continue to review our waste treatment strategy options and recycling infrastructure needs to ensure that we can continue to meet our statutory recycling targets and landfill diversion targets from April 2019. <i>MF5-16</i>	March 2021	E&PP
2	We will work with local stakeholders to pilot litter management arrangements across Llanelli with specific attention to the town centre and approach roads, with a view to introducing across the County. <i>MF5-18</i>	March 2020	E&PP

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
3	We will continue to work with CWM Environmental to review our waste treatment/disposal arrangements in the immediate term by securing appropriate arrangements for treating and disposing of our waste.	March 2020	E&PP
4	We shall continue to review existing household recycling participation rates to maximise landfill diversion and increase recycling. Undertake a programme of door-stepping to advise and encourage householders to participate in our recycling schemes.	March 2020	E&PP
5	We shall explore the potential partnership with local community third sector companies to improve the performance of the council bulky waste and re-use service.	March 2020	E&PP
6	We will undertake a public satisfaction survey to assess the public opinion of current services. Also assess the appetite for future service change to deliver enhanced recycling performance for Carmarthenshire.	March 2020	E&PP
7	We will continue to target local environment quality issues, including dog fouling, fly-tipping and general litter blight. Review effectiveness of Public Space Protection Order.	March 2020	E&PP
8	We will continue with to re-used, recycled or composted a high percentage of waste (PAM/030). Target set to achieve national waste targets (2018/19 Result - TBC%)	TBC%	E&PP
9	We will reduce the amount (Kg) of municipal waste that is not reused, recycled or composted during the year per person (PAM/043) (2018/19 Result - TBC Kg)	TBC Kg	E&PP
10	We will keep the average number of working days taken to clear fly-tipping incidents to a minimum (PAM/035) (2018/19 Result - TBC days)	TBC days	E&PP
11	We will maintain a high level of streets that are clean (PAM/010) (2018/19 Result - TBC%)	TBC%	E&PP
12	We shall maintain a high level of cleanliness of our highways based on the Keep Wales Tidy and Cleanliness Index inspections (STS/005a) (2018/19 Result - 75.7%)	TBC%	E&PP

Additional Success Measure
Rates of recycling (PAM/030)
Use of renewable energy

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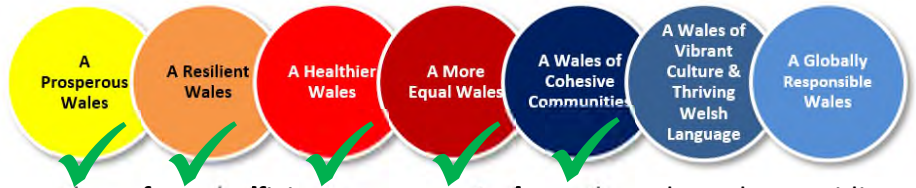


Well-being Objective 13

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

Why is this important?

- Transportation & highways play a key role in sustaining our community and deliver 'Prosperity for All.' 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 & 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 wellbeing 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.



Why this should concern us?

- Our survey identified *transportation and highways as important* and in the top 10 priorities for the community was road maintenance, bus services and pavement maintenance.
- In our survey on satisfaction with services and the importance of services - *Road Maintenance and Repairs* were identified as one of the highest importance with low satisfaction.
- Our highway network is the second largest in Wales covering 3,468 Kilometres, more than double the Welsh average of 1,566 Kilometres; covering 16 million square metres of carriageway.
- The condition of our roads was ranked 17th out of 22 across Wales in 2017/18.
- 18.8% of residents do not have access to a car or van. However, 43.5% of households have one car per household, which may indicate reduced accessibility in areas not well served by public transport.
- Only 55% aged 80 or over have access to a car/van therefore public transport and community based services are important to enable people to continue to live within their communities; it can mean the difference between a person staying independent at home or entering residential care.
- Air quality is emerging as a concern is Llandeilo, Carmarthen and Llanelli.

What do we need to do?

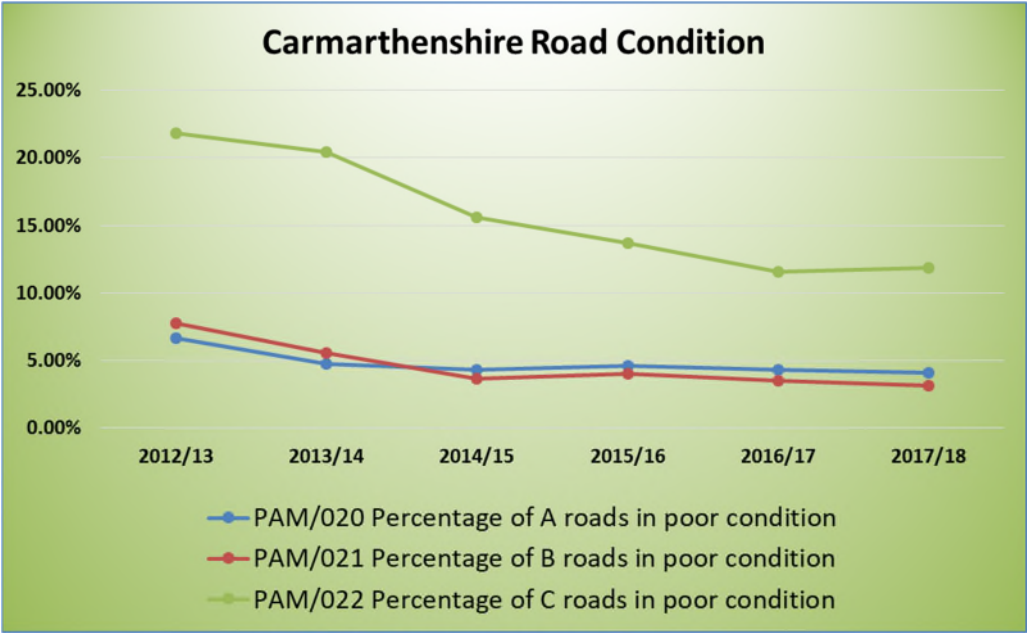
- We to improve connectivity, reduce congestion and improve competitiveness to develop and support access to services.
- We need to sustain investment into our public and community transport systems and facilitate travel to and from schools to support our Modernising Education Programme.
- We need to also invest in infrastructure to support more sustainable journeys and Active Travel. For example through cycle ways, footpaths and public transport infrastructure.
- We need to continue to sustain investment in our existing highway infrastructure to improve connectivity;
- We need to maintain our focus on road safety and deliver our road safety strategy priorities.
- We need to ensure our fleet of vehicles are safe, modern and efficient, and design our replacement strategy to adapt to changes in vehicle technology.

How will we do this?

- A. We will develop the highway infrastructure to meet the priorities of our Regeneration Plan and Swansea Bay City Deal. We will continue to develop a new highway at Cross Hands and develop strategic schemes to connect communities to promote 'Active Travel' and tourism.
- B. We will continue the successful integrated public transport network such as Bwcabus/LINC and Traws Cymru, develop a Metro for South West Wales to integrate Active Travel, bus and rail stations and work with regional colleagues to improve rail connectivity and journey times to West Wales.
- C. We will plan to redesign our school transport network to support the Modernising Education Programme.
- D. We will continue to support community transport.
- E. We will meet our objectives set out in our Road Safety Strategy.
- F. We will continue to modernise our vehicle fleet to improve efficiency and reduce emissions, and support the development of electrical vehicle charging infrastructure.

Key Measure of Success

Through our investment in road repairs, we have seen an overall improvement in their condition. The additional Welsh Government funding will help to support our prioritised programme of surfacing our roads.



An example of what we are doing

Towy Valley Path

The first section of the Tywi Valley Path is now open. Over 750m of pathway linking Carmarthen Museum in Aberwgili with Bwlch Bach to Fronun and onto Whitemill, offers cyclists and walkers beautiful scenery including views of the Bishops Palace gardens and ponds.

We are putting our customers first by opening the first section and we are now striving for excellence as we work towards completion of the path!

The Tywi Valley Path is one of Carmarthenshire County Council’s exciting capital projects, and has received £128,000 through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. When complete, it is expected to boost the local economy by up to £2.4 million a year through increased tourism and visitor spend, which is part of a long-term vision for Carmarthenshire to be recognised as the Cycling Hub of Wales.



Lead Executive Board Member
Cllr Hazel Evans



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Well-being Objective 13

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

How will we do this?

Our detailed delivery plan and to achieve this objective

(Lemon highlight means that this is not the Action or Measure's main objective).

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
A	We will develop the highway infrastructure to meet the priorities of our Regeneration Plan		
1	We will continue to invest in strategic transport infrastructure links to support economic development. a. We will connect the development of Phase 2 of the Cross Hands Economic Link Road. <i>MF5-2 & MF5-3</i>	March 2020	E&PP
2	We will establish Carmarthenshire as the Cycling Hub of Wales by delivering key projects the Tywi Valley Cycle Path. <i>MF5-1</i>	March 2021	E&PP
3	We will implement the Cycling Strategy for Carmarthenshire that will focus on 5 key strategic themes. 1- Education, Development & Training; 2-Infrastructure and Facilities; 3-Marketing & Branding; 4-Tourism and 5 - Events. We will work closely in developing the 4 focused sports which are: Cycling, Aquatics, Athletics and Triathlon. <i>(Part of MF5-1- Carmarthen Velodrome) (Action also in Well-being Objective 8)</i>	March 2023	COMM
4	We will develop active travel routes for key settlements.	March 2020	E&PP
5	We have completed our Highways Asset Maintenance Plan and will develop the Highways Maintenance Policy to support the delivery of the Plan.	March 2020	E&PP
6	We will deliver the 3 year capital investment program for highway maintenance in accordance with then resources available. <i>MF5-8</i>	March 2020	E&PP
7	We will deliver the 3 year capital investment program for highway bridge strengthening and replacement schemes in accordance with then resources available	March 2021	E&PP
8	We will work towards improving integration of the public transport network including rail services in Carmarthenshire in order to better serve the needs of our residents. <i>MF5-6</i>	March 2021	E&PP
9	We will work with Welsh Government to help deliver at Llandeilo bypass to improve air quality and safety in the town of Llandeilo. <i>MF5-4</i>	March 2021	E&PP
10	We will consider the feasibility of developing an overnight lorry park/s within the County. <i>MF5-9</i>	March 2022	E&PP
11	We will work with the Town & Community Council to implement the 'invest to save' programme to convert the county's street lamps to LED lighting.	March 2020	E&PP
12	The % of A roads in poor condition (<i>PAM/020</i>) (2018/19 Result - 5.2%)	TBC%	E&PP
13	The % of B roads in poor condition (<i>PAM/022</i>) (2018/19 Result - 4.2%)	TBC%	E&PP

Ref	Actions and Measures	Date/Target	Scrutiny
14	The % of C roads in poor condition <i>(PAM/022)</i> <i>(2018/19 Result - 12.5%)</i>	TBC%	E&PP
15	We will minimise the % of principal (A) roads, non-principal (B) roads and non-principal (C) roads that are in overall poor condition <i>(THS/012)</i> <i>(2018/19 Result - 10.1%)</i>	TBC%	E&PP
B	We will continue the successful integrated public transport network		
1	We will work with Regional Local Authority Partners to develop plans for a South West Wales Metro. <i>MF5-6</i>	March 2022	E&PP
C	We will plan to redesign our school transport network to support the Modernising Education Programme		
1	We will continue to support the delivery of the Modernising Education Programme – redesigning networks to facilitate the movement of pupils as set out in our home to school transport policy.	March 2020	E&PP
D	We will continue to support community transport.		
1	We will work with the community, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire County Councils and Welsh Government to help sustain the delivery of the LINC/ Bwcabus integrated transport services & Key strategic Services. <i>(Action also in Well-being Objective 11)</i>	March 2020	E&PP
E	We will meet our objectives set out in our Road Safety Strategy.		
1	We shall lobby Welsh Government to increase funding to enable the development of Safer Routes in Communities ensuring more communities can have new pavements and walking routes. <i>MF5-7</i>	March 2020	E&PP
2	We will work to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads to meet the 40% reduction by 2020 <i>(5.5.2.21)</i> <i>(2018/19 Results published in June)</i>	75	E&PP
3	We will work to reduce the number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on roads to meet the 25% reduction by 2020 <i>(5.5.2.22)</i> <i>(2018/19 Results published in June)</i>	14	E&PP
4	We will work reduce the number of young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured on roads to meet the 40% reduction by 2020 <i>(5.5.2.23)</i> <i>(2018/19 Results published in June)</i>	21	E&PP
F	Modernising our vehicle Fleet and electrical vehicle charging infrastructure		
1	We will complete our investment into vehicle replacements during the year in accordance with our strategic fleet replacement programme. <i>MF5-5</i>	March 2020	E&PP
2	We will improve the infrastructure for the use of electric vehicles especially in rural areas. <i>MF5-6</i>	March 2021	E&PP

Success Measures
Road conditions <i>(PAM/020, PAM/021 & PAM/022)</i>
Road casualties <i>(5.5.2.21)</i>

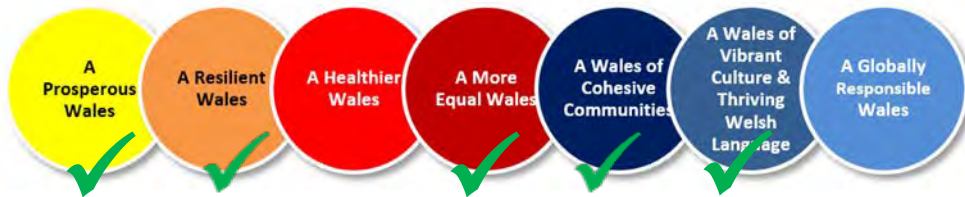


Well-being Objective 14

Healthy & Safe Environment - Promote Welsh Language and Culture

So why is this important?

- Carmarthenshire is a stronghold for the Welsh language and is considered to be of high strategic importance in its future.
- There are many advantages to bilingualism, including increased cognitive skills,
- 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.
- Engaging in cultural activity has demonstrable positive impact on starting well, living well and ageing well.



Why this should concern us?

- According to the results of the 2017/18 National Survey for Wales **43.6%** of people in Carmarthenshire said that they spoke Welsh.
- The 2011 Census showed that the number of Welsh speakers in Carmarthenshire had reduced to **43.9%** compared to 50.1% in 2001.
- The Welsh Government's ambition, through the [Cymraeg 2050 - Welsh language Strategy](#), is to see the number of people able to enjoy speaking and using Welsh reach a **million by 2050**.
- The Welsh Government's [Light Springs through the Dark: A Vision for Culture in Wales](#) is reinforcing the importance of culture as a priority.

What do we need to do?

- We need to ensure compliance with the Welsh Language Standards under the Welsh Language Measure (Wales) 2011 and monitor progress across the Authority.
- We need to continue promote the content of the 'WESP' Welsh in Education Strategic Plan in partnership with school leaders for the benefit of all Carmarthenshire learners. (Also see WBO3)
- We need to promote the use of the Welsh Language in our communities and work with partners such as the Mentrau Iaith, the Urdd and Mudiad Meithrin to realise the vision and outcomes set out in our Welsh Language Promotion Strategy
- We need to increase the number of people participating in cultural activity.
- We need to ensure that our collections and our County's heritage assets are protected and accessible for future generations

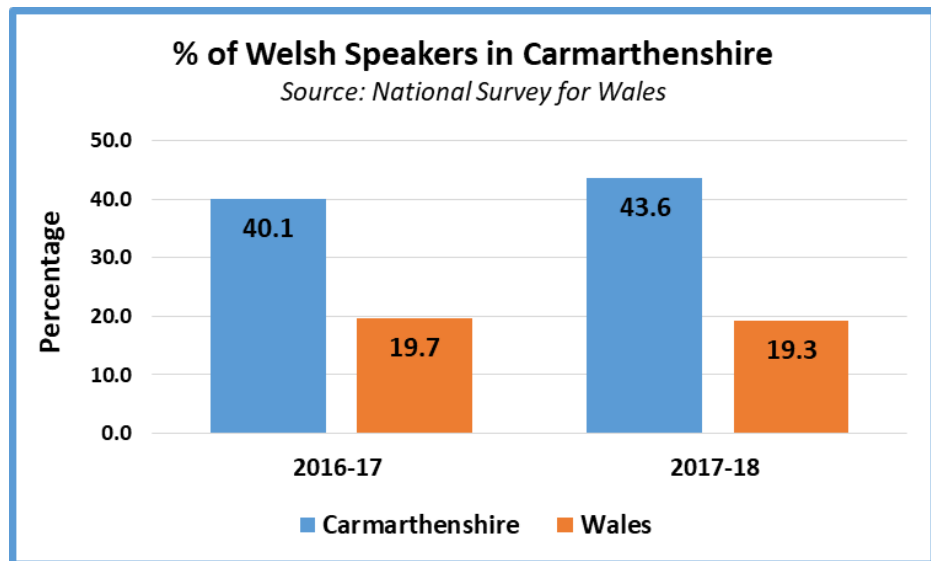
How will we do this?

- A. We will implement and monitor the **Welsh Language Standards** under the Welsh Language Measures 2011 across the Council, to the citizens of Carmarthenshire and other public services
- B. We will continue the **development of Welsh in all our Education services**, thus moving towards ensuring that every pupil is confidently bilingual. Pupils can fulfil their potential in gaining skills to operate as bilingual citizens in their communities, the workplace and beyond/worldwide.
- C. We will implement the **Welsh Language Promotion Strategy** - which will facilitate the use of Welsh in everything we do across all communities
- D. We will promote our **Welsh Culture & Heritage** (see Councils **DRAFT** Arts Strategy 2018-22)

Key Measure of Success

Can speak Welsh (National Survey for Wales (NSW) (National Well-being Indicator) (NWBI))

The 2017/18 [National Survey for Wales](#) results shows that **43.6%** can speak Welsh in Carmarthenshire, an increase on 40.1% in the previous year. This is well above the Welsh average and the fourth highest percentage in Wales *(Sample size - 11,400 in Wales)*. Carmarthenshire has the highest number of Welsh speakers in Wales with just over 78,000 according to the 2011 Census.



An example of what we are doing

A WELCOME booklet has been created for those who have returned to live or moved to Carmarthenshire.

The pack explains about the county and the Welsh language.

It also includes information about the benefits of being bilingual as well as listing different Welsh enterprises and organisations in the county and identifies places to shop and socialise where you can embrace the language.

The packs are given out to those who register for council tax; new council tenants; new university, health board, police and council staff in the county as well as being piloted with an estate agent and social housing providers.



Lead Executive Board Member
Cllr Peter Hughes-Griffiths



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Building a Better Council & Better Use of Resources





Well-being Objective 15

Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources

So why is this important?

- The general purpose of the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015, 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.
- 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'.



Why this should concern us?

- Further financial pressures are likely to arise from such things as rising energy costs, an increasing number of older people needing services from us, offices, 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.

What do we need to do?

- Our Transform, Innovate and Change (TIC) programme will support the achievement of a sustainable financial future by delivering more efficient and effective services.
- We will conduct the work of the Council in an open and accessible way, ensuring we are properly accountable for the decisions we make.
- We intend to invest somewhere in the region of *an additional £210 million pounds of capital funding* in our corporate priorities over the next five years.
- We will make better use of our resources which will help to minimise the impact on services primarily by making smarter use of our buildings, our people and our spending.

How will we do this?

A. By transforming innovating and changing the way we work and deliver services.

Our Transform, Innovate and Change (TIC) programme is aimed at thinking differently, acting differently and therefore delivering differently. The programme takes into account factors such as the potential to deliver financial efficiencies, service improvement, opportunities to work collaboratively with other public sector partners and transformational projects with potential to deliver greater efficiency savings.

B. We shall follow the 7 Principles of Good Governance set out Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)/ Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) :-

B1. Integrity and Values - *(Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law)*

B2. Openness and engagement – *(Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement)*

B3. Making a difference - *(Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social, & environmental benefits)*

B4. Making sure we achieve what we set out to do - *Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes.*

B5. Valuing our people; engaging, leading and supporting - *(Developing capacity and the capability of leadership and individuals).*

B6. Managing risks, performance and finance.

(Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management)

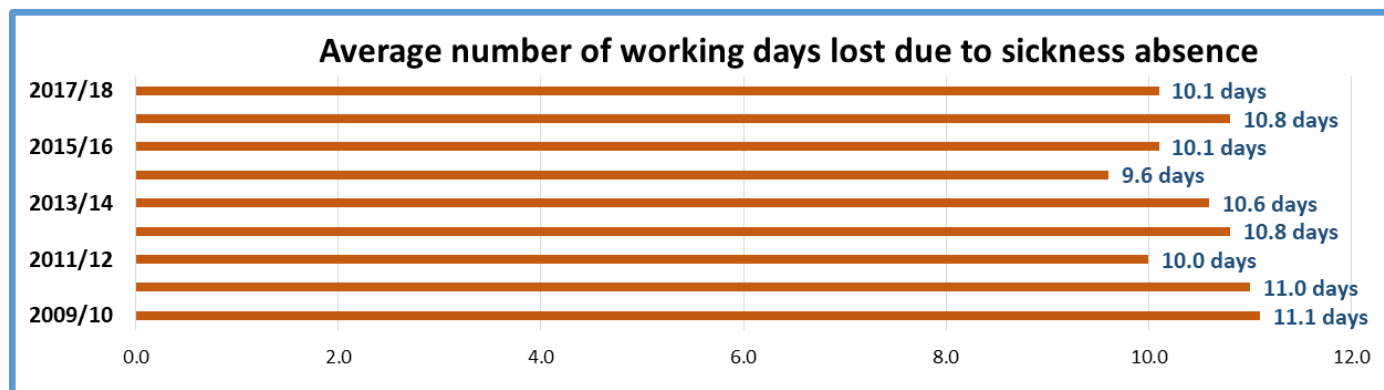
B7. Good transparency and accountability

(Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting, and audit to deliver effective accountability)

Key Measure of Success

Staff sickness absence levels (PAM/001)

Sickness levels within the council has fluctuated during the last few years from 11.1 days in 2009/10 to its lowest at 9.6 days in 2014/15. The Corporate Sickness Absence Management Framework helps Heads of Service and managers ensure that support is in place for staff where needed and there is consistent application of the sickness policy. Stress and mental health related absence continues to be the highest cause for sickness absence.



An example of what we are doing

Transform Innovate and Change (TIC) Agenda

The **Transform Innovate and Change (TIC) agenda** continues to focus on supporting cultural and behavioural changes by encouraging services to think differently, act differently and therefore deliver differently - looking for new ways of working and innovation.

At this year's 2018 TIC Awards, five winning teams were recognised for their contributions to this agenda. The event, now in its second year, saw the Schools' Staff Absence Scheme team, Web team, Pest Control team, Complex Needs team and Makerspace team each receive framed certificates for their achievements in demonstrating projects which reflected Transformation, Innovation and Change. A special 'Overall Winner' plaque, sponsored by 'We are Lean and Agile', was also presented to the Makerspace Team for the success of their project. The team emphasised how they managed to breathe new life into libraries across Carmarthenshire and how they have moved away from traditional thinking and introduced innovation and creativity to the heart of their communities.





Lead Executive Board Member
Cllr David Jenkins & Cllr Mair Stephens





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APPENDICES

Update to Improvement Objectives / Well-being Objectives

	No.	Well-being Objective	Refresh / upgrade
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 (Childhood Obesity)	Address findings of Dec/Jan 2019 WAO review of this Well-being Objective
	3	Continue to improve learner attainment for all Support and improve progress and achievement for all learners	Renamed To reflect the new National emphasis on the success and well-being of every learner. <u>Education in Wales : Our National Mission</u>
	4	Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) people	Changed to a more positive title:- Ensure all young people are in Education, Employment or Training (EET) and are following productive learning and career pathways
Live Well	5	Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, helping people into work and improving the lives of those living in poverty	More fully reflect the ambition of the Tyshia project
	6	Create more jobs and growth throughout the county	Brexit Preparation Strengthen the rural profile
	7	Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes	
	8	Help people live healthy lives (Tackling risky behaviour and Adult obesity)	More emphasis on Mental Health
	9	Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities	Better profile on Safeguarding
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 supporting Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Welsh Government will be publishing their new Strategy for an Ageing Society in the Spring of 2019. The Council will need to refresh and respond to the local priorities emerging from this national strategy. • In doing this the Council will also take account of the Older People's Commissioner's priorities and the World Health Organisation's age friendly priorities for action
In a healthy and safe environment	12	Look after the environment now and for the future	Increased the profile for Flooding Adopt recent Notice of Motion for zero Carbon
	13	Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity	Increase profile of Active Travel
	14	Promoting Welsh Language and Culture	
Corporate Governance	15	Building a better Council Making Better use of Resources	

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.

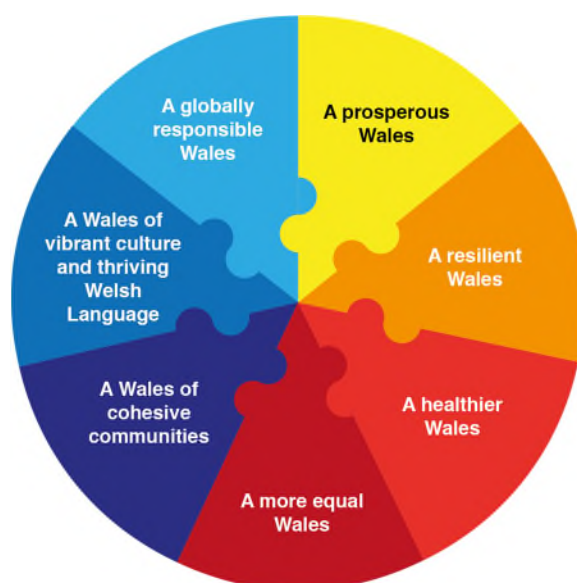
The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009

- 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:-

- a) 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.'**
- b) We must demonstrate 5 ways of working:
Long term, integrated, involving, collaborative and preventative
- c) 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	Support and improve progress and achievement for all learners	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
	4	Ensure all young people are in Education, Employment or Training (EET) and are following productive learning and career pathways	✓		✓	✓	✓		
	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	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
In a Healthy, Safe & Prosperous Environment	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	Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Financing the Council's Well-being Objectives

The financial position faced by local authorities has had a consistent theme over the last decade, 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 around £50m, whilst at the same time the pressures on the budget have been increasing in terms of demand and expectations. We strive to manage this situation by reducing our spending without any significant impact on the frontline services valued by our communities.

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

To achieve this objective we need to ensure appropriate investment in the early years and through our community resources such as Integrated Children's Centres and Family Centres. The Children & Communities Grant helps to improve and integrate service delivery to better support vulnerable families and people across Wales. This grant incorporates the Flying Start and Families First grants which had Welsh Government Revenue funding of £5.1m in 2018-19.

2. Help children live healthy lifestyles

In order to deliver against this objective the key points above also apply.

School meals in Carmarthenshire follow healthy eating legislation, for which annual core funding is £3.4m. This includes the cost of the Primary School Free Breakfast initiative. For 2019/20, the Council has frozen prices despite inflationary pressures, and there is additional grant funding of £300k from WG for changes to free school meal eligibility.

Healthy activities for younger people are supported by existing sports development, and leisure facility programming budgets, supplemented by the Local Authority Partnership Agreement (LAPA) Grant of £500k which we access from the Welsh Government via Sport Wales. This helps pay for activities such as Free Swimming and the Active Young People Programme.

3. Support and improve progress and achievement for all learners

This key objective requires comprehensive support and resourcing from across our services.

Carmarthenshire is committed to ensuring a detailed and forward-thinking programme in support of improved attainment for all our children and young people. Schools receive £108m of delegated funding as well as approximately £19m through Welsh Government grants. In particular, additional funding has been provided to cover the cost of teachers pay and pension cost increases.

In addition, we are nearing the end of our *Modernising Education/21st Century Schools Programme* £87m to deliver the first tranche of priority projects (Band A), with £43m coming from the Welsh Government. The second tranche of projects (Band B) is projected to cost £129m, with £65m coming from the Welsh Government. To ensure ongoing comprehensive support and challenge for our schools, we require some £6.5m to resource our School Improvement and Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Teams and their valuable provision. A further £4m is needed to continue to provide wider learning and achievement experiences and resources such as museum, gallery and archive services.

4. Ensure all young people are in Education, Employment or Training (EET)

The Youth Support Service has a lead role in delivering this work in school and community settings. Annual core funding for this service is £500k. The service depends on annual external grants including the Welsh Government Youth Support Service (YSS) Grant (£201k in 18-19) and Families First (£661k in 2018-19). Securing further funding from the Children & Communities grant will be essential for this well-being target to be met.

In addition to these funding sources, we have been successful in gaining £3.1m European Social Funding (ESF) for the Regional *Cynnydd* project which is further supported by match funding of £1.3m. There is a further £733k of ESF for the Regional *Cam Nesa* project which is also supported by £314k of match funding has been awarded. Both of these projects seek to reduce the number of young people becoming NEET in the county.

5. Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, help people into work and improve the lives of those living in poverty



It is difficult to estimate the resource implications for delivering initiatives to tackle poverty as this work is delivered across a wide spectrum of services. Some of this work is our core business for example homelessness support (£1m), and other targeted elements are grant funded such as previously mentioned *Children's & Communities Grant*, along with the *Pupil Deprivation Grant* (£5.1m in 2018-19). In addition, as a result of the diverse nature of poverty and the many different influences that can result in someone experiencing poverty, many of the councils services contribute towards tackling poverty indirectly. For these services tackling poverty is not the ultimate goal but is a result of the work they do to support individuals and communities.

6. Create more jobs and growth throughout the county



Carmarthenshire's spend per head of the population on Economic Development is above the Welsh Average in Wales. Regeneration of the economy and jobs is the number one priority of the Council. Our 15 year regeneration plan will create over 5,000 jobs and see over £199 million investment over the next 5 years alone.

As part of the Swansea Bay City Deal we will have two major projects in Carmarthenshire:-

- At the *Creative Digital Cluster at Yr Egin* a total project cost worth £24m (£5m City Deal+£16m Public Sector £3m Private) will be delivered creating 200+ jobs over the next 15 years.
- At the *Life Science & Well-being Village project*, a total project cost of £200m (£40m City Deal, £32m Public Sector Funding and £127m Private Sector) will create 1800+ jobs over the next 15 years.

Also see Objective 3 for the 21ST Century Schools building programme and Objective 7 Affordable Homes.

7. Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes



Our original Affordable Homes Delivery Plan aimed to deliver over 1000 homes between 2016 and 2021. We have already delivered over 640 homes are well on course to exceed that target. Our ambitions for the next 10 years are to deliver over 900 new homes with an investment of over £150m, with over 250 being delivered in the next 3 years with an investment of £44m.

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



This objective will bring together a lot of work done by services and in some cases it is difficult to isolate expenditure under this heading. However Capital expenditure over the next 5 years will be:

- £16.5m on a new Llanelli leisure centre
- £1.675 on enhancements to Amman Valley leisure centre.
- £600k on Rights of Way, £0.5m on the development of open spaces including at Pembrey Country Park
- £4.25m for the Tywi Valley cycle way and £1.4m on walking and cycling linkages
- In addition to over £675k on safer routes in communities

In Revenue expenditure for 2019/20 we will be investing:-

- £1.6m on children getting 60 minutes of exercise 5 times a week and the exercise referral scheme
- £6.3m running leisure, sports and swimming facilities
- £4.4m on outdoor, countryside and coastal park
- In ensuring cultural well-being across facilities we will be spending £6.8m on delivering services
- For Learning Disability Services **£37m** and Mental Health services £9.7m and Support Services including Safeguarding and Transport £6.2m
- To support the physically disabled we will be spending £6.6m and £2.1m on supported employment
- We ensure Public Health Services (Food Safety, Air and Water Quality etc.) £2.5m
- Provision of Trading Standards £1m



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

When we ask people *what things in life matter to you?* They tell us that loved ones, family, friends, neighbours and community matter to them. In Children's Services our range of family support services contribute to this objective and it is difficult to break down the costs of this from some of our other objectives on helping children get the best start in life and improving early life experiences. In total nearly £24m is spent across the Children's Services Division.

Services to support carers and home support services help people to continue to live at home, with their families and in their communities – Also see Objective 10

We are also working to ensure broader community cohesion with a range of initiatives - Link to Objective 13



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

In terms of Capital expenditure we will be spending £10m on disabled facility grants over the next five years and £7m on the Llanelli Area Review in 2019/20.

We will be spending nearly **£62m** of our revenue budget in 2019/20 on Older People Services. This will include:

- £4m on Commissioning, £8.5m on Local Authority (LA) Residential homes, nearly £23m on Private Sector Residential Homes and £782k on extra care
- On Homecare Services £6.5m LA provision and £9.2M on Private provision
- £1.7m on Information, Assistance and Advice and telecare services, £2.3m on enablement and £1.5m on Community Support & Day Services

Also see Objective 11



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

It is difficult to estimate the level of investment in this objective because it cuts across diverse services. This is about making sure that in everything we do, we think about supporting Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire.

Put simply, older people are net contributors to the economy rather than beneficiaries with their contributions to the employment market, volunteering, mentoring and caring sectors. The work Council services deliver to help people live independent lives reduces the need for expensive health and social care interventions - Also see Objective 10



12. Look after the environment now and for the future

With regard to delivery of actions relating to the *Towards Zero Waste Strategy, Flood & Waste Management Plan and Shoreline Management Plan*, these actions are already covered by the relevant budgets. The Waste & Environmental Services division's revenue budget of £21m (19/20) aims to fund the collection and disposal of waste which incorporates numerous recycling initiatives, street cleansing, environmental enforcement, grounds and parks maintenance, flood and coastal defence as well as maintaining public conveniences ensuring that we look after the environment now and in the future.

In addition CCC receives a Welsh Government grant *Sustainable Waste Management revenue grant* (£1.1m in 2018/19)



13. Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity

Carmarthenshire's *Local Transport Plan* sets out our priorities for infrastructure investment. The priorities are aligned to our corporate objectives and set within the objectives of the Swansea Bay City Region. Our current approved capital programme includes over £15m for investment into the highway infrastructure, with around £6m reliant on external grant funding, along with developer contributions as new development is commenced.

The Highways and Transport division's revenue budget of £30m includes a sum of £8m for the highways infrastructure as well as funding for school and public transport, car park maintenance and administration, the upkeep of public lighting for the county and the development of transport strategies to maintain the connectivity of the highways infrastructure for Carmarthenshire.

The introduction of the transformation projects such as those included within the City Deal and integrated transport projects, supported through external funding, will provide opportunities for investment into the infrastructure and transportation services to support the safe movement of people and goods.



14. Promote Welsh Language and Culture

This priority can be addressed without the need for large additional investment. We will mainly focus on achieving this objective through the existing work we do within Regeneration & Policy, Leisure & Culture and Education & Children's Services, advising and educating colleagues with regard to how our existing services can be further improved and how we can promote a vibrant culture and ensure the Welsh language is thriving.

Additional support may become available through the Welsh Government's '*Cymraeg 2050 – Welsh Language Strategy*' and we will closely monitor any opportunities for Carmarthenshire to access this support.



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

Addressing this 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.

Over a sustained period of budget reductions, the council has sought to maximise the proportion of managerial savings, thus minimising the impact on frontline services. The Council's medium term financial plan includes £13.3 million of "managerial" proposals, or 54% of total budget reduction proposals put forward.

The council has committed to improving ways of working through the work of the "Transformation, Innovation & Change" programme (TIC), which is underpinned by the TIC team (£204k)

Statements of Intent

Well-being Statement

We welcome our duties under the Well-being of Future Generations Act. We have already addressed much of the new Acts requirements but recognize that we can do more.

1. We feel that our Well-being Objectives contribute significantly to the achievement of the National Well-being Goals. Our Well-being Objectives relate to different aspects of life's course and address well-being in a systematic way.
2. These Well-being Objectives have been selected with considerable consultation feedback and a basket of different sources of information on need, performance data and regulatory feedback. In developing action plans to achieve these objectives we will involve people (in all their diversity) with an interest in achieving them.
3. The steps we take to achieve the Well-being Objectives (our action plans) will look to ensure that long term, preventative, integrated, collaborative and involvement approaches are fully embraced.
4. An Executive Board member has a specific responsibility for the overall Act. In addition, each Executive Board portfolio holder will have responsibility for the relevant Well-being Objectives.
5. To ensure that we take these action plan steps we will use our in house developed Performance Information Monitoring System dashboard. All the action plans will be monitored and reported on quarterly to Department Management Teams, Corporate Management Team and Executive Board. In addition progress will be reported to Scrutiny Committees. The Council will prepare an Annual report on its Well-being Objectives and revise the objectives if required.
6. The content of action plans to achieve the Well-being Objectives are adequately resourced and embedded in Service business plans (see financial breakdown Appendix 2). To achieve these objectives services will 'join-up' and work together, work with partners and fully involve citizens in all their diversity.
7. Our Objectives are long term but our action plans will include milestones that will enable monitoring and assurance of progress.
8. To ensure that our Well-being Objectives are deliverable and that the expectations of the Act are embraced we will adapt financial planning, asset management, risk assessment, performance management and scrutiny arrangements.

Community Covenant

In delivering these Well-being Objectives we will uphold the principles of the Community Covenant. These are, that the Armed Forces Community:



- Should not face disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services; and that
- Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially those who have given the most, such as the injured or bereaved.

The County of Carmarthenshire's Well-being Plan

The Well-being of Future Generations Act puts a well-being duty on specified public bodies across Carmarthenshire to act jointly and establish a statutory **Public Services Board (PSB)**. The Carmarthenshire PSB was established in May 2016 and is tasked with improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Carmarthenshire. It must do so by undertaking an assessment of well-being in the County and then preparing a county Well-being Plan to outline its local objectives.

- The assessment looks at well-being in Carmarthenshire through different life stages. The key findings can be found at www.thecarmarthenshirewewant.wales
- The PSB must publish a Well-being plan which sets out its local objectives to improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the County and the steps it proposes to take to meet them. The first Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan was published in May 2018 which can be found at www.thecarmarthenshirewewant.wales

The Well-being Objectives of the Carmarthenshire PSB are not intended to address the core services and provision of the individual partners, rather they are to enhance and add value through collective action. The statutory partners of the PSB (Council, Health Board, Fire & Rescue Service and Natural Resources Wales) each have to publish their own Well-being Objectives

Carmarthenshire PSB's draft Well-being Objectives are:-

- **Healthy Habits:** people have a good quality of life, and make healthy choices about their lives and environment
- **Early Intervention:** to make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it
- **Strong Connections:** strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change
- **Prosperous People and Places:** to maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county

A series of multi-agency Delivery Groups have now been established in order to make progress on these objectives and regular reports will be monitored through the PSB and the Council's Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee. In addition to the Delivery Groups the Carmarthenshire Safer Communities Partnership has also been reviewed with new priorities and action plan identified.

How we will measure success

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

Well-being Objective		Success Measures
1	Best Start in Life	Children in care who had to move 3 or more times (PAM/029)
2	Children - Healthy Lifestyles	Childhood obesity (Child Measurement Programme NHS)
3	Support and improve progress and achievement for all learners	Educational attainment - Average Capped 9 points score (Year 11 pupils) (PAM/032) (Pupils best 9 results including English/Welsh, Mathematics–Numeracy, Mathematics and Science)
		School attendance rates (Primary) (PAM/007) (Secondary) (PAM/008)
		Satisfaction with child's primary school (NSW)
4	Ensure all young people are in Education, Employment or Training (EET)	Number of leavers Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) (PAM/009) Year 11 & Year 13 (5.1.0.2)
5	Tackle 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)
		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)
6	Creating Jobs and Growth	Employment figures (ONS – Annual Population Survey) (NWBI)
		Average Gross weekly pay (ONS – Annual Survey of hours and earnings)
		Number qualified to NVQ Level 4 or above (Stats Wales) (NWBI)
		People moderately or very satisfied with their jobs (NSW) (NWBI)
7	Affordable Homes	Number of affordable homes in the County (7.3.2.24)
8	Healthy Lives	Adults who say their general health is Good or Very Good (NSW)
		Adults who say they have a longstanding illness (NSW)
		Adult mental well-being score (NSW) (NWBI)
		Adults who have fewer than two healthy lifestyle behaviours (NSW) (NWBI) (Not smoking, drinking > 14 units or lower, eating at least 5 portions fruit & veg the previous day, having a healthy body mass index, being physically active at least 150 minutes the previous week).

Well-being Objective		Success Measures
9	Supporting Good Connections	% 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)
10	Independent Lives	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	Ageing Well	People who are lonely (NSW)(NWBI)
12	Healthy and Safe Environment	Use of renewable energy
		Rates of recycling (PAM/030)
13	Highways & Transport	Road conditions (PAM/020, PAM/021 & PAM/022)
		Road casualties (5.5.2.21)
14	Welsh Language & Culture	Can speak Welsh (NSW)(NWBI)
		Pupils assessed in Welsh 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)
		People know how to find what services the Council provides (NSW)
		People agree that they have an opportunity to participate in making decisions about the running of local authority services. (NSW)
		Staff sickness absence levels (PAM/001)
		Organisational 'running costs'
		People agree that the Council asks for their views before setting its budget. (NSW)

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)



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ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17TH MAY 2019

FORTHCOMING ITEMS for next meeting to be held on 10th June 2019

In order to ensure effective Scrutiny, Members need to be clear as to the purpose of requesting specific information and the outcome they are hoping to achieve as a consequence of examining a report. Limiting the number of agenda items may help to keep meetings focused and easier to manage.

Proposed Agenda Item	Background	Reason for report
Public Convenience Strategy	<i>Part 8 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017: Provision of Toilets</i> came into force on 31 May 2018 and places a duty on each local authority in Wales to prepare and publish a local toilets strategy for its area.	The report sets out the draft Local Toilets Strategy for Carmarthenshire and invites the Committee to comment on its content prior to finalisation and formal approval by the EB.
Task and Finish Scoping Document	At its informal Forward Work Programme Development Session held on the 22 nd February 2019, the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee agreed in principal to undertake a review into the Trading Standards Services – Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme (FESS) initiative.	The Committee will have the opportunity to consider and endorse the aims and scope of the work of the Task and Finish Group. The Committee will be required to agree on the Membership of the Task and Finish Group.
Budget Monitoring 2018/19	This item enables members to undertake their monitoring role of the Environment Department, Public Protection Services and Community Safety Team's revenue and capital budgets.	To enable the committee to undertake its monitoring role of the budgets which fall within its remit.

**Items circulated to the Committee under separate cover
since the last meeting held on 18th May 2019**

No items have been circulated to members of the Environmental and Public Scrutiny Committee for information since the last meeting.

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