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FRIDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2018

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE **CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN AT 10.00 AM ON FRIDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2018** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 MEMBERS

PLAID CYMRU GROUP – 6 MEMBERS

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| 1. | Councillor | Ann Davies |
| 2. | Councillor | Handel Davies |
| 3. | Councillor | Jeanette Gilasbey |
| 4. | Councillor | Betsan Jones |
| 5. | Councillor | Gareth Thomas (Vice-Chair) |
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LABOUR GROUP – 4 MEMBERS

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| 1. | Councillor | Deryk Cundy |
| 2. | Councillor | Sharen Davies (Chair) |
| 3. | Councillor | Shirley Matthews |
| 4. | Councillor | Louvain Roberts |

INDEPENDENT GROUP – 3 MEMBERS

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

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS INCLUDING ANY PARTY WHIPS ISSUED IN RELATION TO ANY AGENDA ITEM
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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

Community Scrutiny Committee
Task & Finish Review 2014/15 - Update
Empty Properties in Carmarthenshire

To consider and comment on the following issues:

To provide an update to Community Scrutiny, following a Task & Finish Review of Empty Properties in 2014/15.

Reasons:

- The Community Scrutiny Committee established a Task & Finish Group to review empty properties in the private sector in 2014/15, and have now requested an update to all recommendations made within the report.

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Cllr. Linda Evans (Housing Portfolio Holder)

Directorate:

Communities

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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

Community Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Review 2014/15 - Update

Empty Properties in Carmarthenshire

On the 1st August 2014, the Committee established a Task & Finish Group to review empty properties in the private sector.

A total of 7 meetings were held between November 2014 and June 2015, which were used to consider evidence and information from a wide variety of sources. The Group also undertook a series of site visits to view a selection of empty properties within the county. The main aims of the review were to:

- To identify and evaluate the current activities undertaken by the Housing & Public Protection Division.
- To identify potential improvements and alternative delivery models.
- To identify cost effective best practice by other authorities, agencies and providers.
- To formulate recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board.

The purpose of the presentation attached to this report is to provide an update on the recommendations that were identified in the initial report, and how these have progressed and implemented

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES [Power Point Presentation]

IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed: **Jonathan Morgan** **Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities**

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

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: **Jonathan Morgan** **Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities**

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:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Task & Finish Review 2014/2015		<p>Cymraeg: http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/COMM20150622/REP04_01.pdf</p> <p>English: http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/COMM20150622/REP04_01.pdf</p>
WG Houses into Homes		<p>Cymraeg: http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/housing-supply/empty-homes/houses-into-homes/?skip=1&lang=cy</p> <p>English: http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/housing-supply/empty-homes/houses-into-homes/?lang=en</p>

Eiddo Gwag - Sir Gar Empty Properties - Carmarthenshire



Leighton Evans

Cydgysylltydd Eiddo Gwag

Empty Property Co-ordinator

Yana Thomas

Ymarferydd Iechyd yr Amgylchedd

Environmental Health Officer

Adolygiad Gorchwyl a Gorffen / Task & Finish Review

Sefydlodd y Pwyllgor Grŵp Gorchwyl a Gorffen ym mis Awst 2015

- Cynhaliwyd sawl cyfarfod rhwng Tachwedd 2014 a Mehefin 2015, a ddefnyddiwyd i ystyried tystiolaeth a gwybodaeth o amrywiaeth eang o ffynonellau.
- Prif amcanion yr adolygiad oedd:
 - Clustnodi a gwerthuso gweithgareddau presennol yr Is-adran Tai a Diogelu'r Cyhoedd.
 - Nodi gwelliannau posibl a modelau darparu eraill.
 - Nodi arferion gorau cost-effeithiol gan awdurdodau, asiantaethau a darparwyr eraill.
 - Llunio argymhellion i'w hystyried gan y Bwrdd Gweithredol.
- August 2015, Committee establishes a Task & Finish Group
- Several meetings were held between November 2014 and June 2015, which were used to consider evidence and information from a wide variety of sources.
- The main aims of the review were:
 - To identify and evaluate the current activities undertaken by the Housing & Public Protection Division.
 - To identify potential improvements and alternative delivery models.
 - To identify cost effective best practice by other authorities, agencies and providers.
 - To formulate recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board.

Beth yw Eiddo “Gwag”? / What is an “Empty” Property?

- Mae preswylfa wag yn wag o bobl. Nid yw hyn yn cynnwys:
 - Ail gartref neu gartref gwyliau
 - Preswylfa sydd newydd gael ei chwblhau ac sy'n disgwyl i bobl ei meddiannu
 - Preswylfa bresennol sy'n cael ei haddasu neu ei moderneiddio
 - Preswylfa sy'n cael ei defnyddio ond nid at ddibenion preswyl
- Ym marn Llywodraeth Cymru:
Preswylfa yn y sector preifat sydd wedi bod yn wag am fwy na 6 mis ar 1^{af} Ebrill, ac sy'n dal i fod yn wag.
- Ar hyn o bryd, mae 2667 o eiddo gwag yn y sector preifat yn Sir Gaerfyrddin (Ebrill 2018)
- A vacant dwelling is vacant of people. This excludes:
 - A second or holiday home
 - A newly completed dwelling that is awaiting occupation
 - An existing dwelling that is being converted or modernised
 - A dwelling that is in use but for non-residential purposes
- Welsh Government consider:
A private sector dwelling that has been vacant for more than 6 months at 1st April, and is still empty.
- Carmarthenshire currently has 2667 private sector vacant properties (April 2018)

Golwg gyffredinol / Overview

- Mae tua 27,251 o eiddo gwag yn Nghymru (LC – Ebrill.2018)
- Mae dros 78,000 o gartrefi yn Sir Gaerfyrddin
- Mae 2667 o eiddo yn y sector preifat wedi bod yn wag am 6 mis neu fwy
- Mae'r galw am dai fforddiadwy yn Sir Gaerfyrddin yn dal i gynyddu tra bod y cyflenwad yn lleihau ar gyfradd sy'n golygu na allwn ddiwallu'r anghenion o ran tai yn effeithiol mwyach.
- Approximately 27,251 empty properties in Wales (WG – April.2018)
- There are over 78,000 private sector homes in Carmarthenshire
- 2667 private sector properties have been empty for 6 months or more
- The demand for affordable housing in Carmarthenshire continues to increase while supply is falling at a rate that means we can no longer meet housing needs effectively.

Argymhellion / Recommendations

- Cynllun Gweithredu newydd ynghylch Eiddo Gwag
- Cynnal Seminar i'r Aelodau
- Creu Gweithgor Trawsadrannol, gan weithredu cyllideb Gwaith heb ei Gyflawni a rhannu cronfa ddata TG
- Ystyried darparu mwy o bwerau dirprwyedig a chynyddu adnoddau
- Gwella mynediad i ganllawiau a gwybodaeth ar-lein, i gynnwys dull atgyfeirio ar-lein
- Ystyried defnyddio cyllid o'r Cyfrif Refeniw Tai
- New Empty Property Action Plan
- Hold a Members Seminar
- Create an Across Department Working Group, implementing a Works in Default budget & IT database sharing
- Consider increasing the provision of delegated powers and increase resources
- Improve access to guidance and information online, to include an online referral mechanism.
- Explore the use of HRA funding

Gweithredu / Implementation

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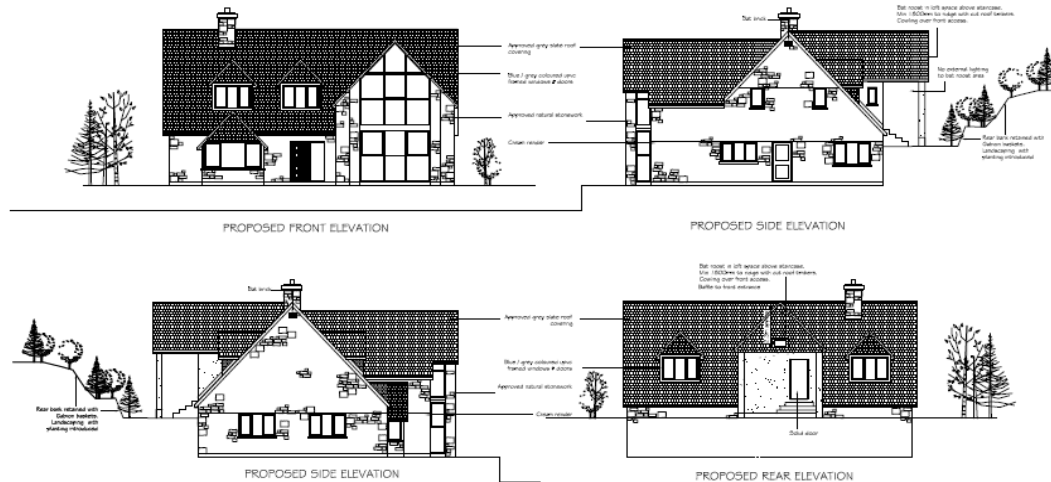
- Cynllun Gweithredu ynghylch Eiddo Gwag 2016
- Cynhaliwyd Seminar i'r Aelodau ym mis Tachwedd 2016
- Ffurfiwyd Gweithgor Trawsadrannol ym mis Ebrill 2017
 - Targedu eiddo problematig
 - Gorfodi arferion gorau
 - Gwaith heb ei Gyflawni
 - Cyllideb
- Creu ail swydd i swyddog
- Mae'r wefan wedi cael ei gwella a'i diweddarau ac mae'n cynnwys dull atgyfeirio uniongyrchol
- Creu cynllun prydlesu drwy Osod Syml
- Empty Property Action Plan 2016
- Members Seminar held in Nov.2016
- Cross Departmental Working Group formed in April 2017
 - Targeting problematic properties
 - Enforcement best practice
 - Works in Default
 - Budget
- Creation of a second Officer post
- Website has been improved and updated, with a direct referral mechanism
- Creation of a leasing scheme via Simple Lettings

Stradey Hill, Pwll, Llanelli



Horeb Road, Mynydd Y Garreg

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James Street, Llanelli

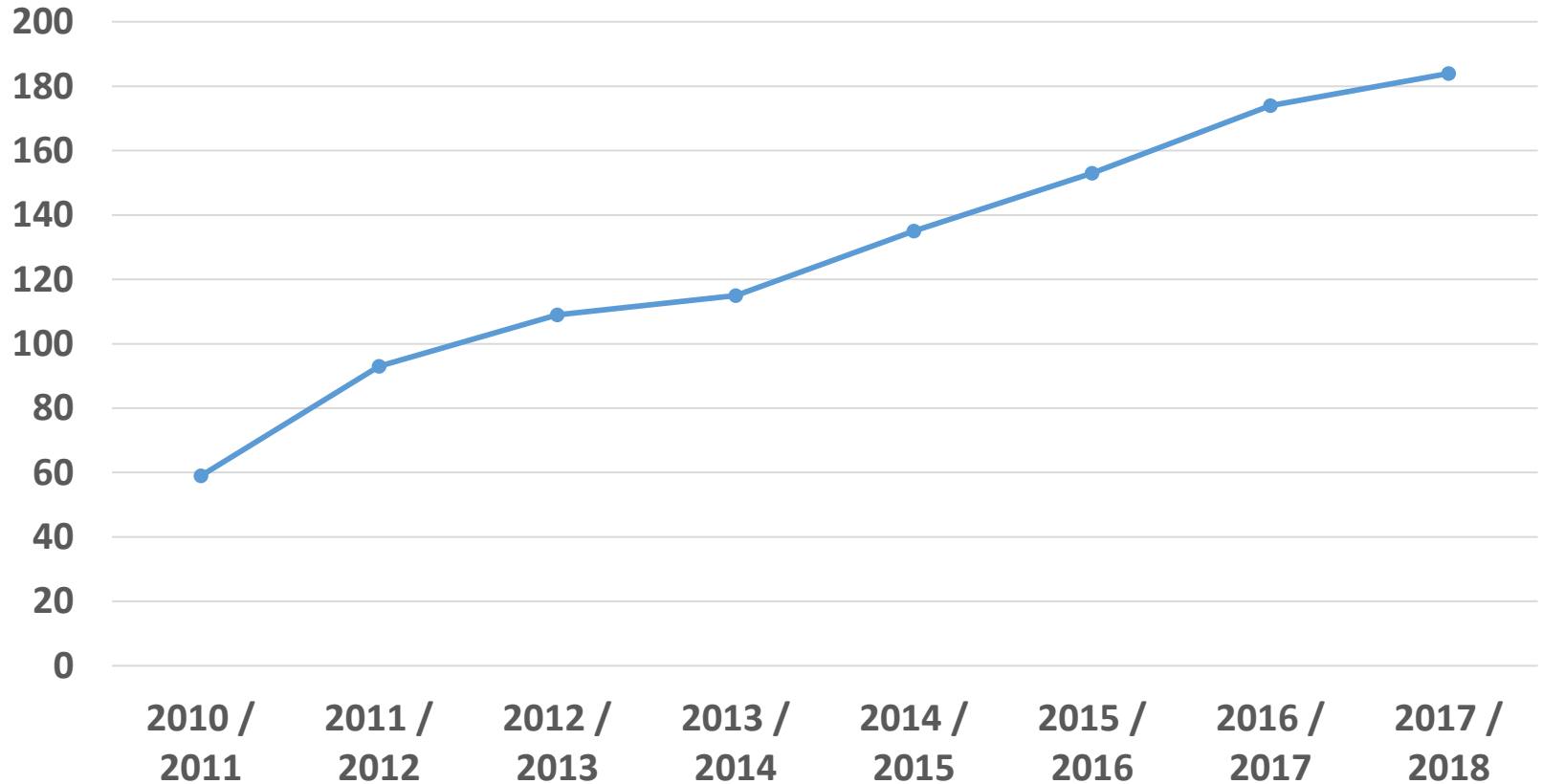


High Street, Llanelli

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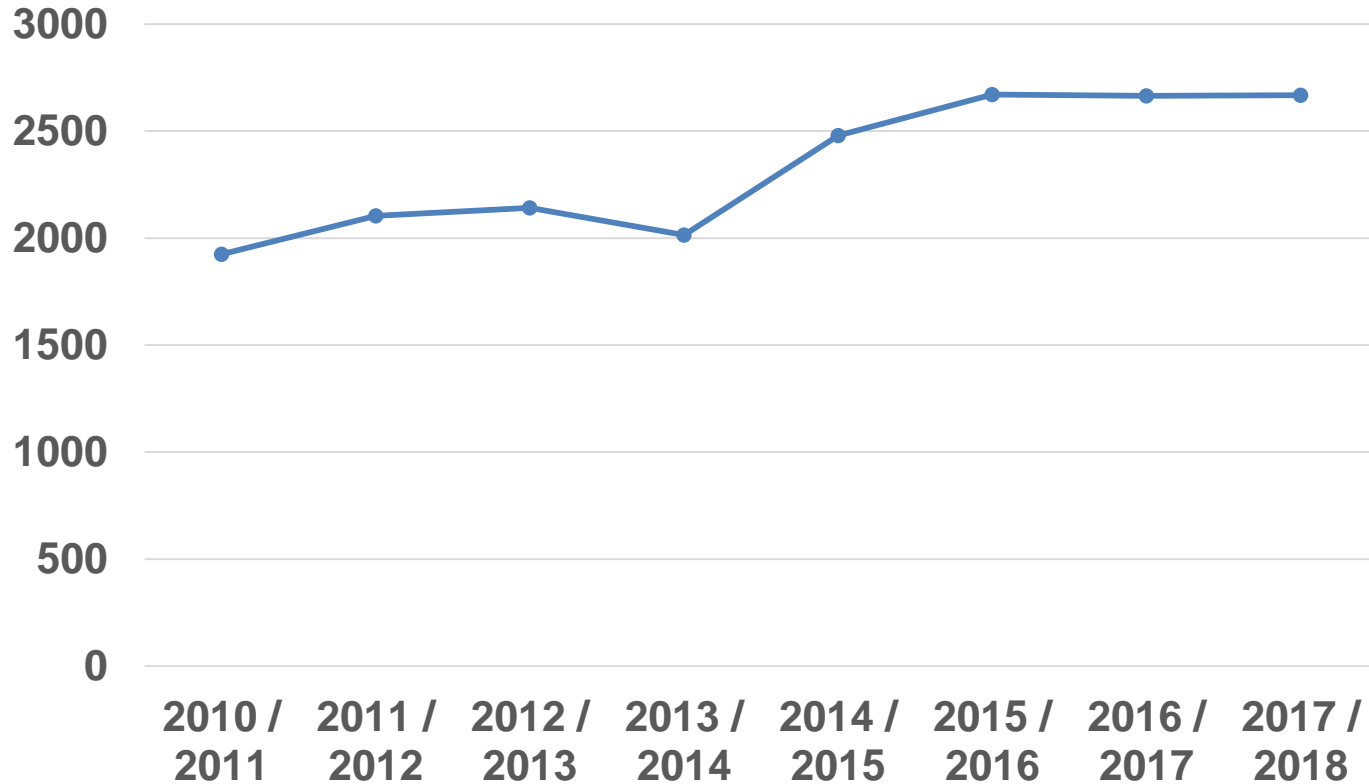


Perfformiad / Performance



Patrwm Blynyddol / Annual Pattern

Gyfan gwbl / Overall



Houses into Homes

- **Troi Tai'n Gartrefi**
 - Cynllun a gyllidir gan Lywodraeth Cymru
 - Benthyciadau di-log ar gyfer gwerthu neu osod
 - Uchafswm o £25,000 yr uned
 - Dyrannwyd £1.9 filiwn i'r Sir



- **Houses into Homes**
 - Welsh Government funded scheme
 - Interest Free Loans for Sale or Let
 - Maximum £25,000 per unit
 - £1.9 million County allocation
- Approved - £1,712,823
- Units created – 70
- Recycled Funding - £912,379



Astudiaeth Achos / Case Study

Pwyblyd
Cwmynion

- Cymdogion
- Yr Aelodau Lleol

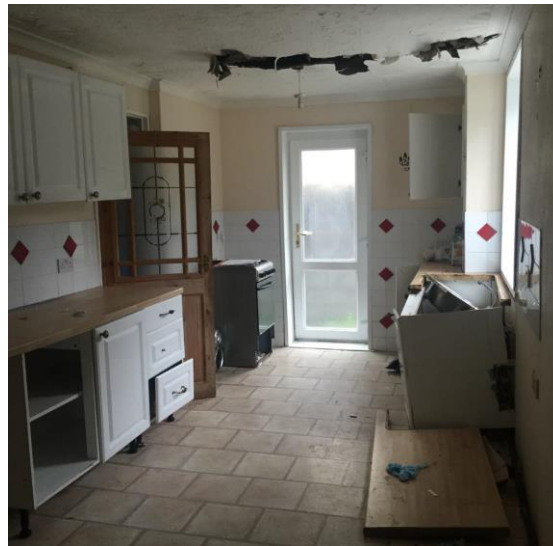


Complaints

- Neighbours
- Local Members

Ymgysylltiad

- Trafodaeth (Troï Tai'n Gartrefi/ Gosod Syml)
- Arolygiad Ymgynghori ac Amserlen
- Ni chafodd y meini prawf ar gyfer benthyciad eu bodloni
 - Archwiliwyd opsiynau amrywiol
 - Ffordd orau o weithredu Gorchymyn Rheoli Anheddau Gwag



Engagement

- Discussion (HTH / Simple Lettings)
- Advisory Inspection & Schedule
- Loan criteria not met
 - Various options explored
 - Best course of action - EDMO



Arolygiad

- Deddf Tai 2004, Rhan 1 a 4
- System Graddio Iechyd a Diogelwch Tai
- *Pam na ddefnyddiwyd Gorchymyn Rheoli Anheddau Gwag yn syth?*

Gorfodi (drwy gytundeb)

- Cyflwynwyd Hysbysiad (Deddf Tai 2004, Adran 12)
- Costau'r Gwasanaeth (Deddf Tai 2004, Adran 49)
- Cyfnod Apelio yn dod i ben
- Pridiant Tir Lleol
- Perchennog yn cadarnhau nad yw hi'n gallu cydymffurfio

Inspection

- Housing Act 2004, Part 1 & 4
- HHSRS
- *Why not straight for an EDMO?*

Enforcement (by agreement)

- Notice served (HA.2004, S.12)
- Costs for service (HA.2004, S.49)
- Appeal period expiry
- Local Land charge
- Owner confirms she cannot comply



Non-compliance

- Best course of action – Works in Default
- Written consent to proceed with EDMO
- HA.2004, S.31 & Schedule 3 notice
- Council project manage renovation works
- Demand to Recover Expenses - Schedule 3, para.9
- Financial charge & restriction - Land Reg.



Methu â chydymffurfio

- Ffordd orau o weithredu – Gwaith heb ei gyflawni
- Caniatâd ysgrifenedig i barhau â Gorchymyn Rheoli Anheddau Gwag
- Deddf Tai 2004, Adran 31 a Hysbysiad Atodlen 3
- Rheolwyd y gwaith adnewyddu gan y Cyngor
- Galw i Adennill costau – Atodlen 3, paragraff 9
- Tâl ariannol a chyfyngiad – Cofrestrfa Tir



Gorchymyn Rheoli Anheddau Gwag

- Cyflwynwyd cais ffurfiol dan Ddeddf Tai 2004, Adran 134 i'r Tribiwnlys Eiddo Preswyl
- Caniatâd i gyflwyno Gorchymyn Rheoli Anheddau Gwag dros dro
- Rhoddwyd yr eiddo i'r asiantaeth Gosod Syml ar gyfer ei ddyrannu i denantiaid ar y Gofrestr Dewis Tai
- Cynllun rheoli – Gorchymyn Rheoli Anheddau Gwag Terfynol

Empty Dwelling Management Order

- Formal application under HA.2004, S.134 submitted to RPT
- Consent to serve an Interim EDMO
- Property handed to Simple Lettings for allocation to tenants on Housing Choice Register
- Management scheme – Final EDMO

Cwestiynau? / Questions?



Community Scrutiny Committee

21st September 2018

Annual Monitoring Report 2017/18

Adopted Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the Authority's third Annual Monitoring Report for the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan and its recommendations – as required for submission to the Welsh Government.

Reasons:

- To receive and accept the content of the report and the appended Annual Monitoring Report 2017/18.
- To note the outcomes and baseline data as part of ongoing LDP monitoring and as evidence in respect of the emerging Revised LDP 2018 - 2033.
- To provide an opportunity for comments to be submitted on its content.

Exec Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required YES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Community Scrutiny Committee
21st September 2018

Annual Monitoring Report 2017/18
Adopted Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

This report follows the adoption of the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) and presents its third Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Local Development Plan (LDP) Regulations 2005.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires each Local Planning Authority to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) on its LDP following adoption and to keep all matters under review that are expected to affect the development of its area. In addition, under section 76 of the Act, the Council has a duty to produce information on these matters in the form of an Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Welsh Government, and publication on the Carmarthenshire County Council's website by 31st October each year following plan adoption.

Members will recall that following consideration of the 2016/17 AMR it was resolved to prepare a Review Report into the LDP, and that this was considered at the meeting of Full Council on the 10th January 2018, wherein it was resolved to prepare a Revised LDP 2018 – 2033. Whilst, the preparation of the Revised LDP is underway the Council is still required to prepare AMR's with the information and data produced used as evidence in the preparation of the Revised Plan.

A copy of the draft AMR is appended as part of this report. It should be noted that the content of the AMR and this report may develop as further evidence and data becomes available ahead of reporting to Council.

2. Background

As part of the requirement to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the adopted LDP, Carmarthenshire County Council is required by the Welsh Government to produce and submit an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).

This represents the third AMR following the LDP's formal adoption on the 10th December 2014 and is to be submitted by the 31st October with its preparation an integral component of the statutory development plan process.

Covering the period of 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 this AMR assesses the progress in implementing LDP policies and proposals. It provides the basis for monitoring the effectiveness of the LDP and determines whether any revisions to the Plan are necessary. This AMR, and any subsequent AMR's will aim to demonstrate the extent to which the LDP strategy and objectives are being achieved and whether the Plan's policies are operating and functioning effectively. It also assesses the impact the LDP is having on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County and identifies any significant contextual changes that may influence the Plan's implementation or future review.

3. Content and Structure

The AMR is the main mechanism for measuring the success in implementing the Plan's policies and will report on issues which impact upon the Plan's objectives.

In recognition that measuring implementation is a continuous part of the plan making process, the monitoring of the Plan provides the connection between: evidence gathering; plan strategy and policy formulation; policy implementation; evaluation, and plan review. It also assists in improving the transparency of the planning process, and keeps stakeholders, the community and business groups informed of development plan issues.

The AMR also includes an analysis of the Strategic Environmental Assessment/ Sustainability Appraisal.

4. LDP Monitoring Framework

The LDP Monitoring Framework identifies a series of targets and indicators with defined triggers for further action. This has been developed in accordance with Welsh Government Regulations and guidance and was subject to consideration at the Examination into the Carmarthenshire LDP and within the Inspector's Report.

The AMR utilises a traffic light system in monitoring its policies which allow for a visual interpretation on the success, or otherwise. However this is supported by the accompanying explanatory narrative which assesses the respective success or failure against each indicator, with the following options available to respond to any emerging issues:

- **Continue Monitoring:** Where indicators are suggesting that LDP policies are being implemented effectively and there is no cause for a review.
- **Officer / Member Training required:** Where indicators associated with planning applications suggest that policies are not being implemented as they were intended, and further officer or Member training is required.
- **SPG / Development Briefs required:** Whilst the Council will be preparing SPG and Development Briefs throughout the Plan period, indicators may suggest that further guidance should be provided to developers on how a policy should be properly interpreted. Additionally, should sites not be coming forward as envisaged, the Council will actively engage with developers / landowners to bring forward Development Briefs on key sites to help commence the development process.
- **Policy Research / Investigation:** Where monitoring indicators suggest the LDP policies are not being as effective as intended, further research and investigation, including the use of contextual indicators (as outlined above) and comparisons with other local authorities and national statistics where appropriate will be undertaken to inform any decision to formally review the policy.
- **Review:** Where monitoring indicators suggest that amendments to the LDP would be beneficial, the Council will consider such matters as part of the preparation of the revised LDP 2018 - 2033. Note: a LDP Review Report has been prepared and considered by County Council on the 10th January 2018.

4. Summary of Key Outcomes

An overview of the key findings from the 2017/18 AMR is set out below:

- The 2018 Joint Housing Land Study (JHLAS) indicates that 406 new homes were completed during the monitoring period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018;
- The 2018 JHLAS sets out that the Council has a housing land supply of 3.8 years. This represents a decrease on the previous study which indicated a land supply of 4.2 years. This would constitute the fifth JHLAS where the housing land supply has been below the 5 year supply of land for housing requirement identified within Technical Advice Note 1;
- 87.5% of all housing developments permitted were on allocated sites this represents a notable increase from the previous AMR which exhibited 38.3%.
The distribution of these planning permissions are largely focused on Growth Areas at 64% with Service Centres 10.3%, Local Service Centres 15.7% and Sustainable Communities 9.6% (Reference should be had to monitoring indicator 2 for comparisons with previous AMR's).
- Small site completions (sites of 4 and under dwellings) have contributed 105 dwellings to the overall supply, showing an increase from the 92 dwellings in both 2016 and 2017.
- The total number of dwellings permitted during the monitoring period is 1,045 with 858 on large sites (5 or more units) and 187 on small sites (4 or less units).
- Windfall sites (sites not allocated within the Plan) has seen a drop in permissions from the 784 dwellings during 2015/16 to 284 within this AMR.
- In relation to affordable housing, 216.4 dwellings have been permitted during this AMR period;
- Employment sites allocated within the Plan with planning permission has increased to 30.06ha during this AMR period.
- Vacancy rates within the identified Primary Retail Frontages are as follows:

Carmarthen	-	11%
Llanelli	-	16.5%
Ammanford	-	4.8%
- As a result of the requirement of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014, a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) has been undertaken to identify if there is a need for Gypsy and Traveller sites. The Local Authority received confirmation from the Welsh Minister that the content of the needs assessment was accepted on 28th March 2017. The GTAA has been reported to the Council's Executive Board on the 26th March 2018, where it was resolved to publish the report and that a site selection process be developed to meet any identified need.
- Welsh Language – two applications have been approved within linguistic sensitive areas without mitigation measures to be put in place.
- Caeau Mynydd Mawr SAC - 40.25 ha of land in good condition was being managed on 24 sites. A further 37.96 ha of land was also rated in good condition giving a total of 78.21 ha (source: PIMS Action progress reports 2017-2018).
- No planning permissions for 'highly vulnerable' developments were permitted within the C1 or C2 flood zones as identified on the (TAN15) Development Advice Maps where it was contrary to Natural Resources Wales advice.
- Planning permission has been granted for schemes that have the potential to contribute a total of 3.55 MW of renewable energy within the County during this monitoring period; and
- Minerals data indicates that the current hard rock landbank for Carmarthenshire is at least 71 years with a combined sand and gravel landbank of at least 14 years.

5. AMR Conclusions and Recommendations



Whilst it is considered that progress has been made in implementing many of the adopted Plan's policies and objectives, there are elements and components which are not delivering as intended. In this respect the findings of this AMR are consistent with that of previous AMRs and the content of the LDP Review Report.

6. AMR Recommendations

That the findings and evidence contained within this AMR be considered as, and inform evidence gathering as part of the preparation of the revised LDP 2018 -2033.

That this third AMR be submitted the Welsh Government by 31st October 2018 in accordance with statutory requirements, and published on the Council's website.

8. Next Steps and Review Process

The AMR will, in accordance with the Council's statutory duty be submitted to the Welsh Government, and published on the Council's website by 31st October. This publication will be accompanied by an informal consultation which will afford interested parties the opportunity to comment on the key issues raised. Whilst not a statutory requirement, such a consultation provides an important opportunity for views to be submitted, and where appropriate for those views to contribute to the content of subsequent AMR's.

The content of this AMR along with that of the first and second AMR's will be used to inform the preparation of the Revised LDP 2018 – 2033 and its associated evidence base.

Note: The Delivery Agreement which sets out the timetable for the preparation of the Revised LDP and the methods and timing of communication and consultations over the Plan's preparatory period was agreed by the WG on the 28th June 2018. This, along with the letter of agreement is available on the Council's website.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed:

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Head of Planning

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The AMR in monitoring the implementation of the LDP's policies and provisions builds on the links and strategic compatibility between it and Carmarthenshire County Council's well-being objectives. It also ensures alignment with the national Well-being Goals set out within the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015. Through its land use planning policies, the Revised LDP will seek to promote the principles of sustainability and sustainable development by facilitating the creation of communities and local economies which are more sustainable, providing access to local services and facilities and reducing the need to travel.

The integration of sustainability as part of the preparation of the LDP is reflected in the undertaking of a Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment reflecting national and international legislative requirements. The AMR in considering matters of sustainability, further monitors the outcomes of the Plan in light of the Sustainability Appraisal indicators.

The AMR considers key national legislative changes including the requirements emanating from the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Council's Well-being Objectives and the implications for the LDP. In this respect, the AMR undertakes a compatibility analysis of the LDP and the National and local Well-being Objectives. It is also noted that the LDP review will need to ensure the requirements emanating from the Act are fully and appropriately considered with the Plan.

2. Legal

The preparation and publication of the AMR ensures the Council meets its requirements in respect of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which requires each Local Planning Authority to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) on its LDP. It also fulfils the requirements of section 76 of the Act in keeping all matters under review that are expected to affect the development of its area. The Council has a duty to produce information on these matters in the form of an Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Welsh Government, and publication on the Carmarthenshire County Council's website by 31st October each year following plan adoption.

Section 69 of the 2004 Act requires an LPA to undertake a review of an LDP and report to the Welsh Government at such times as prescribed (Regulation 41).

3. Finance

Financial costs to date are covered through the financial provisions in place - including reserves. Should Planning Division Budget not be in a position to provide further funding necessary to meet the statutory requirements to review and prepare a development plan then an application will be made for growth bid.

Subject to the scope and nature of an early review of the Plan then additional financial provision will be required to meet the ongoing costs associated with legislative requirements arising from its production, including ICT requirements (see below) evidence gathering and examination costs.

4. ICT

Requirements in relation to ICT will seek to utilise existing resources. An additional and revised data management requirement will be procured to ensure the plan's preparatory process is conducted in a speedy, efficient and transparent manner in accordance with regulatory requirements.

6. Physical Assets

Reference is made to the potential for the submission of Council owned sites and properties through the call for 'Candidate Sites'. The preparation of the Revised LDP will impact on Council land and property holdings through their inclusion or otherwise for potential development purposes. This will have implications on potential disposal and land valuations and consequently capital receipts.

7. Staffing Implications

It is anticipated that the ongoing monitoring of the LDP and the preparation of the Revised LDP will be accommodated in the main by utilising the existing staff structure.

Provision will be required for a Programme Officer for the Examination into the LDP (anticipated 2020/21).

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: L Quelch

Head of Planning

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

1. Scrutiny Committee

Scheduled 21st September 2018 – Community Scrutiny

2. Local Member(s)

The content of the AMR will be reported to Council for consideration. Members will be engaged throughout the preparation of the revised LDP. The content of the AMR will be subject to an informal consultation process.

3. Community / Town Council

Town/Community Council(s) will be a specific consultee at statutory stages throughout the preparation of the revised LDP. The content of the AMR will be subject to an informal consultation process.

4. Relevant Partners

A range of partners will be specific and general consultees throughout the preparation of the revised LDP. The content of the AMR will be subject to an informal consultation process.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Internal contributions will be sought throughout the preparation of the revised LDP.

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

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

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Adopted Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/planning-policy/local-development-plan-2006-2021/#.W1XnH-aouUk
LDP Review Report		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/planning-policy/ldp-review-report/#.W1XnReaouUk
Supplementary Planning Guidance		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-guidance-spg/#.W1XnW-aouUk
Annual Monitoring Report 2015/16		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/3683/annual-monitoring-report-201516-amr-document-for-web.pdf
Annual Monitoring Report 2016/17		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1212553/annual-monitoring-report-2016-17.pdf
Delivery Agreement – Revised LDP 2018 - 2033		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/local-development-plan-2018-2033/delivery-agreement/#.W1XnsOaouUk

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Chapter 1

Executive Summary

Background

1.1 Under section 76 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, local planning authorities are required to monitor the implementation of their adopted Local Development Plan (LDP) by preparing an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).

1.2 This is the third AMR following the Council's formal adoption of the Carmarthenshire LDP on the 10th December 2014. This AMR covers the period of 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 and is required to be submitted to Welsh Government by 31st October 2018. Ongoing AMRs will continue to be based on the period 1st April to 31st March.

1.3 Following the publication of the second Annual Monitoring Report it was considered necessary to undertake a review of the current LDP. The Review Report considered and set out the areas of the LDP which were delivering and performing well, and the areas where changes would be required. In so doing, it concluded that a Revised LDP should be prepared through a full revision process¹. The Review Report was approved at the meeting of County Council on the 10th February 2018, where it was resolved to prepare a revised LDP. Further information in respect of the Revised LDP is set out on the Council's webpages.

1.4 This AMR continues to provide an important opportunity for the Council to assess the impact the adopted LDP is having on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area. The document sets out a detailed analysis of the way in which the Plan continues to work, from its strategic context, its performance against strategic objectives, and to whether individual policies are achieving their expected outcomes. This document also compares the performance of policy targets against those from previous years. The

¹ Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan – Review Report (February 2018)
<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1213042/ldp-review-report-english-version.pdf>
Draft Version for Reporting

information contained within this AMR will continue to be utilised to inform future policy and will feed into the preparation of the Revised LDP 2018 – 2033.

Key Outcomes

Key Findings

1.5 Chapter 3 of this AMR considers how the adopted LDP's strategic and general policies are performing against the identified key monitoring targets, and how its strategy and objectives are being delivered. An overview of the key findings is set out below:

- The 2018 Joint Housing Land Study (JHLAS) indicates that 406 new homes were completed during the monitoring period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018;
- The 2018 JHLAS sets out that the Council has a housing land supply of 3.8 years. This represents a decrease on the previous study which indicated a land supply of 4.2 years. This would constitute the fifth JHLAS where the housing land supply has been below the 5 year supply of land for housing requirement identified within Technical Advice Note 1;
- 87.5% of all housing developments permitted were on allocated sites this represents a notable increase from the previous AMR which exhibited 38.3%. The distribution of these planning permissions are largely focused on Growth Areas at 64% with Service Centres 10.3%, Local Service Centres 15.7% and Sustainable Communities 9.6% (Reference should be had to monitoring indicator 2 for comparisons with previous AMR's) .
- Small site completions (sites of 4 and under dwellings) have contributed 105 dwellings to the overall supply, showing an increase from the 92 dwellings in both 2016 and 2017.
- The total number of dwellings permitted during the monitoring period is 1,045 with 858 on large sites (5 or more units) and 187 on small sites (4 or less units).
- Windfall sites (sites not allocated within the Plan) has seen a drop in permissions from the 784 dwellings during 2015/16 to 284 within this AMR.

- In relation to affordable housing, 216.4 dwellings have been permitted during this AMR period;
- Employment sites allocated within the Plan with planning permission has increased to 30.06ha during this AMR period.
- Vacancy rates within the identified Primary Retail Frontages are as follows:

Carmarthen	-	11%
Llanelli	-	16.5%
Ammanford	-	4.8%
- As a result of the requirement of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014, a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) has been undertaken to identify if there is a need for Gypsy and Traveller sites. The Local Authority received confirmation from the Welsh Minister that the content of the needs assessment was accepted on 28th March 2017. The GTAA has been reported to the Council's Executive Board on the 26th March 2018, where it was resolved to publish the report and that a site selection process be developed to meet any identified need.
- Welsh Language – two applications have been approved within linguistic sensitive areas without mitigation measures to be put in place.
- Caeau Mynydd Mawr SAC - 40.25 ha of land in good condition was being managed on 24 sites. A further 37.96 ha of land was also rated in good condition giving a total of 78.21 ha (source: PIMS Action progress reports 2017-2018).
- No planning permissions for 'highly vulnerable' developments were permitted within the C1 or C2 flood zones as identified on the (TAN15) Development Advice Maps where it was contrary to Natural Resources Wales advice.
- Planning permission has been granted for schemes that have the potential to contribute a total of 3.55 MW of renewable energy within the County during this monitoring period; and
- Minerals data indicates that the current hard rock landbank for Carmarthenshire is at least 71 years with a combined sand and gravel landbank of at least 14 years.

Contextual Changes

1.6 In assessing the performance of the LDP, it is necessary for the AMR to consider any national, regional and local contextual changes that have occurred in the preceding year, and to consider the consequential impact of these changes on the LDP which may necessitate a review of the Plan.

National Context

1.7 The following key documents and publications are considered:

- The Wales Act (2017)
- Planning (Wales) Act 2015
- Issues, Options and Preferred Option for the NDF – Consultation Document
- Well-Being of Future Generations Act 2015
- Environment (Wales) Act 2016
- Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016
- The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015
- Draft Planning Policy Wales: Edition 10
- Technical Advice Note (TAN) 20: Planning and the Welsh Language
- Circular 005/2018: Planning for Gypsy, Traveler and Showpeople Sites
- Enabling Gypsies, Roma and Travellers: June 2018
- The 2014-based sub-national population and household projections
- Consolidation of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 and Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995
- Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24: The Historic Environment (2017)
- Carmarthenshire County Council - Well-being Objectives 2017/18
- Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire – The Council’s New Corporate Strategy 2018 - 2023

1.8 Whilst some of these identified changes are profound in terms of the future direction of planning at a national level, only the Draft Planning Policy Wales (Edition 10) has a notable direct and immediate impact for the future implementation of the LDP. The nature of the impact will only be fully realised once the final version is published and the revised LDP Manual is available. The implications of both will however be matters considered through the preparation of the Revised LDP 2018 – 2033.

1.9 The publication of the 2014-based Sub National Household and Population Projections, is considered within the LDP Review Report and chapter 2 below. Evidential work on population and household growth will play a fundamental role in informing the future strategy and content of the revised LDP, and it will support the future growth requirements for the Plan area. This is particularly pertinent in light of the significant variance between the 2014 projections and those which underpinned the adopted LDP.

1.10 The progress in relation to the National Development Framework (NDF) is noted, and whilst it falls outside the monitoring period for this AMR, the outcomes of the consultation during the summer of 2018 on Issues, Options and the Preferred Option will be considered as the Revised LDP 2018 – 2033 progresses through its preparatory process.

Regional Context

1.11 Carmarthenshire is part of The Swansea Bay City Region which also encompasses the Local Authority areas of Pembrokeshire, City and County of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot. The City Region, in bringing together business, local government, and a range of other partners, has published the Swansea Bay City Region Economic Regeneration Strategy 2013 – 2030. The role of the LDP in guiding and supporting the City Region's aspirations will be central to its success, and its continued progress will be monitored.

1.12 The £1.3 billion Swansea Bay City Deal was signed in March 2017. The deal will transform the economic landscape of the area; boost the local economy by £1.8 billion; and

generate almost 10,000 new jobs over the next 15 years. There is reference to 11 major projects overall, with the following specific projects proposed for Carmarthenshire:

- A Wellness and Life Science Village in Llanelli; and
- A creative industry project at Yr Egin in Carmarthen.

1.13 Whilst the signing of the City Deal represents a significant and landmark moment within the region in terms of its economic benefits and job creation opportunities. In land use terms the LDP provides a positive and proactive framework to facilitate this and is well placed to support the delivery of the City Deal.

Local Context

1.14 There was a clear synergy between the LDP and the former Integrated Community Strategy which is exemplified through the commitment to a sustainable Carmarthenshire, with the adopted LDP providing a land use expression to this objective. This remains the case with the Council's well-being objectives (which superseded the Integrated Community Strategy) and the need to ensure there are strong on-going linkages will be developed as we progress through the preparatory process for the Revised LDP 2018 - 2033.

1.15 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires the Council as a representative of the Public Service Board to prepare a Well-being Plan. This will be monitored to ensure continuity of purpose and content with the LDP. In this respect the National and the Council's Well-being Objectives are considered and discussed as part of a compatibility analysis with the objectives of the LDP. Reference is made to Appendix 1 of this Report in this regard.

1.16 In summary, the relevant contextual changes captured within this report will be fully considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP 2018 - 2033.

Supplementary Planning Guidance

1.17 A number of Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) documents have been adopted which elaborate on, and support the interpretation and implementation of the LDP and its policies and provisions. Reference should be made to Chapter 2 of this AMR. SPG preparation and adoption will continue where necessary. Consideration will be given to the future requirements for SPG emanating from the content of the Revised LDP 2018 - 2033.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Monitoring

1.18 The Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive requires local authorities to undertake Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as part of the preparation of the LDP. In addition to this, the LDP Regulations requires a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) to be undertaken.

1.19 Some of the tangible outcomes to emerge from the review included confirmation of the designation of three separate Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAS) in Llandeilo, Carmarthen and Llanelli respectively. There are challenges in terms of ecological and carbon footprint, with the County's figure of 3.36 compared with the Wales average of 3.28. There are 3,856 low carbon energy projects identified in Carmarthenshire out of a total of 51,503 nationally. These include projects harnessing solar, wind and other renewable energies to produce around 328GWh of green energy within the County. This differs from the data within the Monitoring Indicator 26 which identifies energy generation through permissions granted during this monitoring period.

1.20 Whilst none of the indicators are deleted, it should be noted that the commentary column makes it clear where information is unavailable and/or not applicable. In some instances information is no longer available (or relevant); in other instances the data available is of insufficient detail to enable useful monitoring. There will be opportunities to work alongside colleagues in Corporate Policy in future years to develop an integrated review of the social, economic and environmental baseline.

Conclusions and Recommendations

1.21 This AMR is the third monitoring report following the adoption of the LDP in December 2014. The findings of the AMR provide an important opportunity for the Council to continue to assess the effectiveness of the Plan. In doing so, it is essential to recognise that this report follows the publication of the LDP Review Report which recommended the preparation of a Revised LDP. This recommendation has been endorsed and the preparation of the revised LDP 2018 – 2033 has commenced.

1.22 The production of AMR's remain relevant particularly in collating evidence which supports the preparation of the revised LDP.

1.23 Whilst it is considered that progress has been made in implementing many of the adopted Plan's policies and objectives, there are elements and components which are not delivering as intended. In this respect the findings of this AMR are consistent with that of previous AMRs and the content of the LDP Review Report.

Recommendations

1.24 That the findings and evidence contained within this AMR be considered as, and inform evidence gathering as part of the preparation of the revised LDP 2018 -2033.

1.25 That this third AMR be submitted the Welsh Government by 31st October 2018 in accordance with statutory requirements, and published on the Council's website.

Chapter 2

Introduction

Background

2.1 The provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Local Development Plan (LDP) Regulations 2005, places a requirement on Carmarthenshire County Council as the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP) for its administrative area. The LDP was adopted at the meeting of County Council on the 10th December 2014 and sets out the Authority's policies and proposals for the future development and use of land. The LDP superseded the previous Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and is used to guide and control development providing the foundation for consistent and rational decision making, and in guiding future opportunities for investment and growth. These policies and proposals include land-use allocations for different types of development (i.e. housing, employment, retailing, education, open space etc.) as well as criteria for assessing individual proposals. The Plan has a direct effect on the lives of every resident of the County as well as major implications on investment programmes, other plans and strategies, communities and landowners alike. In doing so, it provides a measure of certainty about what kind of development will, and will not, be permitted in particular locations during the Plan period. The Plan area excludes the part of the County contained within the Brecon Beacons National Park. The part of Carmarthenshire which is within the Brecon Beacons National Park has its own separate development plan with their monitoring and review process considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.

LDP Review Report

2.2 Following the findings and recommendations of the second AMR (2016/2017), it was resolved to prepare a Review Report into the LDP and to consider the issues arising in relation to its delivery and implementation. During the preparation of the LDP Review Report, it was clear that the scale and implications of the highlighted issues were such that these could only be accommodated through a full revision process.

2.3 In addition, the adopted LDP was going into the last 4 years of the Plan's life, and the review highlighted the need to commence with a revised plan to replace the current LDP ahead of its expiration at the end of 2021;

2.4 In light of these issues, the meeting of Full Council on the 10th January 2018 resolved to formally proceed with the preparation of a Revised LDP for Carmarthenshire.

2.5 The content of the LDP Review Report, and the findings of the three AMRs will be utilised as evidence in guiding and informing its content and any evidential requirements that emerge.

Requirement for LDP Monitoring

2.6 **The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004** (The Act) requires each LPA to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for its LDP following adoption, and to keep all matters under review that are expected to affect the development of its area. In addition, under section 76 of the Act, the Council has a duty to produce information on these matters in the form of an AMR for submission to the Welsh Government (WG), and publication on the Carmarthenshire County Council's website by 31st October each year following plan adoption. The preparation of an AMR is therefore an integral component of the statutory development plan process.

2.7 Regulation 37 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 requires an AMR to identify any policies specified that are not being implemented.

2.8 Where such a policy is identified the AMR must include a statement identifying:

- The reasons why the policy is not being implemented;
- The steps (if any) that are intended to be taken to enable the policy to be implemented; and,
- Whether a revision to the plan to replace or amend the policy is required.

2.9 The AMR is also required to specify:

- The housing land supply from the current Housing Land Availability Study; and,
- The number (if any) of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA's area.

Content and Structure

2.10 The AMR is the main mechanism for measuring the implementation and the success of the Plan's policies and reports on issues which impact upon the Plan's objectives. The AMR also analyses the effectiveness and continued relevance of the Plan's policies in light of national policy and contextual changes. The findings of the AMR could result in amendments to policies in order to improve their effectiveness and may result in a review of part, or of the whole Plan.

2.11 Monitoring is a continuous part of the plan making process. It provides the connection between evidence gathering, plan strategy and policy formulation, policy implementation, evaluation and plan review. It also, through the publication of the AMR, assists in improving the transparency of the planning process, and keeps stakeholders, the community and business groups informed of development plan issues.

2.12 The LDP Manual Edition 2 (2015) supplements the above requirements for monitoring by identifying the following headline aspects which could be usefully included in any AMR:

- Key findings;
- Significant contextual change;
- Sustainability monitoring;
- Strategy monitoring;
- Policy monitoring;
- Conclusions and recommendations.

2.13 It is not realistic or necessary for all the LDP's policies to be monitored as this would lead to an unnecessarily large and complicated document. Consequently, the LDP through its AMR will assess the performance of policies in achieving the integrated plan objectives. It assesses the extent to which LDP strategies, policies and key sites are being delivered and is the main mechanism for reviewing the relevance and success of the LDP.

2.14 The content of this AMR is therefore as follows:

- **Executive Summary**
- **Introduction:** introducing the AMR, outlining the requirement for LDP and SEA/SA monitoring and the structure of the AMR.
- **Contextual Changes:** Setting out any changes in circumstances outside of the remit of the Plan including those relating to legislation and national policy that could impact on the policy framework of the LDP.
- **LDP Monitoring framework:**
 - **LDP Monitoring:** Outline the findings of the monitoring framework including the identification of policies in respect of the identified targets and triggers. It includes an assessment of any mitigating circumstances and where appropriate, a recommended action to ensure the policies' successful implementation.
 - **Sustainability Appraisal Monitoring:** Outline the findings of the Plan's monitoring against the indicators identified in the SA/SEA.

- **Conclusions and recommendations:** Statement of any actions necessary as a consequence of the monitoring outcomes.

LDP Monitoring Framework

2.15 The monitoring framework is set out in Chapter 7 of the LDP and comprises a series of targets and indicators with defined triggers for further action. The monitoring framework was developed in accordance with the above Welsh Government Regulations and guidance on monitoring and was subject to consideration at the Examination in public and through the Inspector’s Report into the Carmarthenshire LDP. The monitoring framework set out within the LDP forms the basis of this AMR.

2.16 This AMR utilises a traffic light system in monitoring its policies. This allows a readily available visual interpretation on the Plan’s success, or otherwise. However this should be qualified through an understanding of the accompanying explanatory narrative. The circumstances where a monitoring indicator has not met its target, or where an assessment trigger has been activated, this indicator and narrative is considered to assess the conditions influencing its failure to meet the target and the impacts on policy implementation.

Policy target is being achieved or exceeded.	
Policy target not currently being achieved as anticipated but it does not lead to concerns over the implementation of the policy.	
Policy target is not being achieved as anticipated with resultant concerns over implementation of policy.	
No conclusion to be drawn – limited data available.	

2.17 The following options are available to the Council in association with each of the indicators and their triggers and will be considered as evidence in the preparation of the revised LDP 2018 - 2033.

- **Continue Monitoring:** Where indicators are suggesting that LDP policies are being implemented effectively and there is no cause for a review of the policy.
- **Officer / Member Training required:** Where indicators associated with planning applications suggest that policies are not being implemented as they were intended and further officer or Member training is required.
- **SPG / Development Briefs required:** Whilst the Council will be preparing SPG and Development Briefs throughout the Plan period and as part of the Revised LDP, indicators may suggest that further guidance should be provided to developers on how a policy should be properly interpreted. Additionally, should sites not be coming forward as envisaged, the Council will actively consider engaging with developers / landowners to bring forward Development Briefs on key sites to help commence the development process.
- **Policy Research / Investigation:** Where monitoring indicators suggest the LDP policies are not being as effective as intended, further research, investigation, and evidence gathering will be undertaken to inform any decision to formally review the policy.
- **Review Policy:** Where monitoring indicators suggest that amendments to the LDP are required, these will be considered as part of the revision of the LDP.

Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations (2004) and The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended 2011)

2.18 The SA-SEA (SA) Report, which accompanies the Adopted LDP, identifies baseline indicators for SA monitoring. Reference should be made to Chapter 4 where the SA monitoring for this AMR is set out.

2.19 It is considered that the SA monitoring can inform the overall analysis of the performance of the LDP. It is however noted that the SA monitoring process should not be undertaken in isolation of the Plan's monitoring. It should assist in informing an overall picture in terms of the environmental, economic and social conditions of the County.

2.20 The SA will be subject to review and revision in line with the commitment to prepare the Revised LDP 2018 – 2033.

Contextual Information

2.21 In considering the performance and implementation of the LDP, it is necessary to also consider any contextual changes that have occurred during the previous year which may have affected the delivery of the Plan. This includes local, regional and national considerations, recognising that the LDP should not be considered in isolation, and that its delivery may be impacted upon by a range of external and other factors.

2.22 This AMR identifies relevant changes to national planning policy where there may be implications for the LDP and the preparation of the Revised LDP. Further reference may also be had to key contextual documents and considerations. Such examples whilst not necessarily having occurred during the AMR period may by virtue of their importance and relationship to the Development Plan process require specific consideration in developing the Revised Plan.

2.23 Additionally, it will identify the factors that may have influence on the implementation of the LDP and the preparation of the Revised LDP. This will be supplemented through additional reference to contextual changes within the policy monitoring outcomes:-

- National Context;
- Regional Context; and,
- Local Context.

National Legislative and Policy Context

The Wales Act (2017)

2.24 The Wales Act 2017, having received Royal Assent on the 31st January 2017, provides the National Assembly for Wales with the power to legislate on any subject other than those which are reserved to the UK Parliament. The Wales Act 2017 implements elements of the St David's Day agreement which required legislative changes. It is aimed at creating a clearer and stronger settlement in Wales which is durable and long-lasting. In particular, the Wales Act amends the Government of Wales Act 2006 by moving to a reserved powers model for Wales.

2.25 The 2017 Act also devolves further powers to the Assembly and the Welsh Ministers in areas where there was political consensus in support of further devolution. These include:

- Devolving greater responsibility to the Assembly to run its own affairs, including deciding its name;
- Devolving responsibility to the Assembly for ports policy, speed limits, bus registration, taxi regulation, local government elections, sewerage and energy consenting up to 350MW (see below for additional detail);
- Devolving responsibility to Welsh Ministers for marine licensing and conservation and energy consents in the Welsh offshore region; and extending responsibility for building regulations to include excepted energy buildings;
- Devolving power over Assembly elections;
- Devolving powers over the licensing of onshore oil and gas extraction;
- Aligning the devolution boundary for water and sewerage services along the border between England and Wales; and,
- Establishing in statute the President of Welsh Tribunals to oversee devolved tribunals and allowing cross-deployment of judicial office holders.

2.26 In relation to the 2017 Act and the devolution of powers, specific reference is made to matters relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Previously not a devolved matter, this as part of the 2017 Act, has now been devolved with powers transferred to the Welsh Government. In this respect, a Transfer of Functions Order allows Welsh Ministers to modify existing secondary legislation.

Planning (Wales) Act 2015

2.27 Whilst the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 gained Royal Assent on 6 July 2015, it is outside the monitoring period of this AMR. It is however by virtue of the changes it instigates of continued relevance in contextual terms. It sets out a series of legislative changes to deliver reform of the planning system in Wales, to ensure that it is fair, resilient and enables development.

2.28 In terms of the development plan, the 2015 Act seeks to strengthen the ‘plan led’ approach with the LDP retaining a fundamental role. It further supplements the current plan led system by introducing a legal basis for the preparation of a National Development Framework (NDF) at an all Wales level, and Strategic Development Plans (SDPs) at a regional level to address cross-boundary issues such as housing, employment, waste and transport. Whilst it is noted that the spatial extent of any prospective SDPs remain unclear and their geographical extent are not currently defined, the strategic plans will only apply to areas of greater than local significance (notably Cardiff, Swansea and the A55 corridor).

2.29 The following further considers the above changes in relation the Development Plan system:

National Development Framework

2.30 The NDF is scheduled for completion and publication in September 2020, and once prepared, will form the national development plan for Wales replacing the Wales Spatial Plan. It will set out key planning policy provisions to provide a direction to all levels of the development plan framework. There should be ‘conformity’ with its provisions.

2.31 The NDF will:

- set out where nationally important growth and infrastructure is needed and how the planning system - nationally, regionally and locally - can deliver it;
- provide direction for Strategic and Local Development Plans and support the determination of Developments of National Significance;
- sit alongside Planning Policy Wales (PPW), which sets out the Welsh Government's planning policies and will continue to provide the context for land use planning;
- support national economic, transport, environmental, housing, energy and cultural strategies and ensure they can be delivered through the planning system; and,
- be reviewed every 5 years.

2.32 Reference is made to the consultation on the the **Issues, Options and Preferred Option for the NDF**. The Issues, Options and Preferred Option consultation document is the product of the evidence gathering, engagement and consultation undertaken to date by the WG. This work has identified the key issues the NDF should respond to, and plan for. This has supported the development of a vision and objectives for the NDF and the preferred option.

2.33 Local Planning Authorities (LPA) will be required to review their LDPs as soon as possible following the publication of either an SDP or NDF to ensure it is in general conformity. This is particularly prevalent where new policies or issues have arisen. In circumstances where an LDP is not shown to be in general conformity, a revision will be required. The preparation of the Revised LDP will have regard to and monitor the progress of the NDF.

Strategic Development Plans

2.34 As stated above, the 2015 Act introduces powers to designate strategic planning areas as well as establishing strategic planning panels. The Panels, whose membership is defined within guidance, will be responsible for preparing an SDP within a regional/sub-

regional strategic context. However, it is not anticipated that there would be complete coverage across Wales in terms of the designation of SDPs.

2.35 It is anticipated that SDPs will consider specific strategic elements such as housing, employment, transport, Gypsy and Traveller provision, minerals and waste. In this respect an SDP will allow 'larger than local' issues to be considered and planned for within a strategic context. Such issues cut across a number of local planning authority areas and due to their regional nature are sometimes difficult to cater for effectively within administrative boundaries. It should be noted that an SDP will need to be consistent with the provisions of the NDF and likewise LDPs will need to be consistent with the SDP.

2.36 Given that their geographical extent is not currently defined, the spatial extent of any prospective SDP's is currently unclear. It will be a matter for the constituent local authorities making up a SDP to define an agreed spatial area based on evidence. SDPs will only be required in areas where there are matters of greater than local significance. Initial indications suggest that LPAs consider the scope and necessity of an SDP.

2.37 Where the case for an SDP is accepted by WG, a responsible authority must be identified. It should be noted that the responsible LPA needn't necessarily be the largest or most populated LPA. However, an adopted LDP should be in place.

2.38 In proposing an SDP there must be a clear understanding as to why one is required, and whether strategic planning matters cannot be addressed / delivered through existing LDPs. In this regard, there would need to be a clear collective strategic focus on delivery within issues such as housing and employment growth across a region. It is however considered essential that a collective view exists across all the authorities involved with ongoing discussions necessary.

Local Development Plans

2.39 LDPs in their current form will no longer be required within areas covered by an SDP, rather what is termed as a 'light touch' LDP will be prepared in such areas. These 'light touch' plans will cover those matters not contained within the SDP as appropriate. It should be noted however that an SDP could cover only part of a County and therefore an LDP could still be needed for that part not covered by the SDP. The implications of any future SDP work on the content of the LDP will be carefully monitored.

Place Plans

2.40 The emerging role for Place Plans reflects their recognition through the Positive Planning agenda and Planning (Wales) Act 2015. Whilst the Act did not introduce them into statute they are increasingly seen as mechanisms for reflecting community aspirations linking into the LDP and Well-being Plan.

2.41 Centred on the Community they are essentially a mechanism where the community comes together to discuss (including with others), look at, and agree how they wish their community to develop. With this in mind, their preparation should be at heart community led with collaboration across all stakeholders within the community, other parties and bodies and critically the local authority. This would develop, and build upon the broader policy framework to reflect and agree community aspirations, and to improve local evidence around community and localised needs.

2.42 In this respect LPAs will be expected to work with those Community and Town Councils and communities who wish to prepare a Place Plan. Such plans may relate to a thematic aspect or site specific guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in the adopted LDP. Place Plans must for them be truly meaningful and influence decision making and be in conformity with the LDP. As such these may form individual SPG to the adopted LDP.

2.43 The 2015 Act makes provision to improve resilience. The Act will allow the Welsh Ministers to direct LPAs to work together and for LPAs to be merged.

2.44 Taken together with proposed changes to secondary legislation, policy and guidance, the Act will:

- Support delivery of the homes, jobs and infrastructure that Wales requires;
- Provide opportunities to protect and enhance our most important built and natural environments;
- Support the use of the Welsh language.

2.45 The Act, in setting out a statutory purpose for planning in Wales, requires local planning authorities, the Welsh Ministers and other public bodies, (when undertaking any development plan or development management functions) to contribute to improve the well-being of Wales as part of carrying out sustainable development. The provision provides a direct link to the requirements for carrying out sustainable development in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

2.46 In Development Management terms, the Act introduces a number of measures including:

- a pre-application service and standard pre-application fees;
- a pre-application consultation with community and statutory consultees on certain developments;
- applications to the Welsh Ministers for Developments of National Significance and the option for applications to be made directly to the Welsh Ministers where a Council has been designated as poorly performing by WG;
- the Welsh Language as a material consideration;
- the requirement for notification to be given to the Council before development commences;
- changes to the size of planning committees and a national scheme of delegation;
- new planning application validation processes and appeals;
- removing the ability to vary a planning application once an appeal is submitted;

- more stringent powers relating to enforcement action, including powers to decline retrospective applications for development subject to enforcement; and,
- a trigger of events to prohibit the registration of town and village greens.

LDP Implications

The provisions of the Act, whilst not necessarily having an immediate impact upon the preparation of the Revised LDP and this AMR, will be monitored - particularly in terms of the increased emphasis it places on development plans in the form of the NDF and prospective SDPs, with cross border discussions and the potential for further collaborative working being central in that regard.

Well-Being of Future Generations Act 2015

2.47 The Well-Being of Future Generations Act received Royal Assent in April 2015. It has an overarching aim of requiring all public bodies in Wales that are subject to the Act to work in a way that improves economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being with a view to helping create a Wales that 'we want to live in now and in the future'.

2.48 The Act puts in place a 'sustainable development principle' which directs organisations on how to go about meeting their duty under the Act. This means that the 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.

2.49 The Act provides the legislative framework for the preparation of Local Well-being Plans which will replace the current Integrated Community Strategy. Given that the promotion of sustainable development is an underlying principle of the LDP, there are clear associations between the aspirations of both the Plan and Act/Well-being Plans. The Act introduces a series of well-being goals to strive towards in pursuit of sustainable development.

2.50 LPA's are required to take into account the well-being plans in the preparation of LDPs and the making of planning decisions.

LDP Implications

The requirements under the duties set out in the Act will be developed in any future AMRs and as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP. Reference in this respect should be had to the local context below and Appendix 1.

Environment (Wales) Act 2016

2.51 The Environment (Wales) Act received Royal Assent on 21 March 2016. It delivers against the Welsh Government's commitment to introduce new legislation for the environment.

2.52 Key parts of the Act are as follows:

- Part 1: Sustainable management of natural resources – enables Wales' resources to be managed in a more proactive, sustainable and joined-up way.
- Part 2: Climate change – provides the Welsh Ministers with powers to put in place statutory emission reduction targets, including at least an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050 and carbon budgeting to support their delivery.
- Part 4: Collection and disposal of waste – improves waste management processes by helping us achieve higher levels of business waste recycling, better food waste treatment and increased energy recovery.
- Parts 5 & 6: Fisheries for shellfish and marine licensing – clarifies the law in relation to shellfisheries management and marine licensing.
- Part 7: Flood & Coastal Erosion Committee and land drainage – clarifies the law for other environmental regulatory regimes including flood risk management and land drainage.

2.53 The policy statement places a duty on Welsh ministers to prepare, publish and implement a statutory National Natural Resource Policy (NNRP).

2.54 A key component of the Act is the duty it places on public authorities to 'seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity'. The Act in doing so, requires public authorities to

forward plan and report on how they intend to comply with the biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty.

LDP Implications

The preparation of the Revised LDP respond to the provisions of the Act.

It is however noted that in relation to the duty under the Act to 'seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity' that the LDP policy framework includes such provisions, however the scope of the current framework will be reviewed and developed as appropriate.

Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016

2.55 The Historic Environment (Wales) Act was passed by the National Assembly for Wales on 9 February 2016 and became law after receiving Royal Assent on 21 March 2016.

2.56 The Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 has three main aims:

- to give more effective protection to listed buildings and scheduled monuments;
- to improve the sustainable management of the historic environment; and
- to introduce greater transparency and accountability into decisions taken on the historic environment.

2.57 The Act amends the two pieces of UK legislation — the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 and the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. These currently provide the framework for the protection and management of the Welsh historic environment. The Act also contains new stand-alone provisions relating to historic place names; historic environment records and the Advisory Panel for the Historic Environment in Wales.

LDP Implications

Regard will be given to the content of the Act and its requirements, including secondary legislation and Technical Advice Note 24: Historic Environment as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

2.58 This legislation amends the 2005 Regulations in order to simplify the LDP procedures. The amendments are in response to the outcomes of the LDP process refinement exercise.

2.59 Key amendments include the following:

- Site allocation representations (also known as alternative site) stage – this created confusion and did not add value to the LDP process. The Regulations abolish the need to consult on the alternative sites following the deposit consultation stage;
- It was considered that not being able to amend small issues in the plan without going through a full revision process could lead to wasting resources. The Regulations introduced a short-form revision process for use where it appears to the LPA that the issues involved are not of sufficient significance to warrant the full procedure;
- It allows for review of part or parts of the plan, prior to a revision taking place;
- The Regulations introduce a requirement that the LDP sub-title indicates the end of the period in relation to which the LDP has been prepared; and,
- Removes the requirement to publicise matters by adverts in the local paper.

2.60 Further amendments seek to assist with clarity and transparency in parts of the procedure. These include setting out how the candidate site process, review report process and the initial consultation report work.

LDP Implications

The content of the amended Regulations will form the basis for the preparation of the Revised LDP.

Draft Planning Policy Wales: Edition 10

2.61 Planning Policy Wales (PPW) is the national land-use planning policy document for Wales. It informs policies and land-use allocations in LDPs and it is a material consideration for decision makers in determining individual planning applications. PPW sets out the land use policies of the Welsh Government and provides the context for land use planning in Wales.

2.62 This consultation on the draft PPW followed its publication in February 2018, and sought views on proposed revisions to PPW in light of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

2.63 In this respect PPW has been restructured into policy themes which reflect the well-being goals and policy updated where necessary to reflect Welsh Government strategies and policies.

LDP Implications

The implications and requirements emerging from the current Edition of PPW will be considered and discussed in relation to the relevant policy monitoring areas. Once finalise the provisions and content of PPW Edition 10 will be fully considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 20: Planning and the Welsh Language

2.64 The revised TAN 20 incorporates changes brought about by the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 which consolidated considerations for the Welsh language within the planning system.

In this respect the Planning (Wales) Act introduced, for the first time, legislative provision

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for the Welsh language in the planning system. Taken together, Sections 11 and 31 ensure that the Welsh language is given consistent and appropriate consideration in both the preparation of development plans, and the making of planning decisions.

2.65 This revised TAN 20 provides advice on how the language can be supported and protected by the planning system reflecting the plan led system and the duty to consider the language as part of the Sustainability Appraisal.

LDP Implications

The content of TAN 20 will inform the preparation of the Revised and its supporting documents.

The implications of the revised TAN 20 will not only inform policy content (including the any SPG on the Welsh language), but will also underpin requirements in terms of the LDP evidence base.

Circular 005/2018: Planning for Gypsy, Traveler and Showpeople Sites

2.66 The circular reflects provisions contained in the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 to ensure local authorities meet the accommodation needs and provide sites for Gypsies and Travellers through the planning system.

2.67 It outlines how planning authorities and Gypsies and Travellers can work together to achieve this aim.

Enabling Gypsies, Roma and Travellers: June 2018

2.68 The 'Enabling Gypsies Roma and Travellers' Plan is aligned with the Welsh Government National Strategy 'Prosperity for All' and outlines the breadth of work which the Welsh Government is undertaking to ensure inequalities experienced by these

communities are reduced, access to opportunities increased, and relations between these communities and wider society improved.

2.69 In particular, the Plan seeks to build upon work undertaken since 2011 whilst introducing commitments in areas such as employment and training as well as building bridges with social services and criminal justice agencies.

LDP Implications

The content of circular and that of the Enabling Gypsies, Roma and Travellers Plan, together with the LDP's role in meeting Gypsies and Travellers accommodation needs will be considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.

Subordinate Legislation Consolidation and Review: Consolidation of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 and Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

2.70 This consultation whilst issued outside this AMR period it is included here to reflect the prominence of the Use Classes Order (UCO) and General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) in delivery. The UCO removes the need for planning permission for many material changes of use where the planning impacts of the new uses are similar. The GPDO grants planning permission for many small and low impact developments.

2.71 This WG consultation proposes potential changes to use classes and permitted development rights in Wales with the purpose to consolidate the UCO and GPDO to:

- streamline the planning legislation for small and low impact developments
- make sure the most accurate version of the legislation is readily available.

LDP Implications

The outcome of the consultation will be monitored and taken into consideration as part of the preparation of the revised LDP. It is noted that much of the proposed changes relate to commercial activity including those traditionally associated with town centres, consequently its implications on matters of retail and commercial policy will be fully considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24: The Historic Environment (2017)

2.72 The purpose of this TAN is to provide guidance on how the planning system considers the historic environment during development plan preparation and decision making on planning and Listed Building applications. It provides specific guidance on how the following aspects should be considered:

- World Heritage Sites
- Scheduled monuments
- Archaeological remains
- Listed buildings
- Conservation areas
- Historic parks and gardens
- Historic landscapes
- Historic assets of special local interest

2.73 The TAN supersedes Welsh Office Circulars 60/96 Planning and the Historic Environment: Archaeology; 61/96 Planning and the Historic Environment: Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas; and 1/98 Planning and the Historic Environment: Directions by the Secretary of State for Wales, and are therefore consequently cancelled.

LDP Implications

The provisions of the revised TAN24 are compatible and consistent with the current LDP strategy, its policies and provisions. The TAN will be considered and discussed in relation to the relevant policy monitoring areas and will inform the preparation of the Revised LDP.

The 2014-based sub-national population and household projections

2.74 The publication in September 2016 of the 2014-based sub-national population projections presented a first opportunity, post LDP adoption, to assess population change on a Welsh and Local Authority level. This was supplemented by the publication of the household projections in March 2017. The implications of these projections was fully considered as part of the Review Report, and will in accordance with the provisions of PPW be assessed in relation to their veracity as part of the preparation of the revised LDP.

LDP Implications

The Implications arising from the 2014-based sub-national population projections will be subject to detailed consideration as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.

Regional Policy Context

Swansea Bay City Region

2.75 The Swansea Bay City Region encompasses the Local Authority areas of Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, City and County of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot. It brings together business, local government and a range of other partners, working towards creating economic prosperity for the people who live and work in our City Region. The Swansea Bay City Region Economic Regeneration Strategy 2013 – 2030 sets out the strategic framework for the region aimed at supporting the area's development over the coming decades.

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Swansea City Deal

2.76 The signing of the City Deal secured the biggest ever investment for South West Wales. The £1.3 billion deal will transform the economic landscape of the area, boosting the local economy by £1.8 billion, and generating almost 10,000 new jobs over the next 15 years. The eleven major projects identified in the City Deal set out to deliver world-class facilities in the fields of energy, smart manufacturing, innovation and life science, with major investment in the region's digital infrastructure and workforce skills and talent underpinning each sector.

2.77 The total investment package is made up of £241 million of UK and Welsh Government funding, £396 million of other public sector money and £637 million from the private sector. The make-up of the Swansea Bay City Region Board include the four local authorities, together with Abertawe Bro Morgannwg and Hywel Dda University Health Boards, Swansea University and the University of Wales Trinity St David's, along with private sector companies. With a clear vision of 'A Super Smart Innovation Region', it is expressed through the following four interconnected strands, or internets:

Internet of Electronic Acceleration - Vision

To create a fully connected region and be at the forefront of digital innovation.

The internet of economic acceleration will:

- Create a regional, state of the art, digital infrastructure including next generation wireless networks
- Launch the Swansea City and Waterfront Digital District
- Establish a new creative digital cluster at Yr Egin
- Develop a centre of excellence in Next Generation Services to develop new commercial opportunities across the region
- Deliver the skills and training required to support the City Deal

Internet of Life Science and Well-being - Vision

- To place the region at the forefront of life science innovation and to be recognised as a destination of choice for global investment and enterprise in the field of life sciences and well-being
- Create and use an enhanced digital infrastructure to accelerate development in the area of life sciences

Smart Manufacturing - Vision

To place the region at the forefront of smart manufacturing and to support businesses to harness the opportunities associated with the digital manufacturing revolution.

Smart manufacturing is using data and technology to react immediately to changes in market or industry demands. Increasing Smart Manufacturing will help attract significant investment, drive economic growth and boost local regeneration through direct job creation and employment in vibrant innovation clusters.

An Internet of Energy - Vision

- To place the region at the forefront of energy innovation and establish the region as a globally significant player in the production and storage of energy
- To create jobs and investment whilst addressing challenges such as fuel poverty and energy security for current and future generations
- Digitally connect the region's energy assets to create a test bed for the demonstration of 'Future Energy Systems'

2.78 The 11 projects identified through the City Deal includes those in land use terms to be specifically proposed within Carmarthenshire, however the economic value presented through the deal will extend well beyond:

- A Wellness and Life Science Village in Llanelli which as part of the Internet of Life Science and Well-being will seek to create a physical village providing facilities and services which promote and improve well-being. It will integrate business

development, education, healthcare, leisure, tourism, wellness support and research in life-sciences in one location, delivering transformational social and economic benefits.

- Yr Egin - Creative Digital Cluster in Carmarthen. As part of the Internet of Electronic Acceleration, the Yr Egin project will seek to create a new digital and creative cluster providing start up and development space for creative and digital companies. It will also seek to promote the Welsh Language forming a base for the Welsh language broadcaster S4C.

LDP Implications

The current adopted LDP in recognising the important regional contribution of Carmarthenshire, makes provision through its policies and proposals for employment development, with the economy an important component of the Plan's Strategy. The emerging role of the City Region is a key consideration to ensuring the continued compatibility in a strategic context.





In this respect the signing of the City Deal and the identification of the above interconnected strands, or internets with their component outcomes and projects will be a notable informant in any future land use policies or proposals. In this respect, whilst the City Deal reinforces much of the current LDPs strategic approach, a measurement of compatibility will be necessary as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP to ensure appropriate provisions are in place to support delivery.

Local Context

Carmarthenshire County Council - Well-being Objectives 2017/18

2.79 The Council in line with its statutory obligations has published its Well-being Objectives for 2017/18. These objectives as set out below also includes the Improvement Objectives and follow

approval at County Council: A 14th objective was added during the year over and above the 13 objectives contained within the last AMR.

<p>Start Well</p> 	<p>Live Well</p> 	<p>Age Well</p> 	<p>Healthy, Safe & Prosperous Environment</p> 
<p>Well-being Objectives</p>			
<p>1. Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences.</p> <p>2. Help children live healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>3. Continue to improve learner attainment for all.</p> <p>4. Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training.</p>	<p>5. Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, helping people into work & improving the lives of those living in poverty.</p> <p>6. Creating more jobs and growth throughout the county.</p> <p>7. Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes.</p> <p>8. Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour & obesity).</p> <p>9. Supporting good connections with friends, family and safer communities.</p>	<p>10. Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity & independence in their later years.</p> <p>11. A Council wide approach to supporting Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire.</p>	<p>12. Looking after the environment now and for the future.</p> <p>13. Improving the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity.</p> <p>14. Promoting Welsh language and culture.</p>
<p>15. Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources</p>			

2.80 Having published these Objectives, the Council must take all reasonable steps to meet them. A detailed Action Plan is being prepared to support each Improvement/Well-being Objective, and these will be monitored and reported on through the Performance Management Framework.

Public Service Board

2.81 Established as a statutory board under the provisions of The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 the Public Services Board (PSB) for Carmarthenshire is a collection of public bodies working together to improve the well-being of the County.

2.82 The board's role is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our area by working to achieve the 7 Well-being goals identified within The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. In doing so it will seek to assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being and publish a well-being plan setting out its local objectives and the steps necessary to meet them. The Carmarthenshire PSB includes four statutory members: Carmarthenshire County Council, Hywel Dda University Health Board, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service and Natural Resources Wales along with other public sector, third sector and education partners.

Carmarthenshire Well-being Assessment

2.83 The Well-being Assessment undertaken by the Carmarthenshire PSB outlines: what well-being looks like in Carmarthenshire; and, what Carmarthenshire's residents and communities want well-being to look like in the future, through exploring key issues which positively and/or negatively impact well-being.

2.84 Its findings as published for consultation forms the basis for the report to the PSB which will utilise its outcomes, alongside other key information, to identify priorities for improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Carmarthenshire.

2.85 These priorities will form the PSB's Well-being Plan for Carmarthenshire which is scheduled for publication early in the 2018/19 AMR period. This Plan will outline how the PSB will collectively utilise the five ways of working to improve well-being in Carmarthenshire and contribute towards the national well-being goals.

Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire – The Council's New Corporate Strategy 2018 - 2023

2.86 The 2018-2023 Corporate strategy sets out the direction for the local authority over the next five years, incorporating our improvement and well-being objectives as defined by legislation.

2.87 It also includes the Executive Board's key projects and programmes for the next five years, a set of almost 100 priority projects and areas recently announced by Leader Cllr Emlyn Dole in his 'Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire' plan.

2.88 The strategy outlines the Council's vision for the future through 15 objectives under four key themes - to support residents to: start well, live well and age well in a healthy, safe and prosperous environment.

LDP Implications

The LDP will remain a key tool to deliver the Well-being assessment and the above Objectives. The progression towards the Well-being Plan and the recent transference from the Local Service Board to the Public Service Board will be monitored to ensure the continued alignment of these two core Plans.

A key consideration in moving forward relates to the integration and compatibility of the LDP's strategic objectives with the Well-being Objectives identified above. It is considered essential that its compatibility be examined from an early stage to ensure the LDP is well placed to respond to these changes and the emerging Action Plan which will

support their delivery. Appendix 1 undertakes a comparative analysis of the LDP's Strategic Objectives against the national and local Well-being Objectives.

Transformations: Strategic Regeneration Plan for Carmarthenshire – 2015 - 2030

2.89 This document sets out Carmarthenshire's regeneration strategy, building on the opportunities for growth and investment which emerges from the policies and provision of the LDP. This in turn reflects Carmarthenshire as a confident, ambitious and connected component of the Swansea Bay City Region.

LDP Implications

The LDP represents a key component in the delivery of the Council's regeneration objectives and there are clear advantages in terms of efficiency, engagement and outcomes in continuing the synergy between shared strategic priorities.

The relationship between the LDP, the Transformations document and the strategic direction regionally expressed through the City Deal will need to be considered as part of the Revised LDP to ensure appropriate provisions are in place to support delivery.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

2.90 The consultation on the CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule was undertaken between September and November 2016 following resolution by the Council to progress work on its preparation. Part of this process has included the gathering of notable evidence around development viability and infrastructure. Subsequently, the Council's consideration on progressing CIL has been informed by a number of key developments:

2.91 **The Department of Communities and Local Government CIL Review - A New Approach to Developer Contributions** - In November 2015 the Westminster Government commissioned an independent national review of CIL with the purpose of:

'Assessing the extent to which CIL does or can provide an effective mechanism for funding infrastructure, and to recommend changes that would improve its operation in support of the Government's wider housing and growth objectives.'

2.92 The review examined the amount of revenue CIL is raising; the types of development that are paying CIL; impacts on viability; and the operation of the neighbourhood share of CIL.

2.93 In summary, the report's overall conclusion was that: CIL as currently configured is not fulfilling the original intention of providing a faster, fairer, simpler, more certain and more transparent way of ensuring that all development contributes something towards cumulative infrastructure need; it has also disrupted and complicated the Section 106 arrangements which, though much criticised, functioned reasonably well for many sites.

2.94 In identifying a way forward, the report recommends that Government consider a revised twin-track approach that allows local authorities to take advantage of the best elements of the existing CIL and Section 106. It recommends that the Government replace the CIL with a hybrid approach of a broad and low level Local Infrastructure Tariff (LIT) and Section 106 for larger developments.

2.95 **Devolution of CIL Powers** – As outlined above, the UK Government on 7th June 2016 published the Wales Bill with the intention to amend the Government of Wales Act 2006. The Bill received Royal Assent as the Wales Act 2017 on 31st January 2017.

2.96 As part of the Wales Act 2017 CIL has become a devolved matter with powers anticipated to be transferred to the Welsh Government in April 2018. In this respect a Transfer of Functions Order is necessary to allow Welsh Ministers to modify existing secondary legislation. Should the Welsh Ministers then consider it appropriate to amend the CIL Regulations then it is possible that further legislation may be required to enable this, however, this has not been confirmed.

2.97 Given the above it is currently unclear on the approach the WG wish to adopt on CIL, and notably whether they wish to continue with the approach as set out within the CIL regulations, or develop specific amendments or abandon it altogether.

2.98 Consequently and given that it is unclear which form, if any, CIL or its potential replacement will take, the preparation of a CIL for Carmarthenshire has, subject to Council resolution, been placed in abeyance.

LDP Implications

The progress of the CIL for Carmarthenshire and any subsequent implications for the LDP will be subject to on-going monitoring. However, it is noted that if CIL was to be progressed it would need to clearly accord with, and express elements of LDP policy in terms of strategic delivery. As such, in light of a resolution for it to be held in abeyance, then it would be prudent for its future consideration to be linked with the Revised LDP.

In this respect, whilst there are no direct implications on the current LDP and this AMR, the national context and outcome of and deliberations on its future will be monitored and considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.

The Carmarthenshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment – 2016

2.99 Emanating from the provisions of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014, a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) has been undertaken for Carmarthenshire to identify if there is a need for a Gypsy and Traveller site within the County. Undertaken in accordance with statutory guidance, the assessment was submitted to Welsh Ministers for scrutiny and approval. The Local Authority received confirmation from the Welsh Minister that the content of the needs assessment was accepted on 28th March 2017. The GTAA was reported to the Council's Executive Board on the 26th March 2018, where it was

resolved to publish the report and that a site selection process be developed to meet any identified need.

LDP Implications

The requirements emanating from the GTAA will be an integral informant in relation to the identification of any Gypsy and Traveller Sites. The requirements in respect of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation will be considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.

Affordable Homes Delivery Plan 2016 – 2020: Delivering more homes for the people of Carmarthenshire

2.100 This sets out the Council's five year vision for maximising the supply of affordable homes. Its purpose is to provide detail on how and where more homes will be delivered and what resources will be used and how more could potentially be accessed. It also outlines how an ambitious new build programme can be delivered.

2.101 The programme will initially deliver over 1000 additional affordable homes over five years, with a total investment exceeding £60m.

LDP Implications

The relationship between the delivery of affordable homes and land use Development Plans is self-evident, with much of the policy framework necessary or available to support it set out within the LDP's policies and provisions. The LDP sets a target for affordable housing delivery through the Planning process and supplements this through enabling funding to become available through developer contributions and commuted sums. The Delivery Plan builds on this to identify further mechanisms - from empty homes and mortgage rescues, to the buy-back of former Council homes.

Supplementary Planning Guidance

2.102 The following SPG documents have been adopted to provide further detail on certain policies and proposals contained within the LDP during this AMR period:

- Place Making and Design
- Rural Development
- Leisure and Open Space requirements for New Developments
- Nature Conservation and Biodiversity
- Archaeology and Development

2.103 An SPG on Wind and Solar Energy has been reported to Council with resolution that it be published for formal consultation.

2.104 The adopted Affordable Housing SPG has been revised and published which clarifies the interpretation and implementation of the affordable housing policies. This supports the improvement to Development Management processes and procedures.

Summary

2.105 As set out above, new legislation and changes in national, regional and local contexts have emerged during the current monitoring period, some of which may have implications for the future implementation of the LDP. Subsequent AMRs will continue to provide updates on relevant contextual material which could affect the Plan's future implementation.

2.106 As appropriate contextual will form an important component in the preparation of the revised LDP be it in terms of its policies and proposals or supporting documents or evidence.

The Carmarthenshire Context

Spatial Influences

2.107 Carmarthenshire is a diverse County with the agricultural economy and landscape of the rural areas juxtaposed with the urban and industrial south-eastern area. Around 65% of the population reside on 35% of the land in the south and east of the County. The main urban centres are Llanelli, Ammanford/Cross Hands and Carmarthen. The County also has a number of other settlements of various sizes and many of them make notable contributions to the needs and requirements of their community and the surrounding area. These are supplemented by a large number of rural villages and settlements which are self-sufficient in terms of facilities and services.

2.108 The adopted LDP builds upon the spatial characteristics and diversity of the County and its communities and seeks to consolidate the existing spatial settlement pattern.

2.109 The focus of the current spatial form and resultant distribution of existing housing and employment provision is within the established urban centres of Llanelli, Carmarthen, and Ammanford/Cross Hands. The focus on these settlements as identified 'Growth Areas' reflects their respective standing and their sustainability and accessibility attributes. The Growth Areas exhibit good accessibility through connections to the strategic highway network and the rail networks as well as public transport.

2.110 The characteristic rural and urban split typifies the variability within communities and settlements and their historic and future roles. This is exemplified by the predominantly south eastern urban areas and their post-industrial needs in terms of regeneration. The challenges faced by such settlements are often of a marked difference in terms of scale to those of rural areas, which face separate challenges in respect of depopulation and the agricultural industry. This encapsulates the diversity of Carmarthenshire's communities and settlements which are diverse in character, scale and role with a settlement's size not always reflective of its role.

Distribution of Growth

2.111 The distribution of growth is based on a settlement's position within the LDP hierarchy which could not be predicated on a simplistic interpretation of distribution (for example, across all tier 3 settlements on an equal basis). This equally applies within the Growth Areas, or indeed any other tier in the settlement hierarchy, where each has manifestly different issues and considerations within the context of their importance in strategic terms and the function they perform.

2.112 There are a number of considerations that influence the release of land for development across the County, notably:

- Environmental - in the form of flood risk considerations. Many of the larger settlements are situated adjacent to the sea and/or rivers. Also worthy of note are areas of nature conservation importance - including those within the Llanelli/Burry Port and Cross Hands areas;
- Social considerations - including areas of cultural and linguistic value in terms of the Welsh language, as well as areas of deprivation.

2.113 The richness of Carmarthenshire's natural, built and cultural environment is an important spatial consideration in planning for the future of the County, particularly in terms of the potential for growth and the siting of development. The County includes sites designated at the international level to protect and enhance important nature conservation value, as well as striking landscapes and distinctive historic towns and villages. The importance of the County's built heritage is borne out by the 27 conservation areas, 366 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (ranging from Prehistoric to post - Medieval/Modern features of cultural historic interest) and the large number of listed buildings. There are also a number of designated sites for nature conservation and biodiversity importance, including 7 Special Areas of Conservation, 3 Special Protection Areas, 1 Ramsar site, 82 Sites of Special Scientific Interest, 5 National Nature Reserves, 6 Local Nature Reserves and 7 registered landscapes.

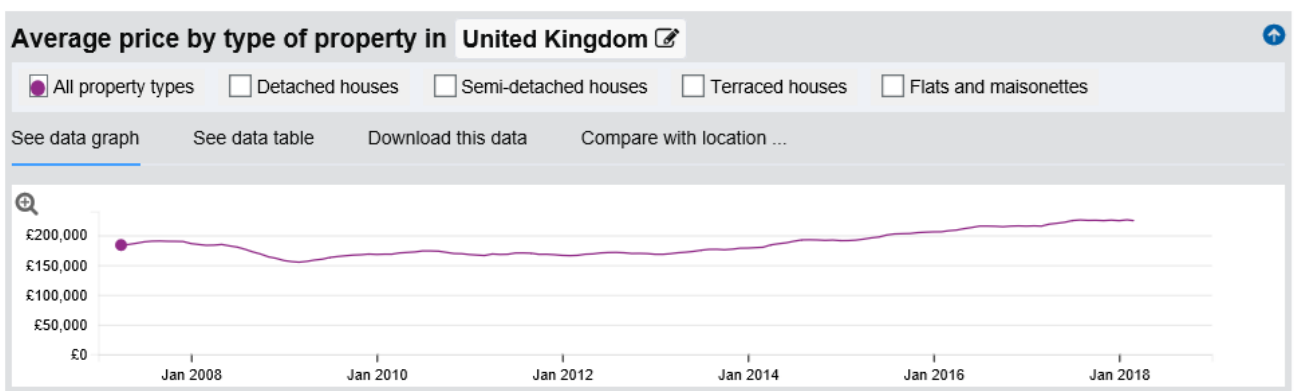
Economic Indicators

Housing

2.114 The economic downturn post-2008 has at a national level had a significant impact on housing provision in the UK as a whole, and has in turn impacted confidence and delivery at a local level. Indeed it was only in February 2015 that the England & Wales house price index recovered back to the pre-crash level experienced in 2007, with prices continuing to rise through to the end of this monitoring period (see figure 1 below). During the period of this AMR levels have finally recovered at an all Wales level with the average house price of £154,037 at March 2018 – now marginally above that of the peak of £150,316 in August 2007.

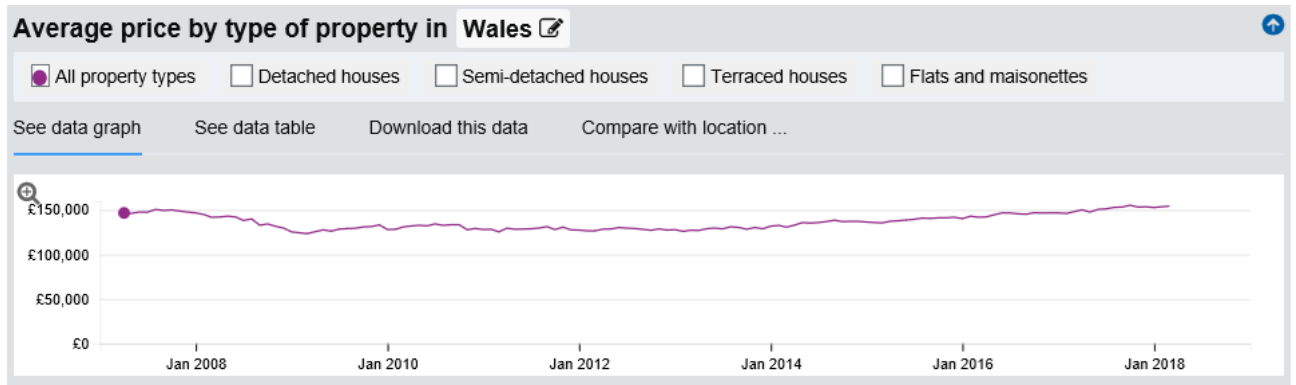
2.115 Within a Carmarthenshire context, average house prices remain below the pre-recession high of £149,515 (December 2007), with an average price in March 2018 having increase to £134,092 (see figure 2 below). This is comparable to many local authorities across the country, with the Wales figure of £154,037 to some extent distorted by improved recoveries within specific Council wards. In this respect there has been significant variations in the annual price change across Wales with Carmarthenshire showing a 2.1% rise compared to an all Wales figure of 4.2%.

Figure 1 Average price: England and Wales from April 2007 to March 2018



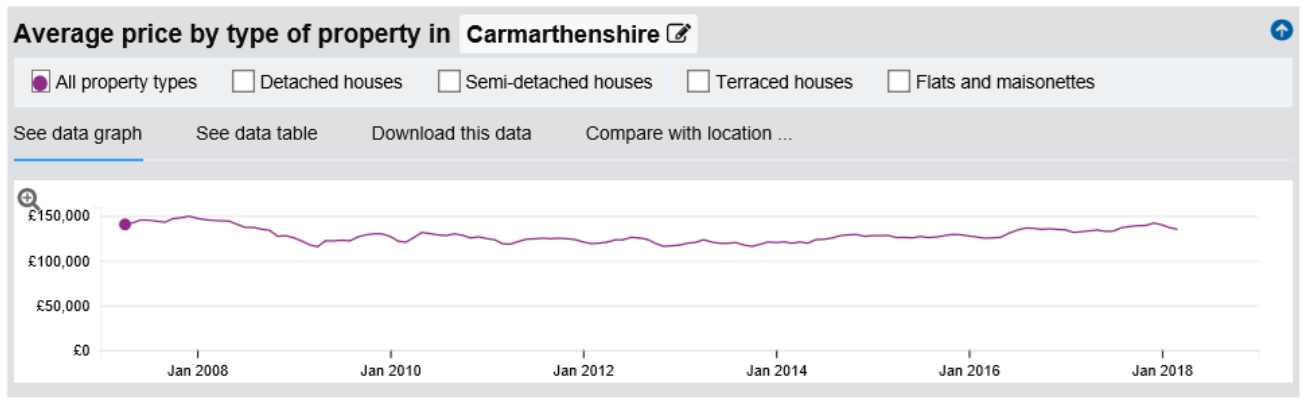
Source: Land Registry

Figure 2 Average price: Wales from April 2007 to March 2018



Source: Land Registry

Figure 3 Average price: Carmarthenshire from April 2007 to March 2018



Source: Land Registry

2.116 The inevitable impact of the recession on house-building has been felt across Wales, and whilst continuing to consolidate on improvements in the 6,663 completions during 2017-18², it is still some way below the pre-crash peak of 9,334 in 2006-07. This is reflected in Carmarthenshire with 2017-18 completions at 529 as compared to 450 (2016-17). This is still however short of the peak in Carmarthenshire of 738 in 2005-06³.

² Source: StatsWales – New dwellings completed by period and tenure.

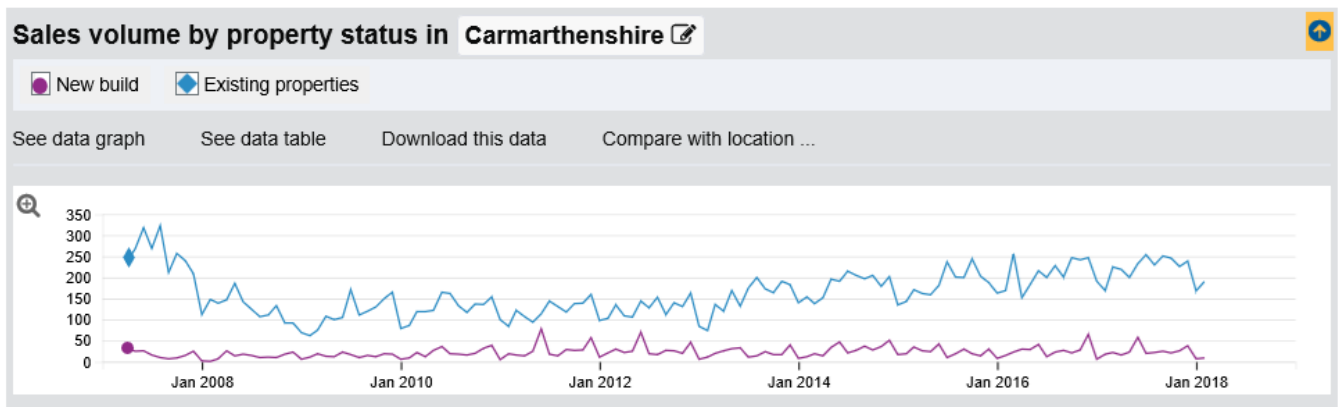
³ Source: StatsWales – New dwellings completed by period and tenure.

2.117 Housing delivery within Carmarthenshire during the Plan period has fallen short of the annual level necessary to meet the Plan requirement. However, it should be noted that much of this has been in a challenging economic climate and it could also be argued that the actual effect of the LDP in terms of delivery is still to be experienced with most houses that were built over the last year not on allocated sites having been permitted under the previous development plan. Nevertheless, post LDP adoption, the JHLAS have identified an improvement in land supply terms with availability in 2016 showing a 4.1 years with completions also achieving their highest level at 590 since 2011 (640). However, this AMR period has seen a drop off in those figures with the emerging 2018 JHLAS study showing a 3.8 year land supply. All of this is however within a context of national house-builders maintaining, and in the case of some renewing their interest in Carmarthenshire. This in itself sends a positive message about market confidence in the County but belies the need to assess the drop off in land supply and the reduction in completion levels during this AMR period.

House Sales

2.118 As indicated within the following graph, there has been a gradual recovery in property sales following the drop from its peak in 2007/2008. This gradual recovery has seen sales return to a consistent level, albeit just below that of 2007.

Figure 4 Sales Volume by Property: Carmarthenshire from April 2007 to March 2018



Source: Land Registry

Population and Household Projections

2.119 In considering the publications of the Welsh Government sub-national population and household projections, the previous AMR documents have provided the background evidence to understand the reasoning behind the significant changes between each projection. The graphs below shows the scale in these differences, with the 2006 and 2008 projections for both population and household projection being significantly higher than the 2011 and 2014 based projections.

Figure 5: Comparative Carmarthenshire Population Projections

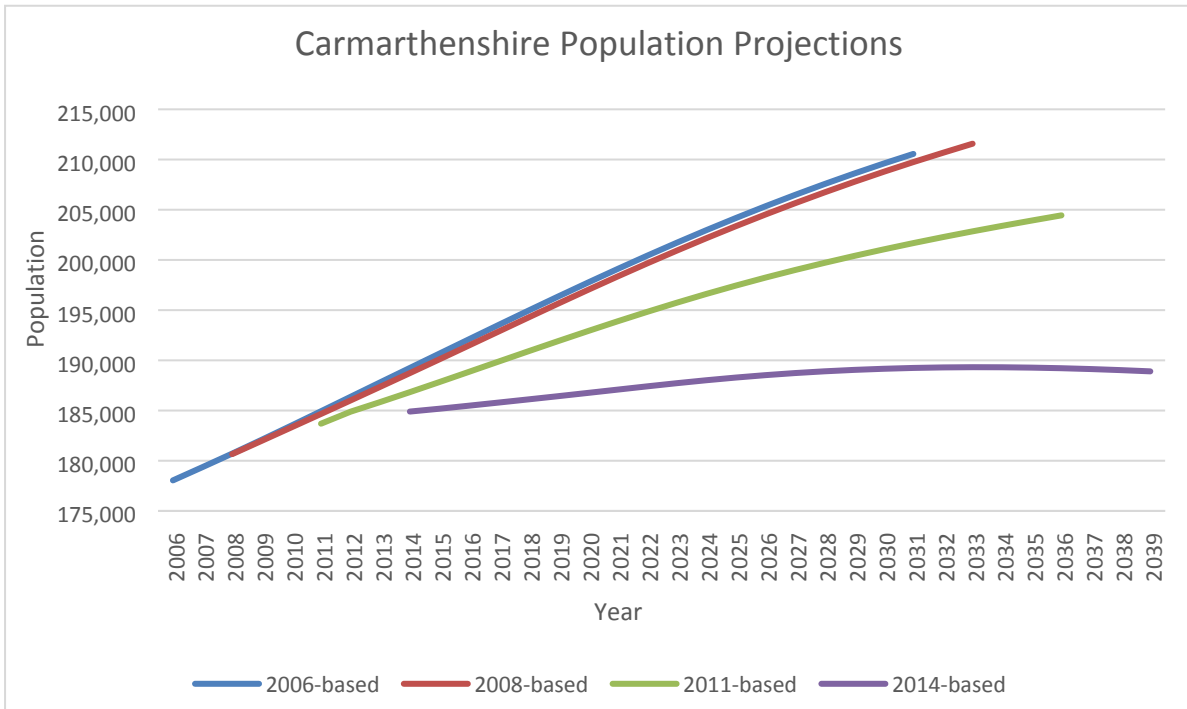
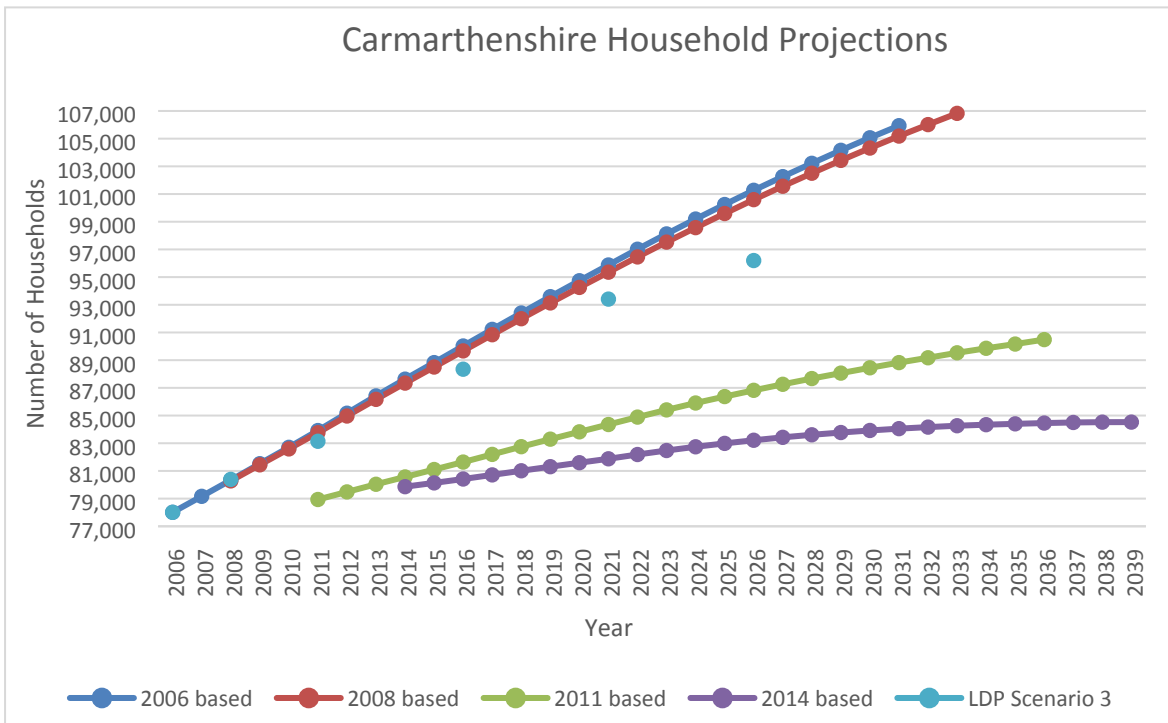


Figure 6: Comparative Carmarthenshire Household Projections



Source: Local Authority based sub national household projections and Carmarthenshire LDP

2.120 Whilst the above projections indicate a significant reduction in population and household numbers from that projected within both the 2006 and 2008 based projections, their use, in development plan terms, should be considered within the context of the provisions of paragraph 9.2.2 of PPW.

2.121 In this respect, the LDP Review Report identified that the Revised LDP would need to assess the various factors of the projections, with the latest Welsh Government local authority level Household Projections for Wales forming part of the evidence base together with other key issues. These include links between homes and jobs, the need for affordable housing, Welsh language considerations, the provisions of corporate strategies and the deliverability of the plan.

2.122 In this respect and in support of the preparation of the Revised LDP evidence it will be prepared to assess the veracity of the projections and any deviation must also be considered in the context of viability and ensure that any change in growth requirements is deliverable.

Economy

2.123 Economic activity data for Carmarthenshire, and at an all Wales level from 2011 to this third annual monitoring period, shows in terms of economic activity a gradual improvement, particularly in recent years. This culminates in the figures for 16/17 and 17/18 for the County both above the all wales figure for economic activity.

Figure 7: Annual Labour Market Summary (Residents aged 16-64) – Economic Activity Rate

	Carmarthenshire		Wales	
	Economic Activity Rate	Economic Inactivity Rate	Economic Activity Rate	Economic Inactivity Rate
April 2011-March 2012	74.2%	25.8%	73%	27%
April 2012-March 2013	71.7%	28.3%	73.9%	26.1%
April 2013-March 2014	73.5%	26.5%	75.3%	24.7%
April 2014-March 2015	74%	26%	74.4%	25.6%
April 2015-March 2016	75%	25%	75.3%	24.7%
April 2016 – March 2017	78.6%	21.4%	74.8%	25.2%
April 2017 – March 2018	77.1%	22.9%	76.5%	23.5%

Source: StatsWales

2.124 The above increase in economic activity does not raise any implications of significance for the LDP. Such economic indicators will continue to be monitored and considered in any subsequent AMRs or as part of a future review of the LDP.

2.125 A third iteration of the Employment Land Review will be published in due course. This will build on the outcomes and content of the 2016 and 2017 reviews further considering the performance of the economy in Carmarthenshire in terms of the take up and activity levels on existing and allocated employment sites.

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation

2.126 The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014 (WIMD) (November 2014 (revised August 2015)) is the Welsh Government's official measure of relative deprivation for small areas in Wales. It is designed to identify those small areas where there are the highest concentrations of several different types of deprivation. Deprivation is the lack of access to opportunities and resources which we might expect in our society. This can be in terms of

material goods or the ability of an individual to participate in the normal social life of the community. The next WIMD is planned for 2019 following a user survey conducted in 2016.

2.127 The WIMD, has been developed to support the effective local targeting of resources and policy. It provides the official measure of relative deprivation for small areas in Wales. Carmarthenshire has 112 LSOAs (Lower Super Output Areas). The results from WIMD show that Carmarthenshire has 25 LSOAs that are within the 30% most deprived areas in Wales. The majority of these areas (60%) are located in the Llanelli region (15 LSOAs) with 20% in the Amman area (5 LSOAs), 12% in the Gwendraeth area (3 LSOAs) and 8% located in the Carmarthen area (2 LSOAs).

Figure 8: Percentage of LSOAs by deprivation rank category - Overall Index (2014) (Carmarthenshire)

% LSOAs ranked in the 10% most deprived in Wales in the Overall Index	5%
% LSOAs ranked in the 10-20% most deprived in Wales in the Overall Index	6%
% LSOAs ranked in the 20-30% most deprived in Wales in the Overall Index	12%
% LSOAs ranked in the 30-50% most deprived in Wales in the Overall Index	30%
% LSOAs ranked in the 50% least deprived in Wales in the Overall Index	47%

2.128 Carmarthenshire has the following number of its 112 LSOAs in the deprivation brackets:-

- 5 areas that are in the 10% most deprived in Wales;
- 7 areas in the 20% most deprived; and,
- 13 areas highlighted as being in the 30% most deprived in Wales

2.129 The area which is ranked as the most deprived area in Carmarthenshire is Tyisha 2 and the area which is ranked as least deprived is Hendy 1.

2.130 Analysis of the data informs us that in some areas, whole electoral wards are among the 30% of the most deprived areas in Wales, namely Ammanford, Felinfoel, Glanymor, Glanamman and Tyisha.

2.131 In terms of Access to Services, Cynwyl Gaeo in Carmarthenshire is the area which is the most deprived in Wales, followed very closely by Llanegwad 2 and Trelech, which are the 4th and 5th most deprived in Wales respectively.

2.132 Whilst not subject to a monitoring indicator in relation to the LDP, it is considered prudent to continue to monitor the deprivation across the County; the Plan's strategy, policies and provisions can play an important role in addressing the issues that arise.

Chapter 3 Monitoring Indicators

This chapter provides an assessment of whether the Plan’s strategic policies, and associated supporting policies, are being implemented as intended and whether the LDP objectives and strategy are being achieved. Appropriate conclusions and recommended future steps (where required) are set out to address any policy implementation issues identified through the monitoring process.

Spatial Strategy

1 Monitoring Policy Target: 85% of all housing developments permitted should be located on allocated sites.

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
% of overall housing permissions which are on allocated sites.	85% of all housing developments permitted every year should be located on allocated sites.	The proportion of dwellings permitted on allocated sites deviates 20% +/- the identified target.	54% of all housing developments permitted were located on allocated sites.	38.3% of all housing developments permitted were located on allocated sites.	87.5% of all housing developments permitted were located on allocated sites.
<p>Analysis: This monitoring indicator measures the number of applications received on large sites (i.e. sites of five or more) against whether they are located on allocated sites or non-allocated sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The survey reveals that 87.5% of the housing units which were permitted on large sites were located on allocated sites. 					

- Of the LDP allocated sites, outline planning permission was granted for 244 units and reserved matters or full permission was granted for 438 units.
- In the last AMR, a difference was noted in the number of units permitted. During the 2015-16 period, a total of 1269 units were granted on large sites, in 2016-17 period, a total of 334 units were granted on large sites, and in the 2017-18 period, 777 units were granted on large sites.
- 23 allocated sites have had applications granted on them, with 240 units being granted on GA2/h45 & GA2/h46 at Genwen Farm, Bynea, Llanelli. Other large sites of note are GA3/h47 Adj. Pantgwyn, Cross Hands (82 units), T3/3/h9 & T3/3/h10 Dinas Yard Factory, Kidwelly (80 units), T2/6/h4 Adj. Spring Gardens, Whitland (70 units).

Conclusion:

The target has, this year been met.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

2 Monitoring Policy Target: The following proportions of dwellings to be permitted on housing allocations as follows:

- **Growth Areas 62%**
- **Service Centres 10%**
- **Local Service Centres 12%**
- **Sustainable Communities 15%**

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger			Performance 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Proportion of housing permitted on allocations per tier of the settlement hierarchy.	The distribution of dwellings to be in accordance with the proportions specified in the target.	The distribution of dwellings in Growth Areas, Service Centres and Local Service Centres deviates 20% +/- the proportions specified in the target. The distribution of dwellings in Sustainable Communities deviates 10% +/- the proportions specified in the target.	Growth Areas	Target 62%	Actual 67.3%	Actual 43.8%	Actual 64.4%
			Service Centres	10%	3.6%	9.5%	10.3%
			Local Services Centres	12%	17.1%	0.7%	15.7%
			Sustainable Communities	15%	15.2%	46%	9.6%

Analysis

The distribution of units permitted is broadly in line with the indicators.

Growth Areas

438 units have been permitted in Growth Areas on 10 sites. No units have been granted within the GA1 area: Carmarthen, 337 units were permitted in GA2: Llanelli and, 101 units in GA3. Progress is expected in the coming year on applications that fall in the West Carmarthen Development Brief area, and along with the work progressing later this year on the link road.

Service Centres

70 units in Service Centres on one site (T2/6/h4) in Whitland.

Local Service Centres

107 units in Local Service Centres on 3 sites. Two of the sites (104 units) were in Kidwelly.

Sustainable Communities

67 units in Sustainable Communities on 9 sites, spread over various locations within the County.

As background information, windfall sites have mainly fallen within the Growth areas (77.3%), with Sustainable Communities contributing a small amount (22.7%).

Conclusion:

The target has this year been met.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

3. Monitoring Policy Target: Bring forward the availability of strategic employment sites

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Permissions for, or availability of on site or related infrastructure which facilitates delivery of strategic employment sites (ha) as listed in Policy SP4.	By 2018, all the strategic employment sites are considered to be immediately available or available in the short term i.e. the sites either benefit from planning consent or the availability of on site or related infrastructure to facilitate development.	By 2018 all the strategic employment sites are not immediately available or available in the short term.			

Analysis: Three specific strategic employment sites have been identified within the LDP (Policy SP4):

- Dafen, Llanelli
- Cross Hands East
- Cross Hands West Food Park

In total the land allocated for these three sites amounts to 40.9Ha. Whilst all the elements of all strategic employment sites have not attained planning permission, there has been a clear progression towards delivery of all or parts of these three sites. Whilst the policy target has not strictly been achieved as anticipated, it does not lead to concerns over the future delivery of the remaining elements of the sites. Reference is also made to the GA2/MU9 – Delta Lakes which forms part of the South Llanelli Strategic Zone and has been identified as a key component in delivering part of the Vision for the City Deal – An Internet of Life Sciences and Well-being. This innovative and sector leading project will maximise on the site a landmark employment regeneration development driving delivery and economic growth within the area.

Dafen Llanelli

Full Planning Permission has been granted for an Air Ambulance facility, including office accommodation, on part of the site taking up 1.87Ha. This has been completed and the site is in full operation. Remaining undeveloped parts of the site are situated either between or adjacent to existing built elements and could therefore benefit from related infrastructure and existing access roads.

Cross Hands East

Outline Permission has been granted on the whole site (19 Ha) for the proposed development of an industrial park, including the development of business & industrial units (use classes B1 & B8), offices business incubator units, a hotel, a business central hub, resource centre, energy centre, central green space, parkland. A reserved matters permission to the original outline has subsequently been granted enabling development of the internal access road, infrastructure and development plot plateaus. The construction of the plot layout and the road and associated infrastructure of Phase 1 has been implemented to provide nine development plots. Expressions of interest have been received to develop sites via the County's own Property Development Fund. The Council is also preparing potential self-build scheme for the key gateway plot that can make use of any funding opportunities that may become available.

The site is identified as a strategic site within the Swansea Bay City Deal region and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) of up to £2.4 million has been secured to deliver the infrastructure development of Phase 2 as part of the Welsh Government's Strategic Site programme. Phase 2, consists of up to five larger plots with the remaining site road and service infrastructure. The Cross Hands Joint Venture with Welsh Government has been extended to cover the Strategic Employment Site.

Cross Hands West Food Park

Consent was granted for a Food Processing Plant on the portion of the allocation south west of Castell Howell Foods. 'Celtica Foods', part of Castell Howell is part of a multi-million pound expansion project that will see emphasis on the Company's Welsh meat brand 'Celtic Pride'. The site occupies 2.09 Ha and the unit is completed and operations have commenced. Some of the site is incidental green space, with the potential for expansion of operations in the future. The other permission is for the north west portion of the allocation (covering 2.35 Ha) and is for a single storey food grade industrial building with associated two storey office element and external service yards and car parking. These have also already been constructed. There is further space available for expansion on land within the planning permission - an estate spine road already services this northern end of the site. Consequently, in total the elements of this employment allocation that have already been delivered amounts to 4.44ha.

The Swansea Bay City Deal:

The future development of the strategic sites, and indeed the future economic development of the County, should be viewed in the context of the wider sub-region where the Swansea Bay City Deal has recently been signed, securing £1.3 billion for Swansea, Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot and Pembrokeshire councils. It is anticipated that the Deal will transform the economic landscape of the area, boost the local economy by £1.8 billion, and generate almost 10,000 new jobs over the next 15 years.

The Deal will see three specific projects for Carmarthenshire – a Wellness and Life Science Village on the Strategic Site at Delta Lakes (GA2/MU9), Llanelli; a creative industry project at Yr Egin in Carmarthen; and a skills and talent initiative which will support skills development. The £200 million project at Delta Lakes aims to create over 1800 high quality jobs and boost the economy by over £400 million over 15 years. This and the other two projects will benefit the County as a whole and should help to attract further investment in the future.

Conclusion:

Strong progress has been made in delivering the 3 strategic employment sites.

The signing of the City Deal and the progress of partners in developing proposals in relation to the Wellness and Life Science Village provides a strong indication of, and confidence in, the delivery of the Delta Lakes site. In this respect the site has permission for the raising of levels which is currently being enacted and an outline planning application has been submitted for the whole scheme earlier this year (2018) and is currently being considered.

The creative industry project at Yr Egin in Carmarthen was granted planning permission in October 2016 and construction is currently underway.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

Maintaining and continuing a strong integration of LDP and regeneration objectives in driving investment and delivery.

Sustainable Development

4 Monitoring Policy Target: By 2021 32% of the development on housing allocations will be delivered on previously developed sites

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Permissions for residential development on previously developed housing allocations.	<p>29% of dwellings permitted on allocated sites should be on previously developed allocations.</p> <p>Information gathered on an annual basis. The annual monitoring figure noted above takes into consideration the number of dwellings already completed on previously developed allocated sites.</p>	<p>Less than 29% (with an additional variance of 20% under the target figure to allow for flexibility) of dwellings are permitted through housing allocations on previously developed land over a period of two years.</p>	10% of dwellings on housing allocations have been permitted on previously developed land.	19.7% of dwellings on housing allocations have been permitted on previously developed land.	15.7% of dwellings on housing allocations have been permitted on previously developed land.

Analysis:

Four and a half sites (107 units) have been granted planning permission on previously development land (the half being a site of two fields with one field being previously developed and the other greenfield). Fifteen and a half sites (573 units) have been granted planning permission on greenfield sites.

Conclusion:

Continue monitoring.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

5 Monitoring Policy Target: No highly vulnerable development should take place in C1 and C2 flood risk zone contrary to PPW and TAN15 guidance

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2017
Amount of highly vulnerable development (by TAN15 paragraph 5.1 development category) permitted in C1 and C2 flood risk zones not meeting all TAN15 tests (paragraph 6.2 i-v).	No applications permitted for highly vulnerable development in C1 and C2 flood risk zone contrary to NRW advice.	1 application permitted for highly vulnerable development in C1 or C2 flood risk zone contrary to NRW advice. Note: The LPA will be required to refer all applications which they are minded to approve for the development of emergency services or highly vulnerable development, where the whole of the land where the development is proposed to be located, is within C2 flood zone, to the Welsh Ministers. In the case of residential development, the threshold for notifying the Welsh Ministers is set at 10 or more dwellings, including flats.	No applications were permitted for highly vulnerable development in the C1 or C2 flood risk zone contrary to NRW advice.	No applications were permitted for highly vulnerable development in the C1 or C2 flood risk zone contrary to NRW advice.	No applications were permitted for highly vulnerable development in the C1 or C2 flood risk zone contrary to NRW advice.

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Analysis:

Records indicate that no highly vulnerable development applications were permitted during this AMR period, which was contrary to NRW advice.

Conclusion:

The target has been met.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

6 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS)

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Production of SPG on SUDS.		SPG not produced within 5 months of adopting the Plan.	SPG produced.	SPG adopted	SPG adopted
<p>Analysis: The Placemaking and Design SPG was adopted in September 2016. This SPG discusses SUDS approaches within an overall green infrastructure approach. The SPG can be viewed via the Council website:</p> <p>https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1213904/adopted-placemaking-design-spg-report.pdf</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Target achieved.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): The SPG will be updated as appropriate to respond to the implementation of Schedule 3 - mandatory requirement for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) on new developments. The outcome of the consultation on the draft Planning Policy Wales edition 10 together with any update of Technical Advice Note 15 will also be monitored.</p>					

Housing

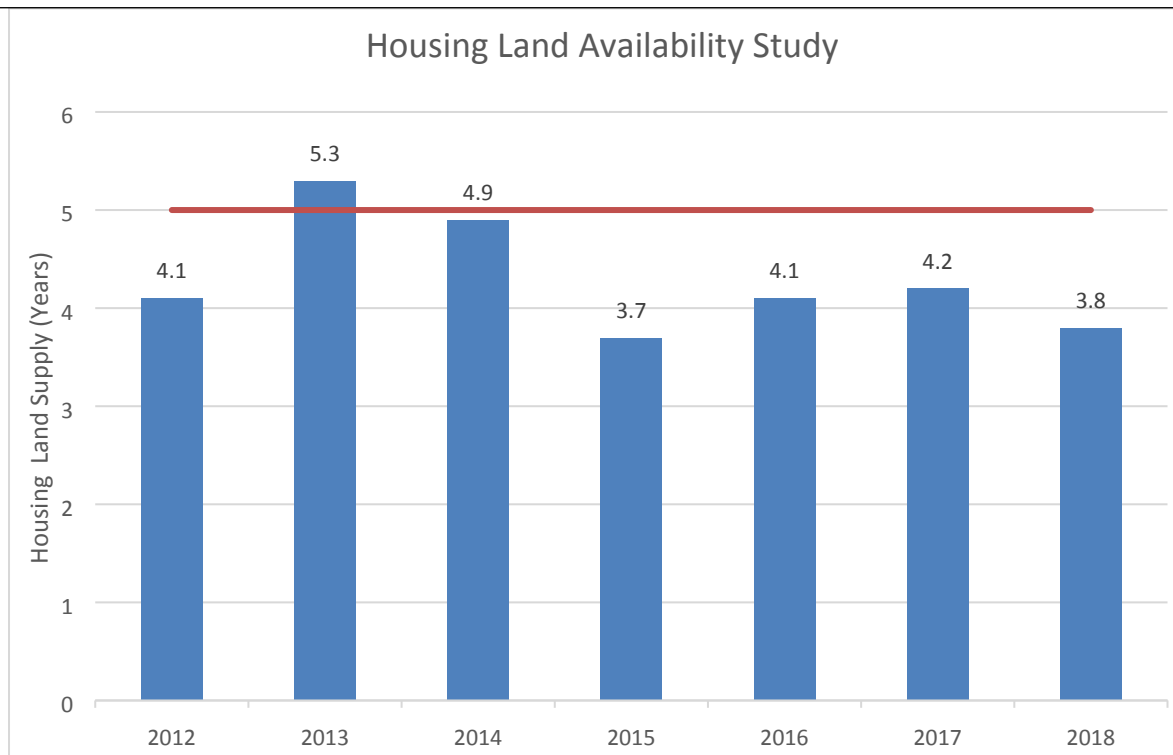
7 Monitoring Policy Target: Maintain a minimum 5 year housing land supply

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
The housing land supply taken from the current Housing Land Availability Study (TAN1).	Maintain a minimum 5 year housing land supply.	Housing land supply falling below the 5 year requirement.	4.1 years	4.2 years	3.8 years

Analysis:

The land supply calculations set out in the 2018 Joint Housing Land Availability Study shows that there is 3.8 years of housing land available, as of the 1st April 2018.

The 2015 Study was the first study to use the adopted LDP plan period as a basis for the residual calculation, and resulted in a 3.7 year supply. Since 2015 there has been an increase in the supply to 4.1 years in 2016 and 4.2 years in 2017, however 2018 saw a drop in supply to 3.8 years.

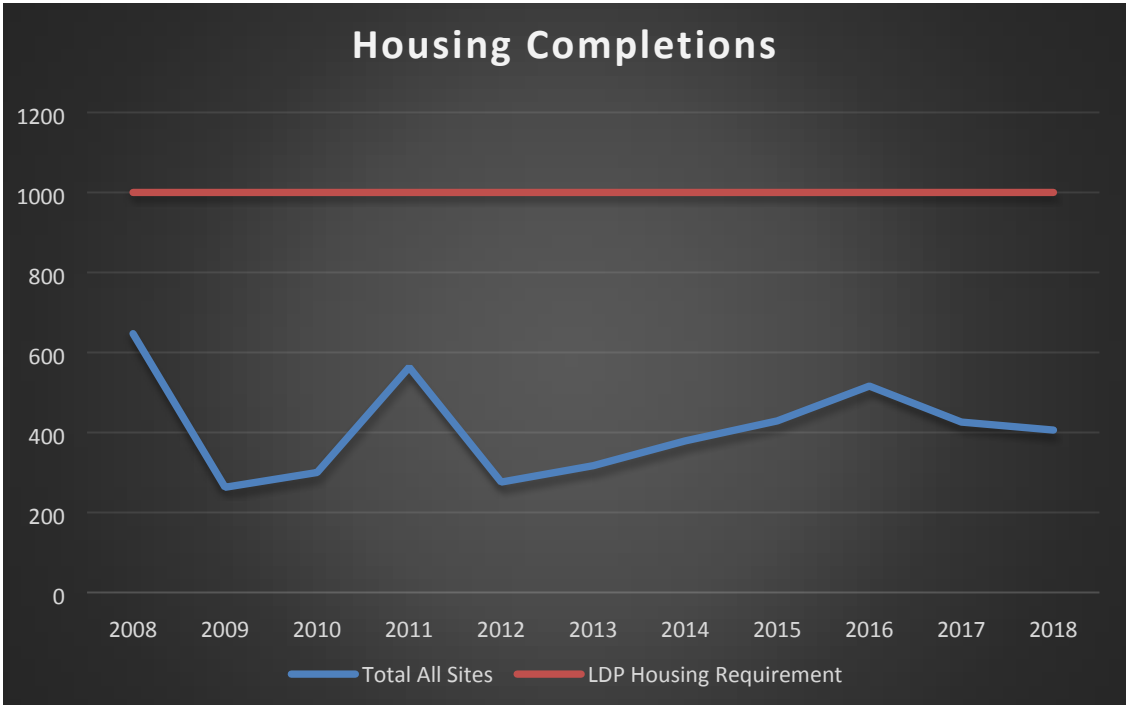


The target to maintain a 5 year supply in line with Technical Advice Note (TAN) 1 is not currently being met, and the reasons have not changed since previous AMRs:

- The housing and population projections undertaken as part of the LDP were high. TAN 1 (January 2015) states that the residual method calculation must now be used solely as the method of land supply calculation. The residual method compares the quantity of land agreed to be genuinely available with the remaining housing requirement in the adopted LDP. As the projections were high, the remaining housing requirement is also high, resulting in a lower than expected land supply. In the past, a comparison has been done with the past build rate method, if this method was still in use, the rate would be in excess of 5 years.

- Housing delivery has fallen generally over Wales in recent years, which has had an impact within Carmarthenshire. This can be put down partly to the economic recession and a slow market. Build rates on large sites have fallen slightly again this year but the general trend shows a general increase over the past few years, but have not peaked to the levels seen in 2008.

Large Site Completions since the LDP base date:										
2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
406	426	516	429	379	317	276	563	300	263	647



- Parts of Carmarthenshire are very rural and are characterised by a higher proportion of construction of small sites by individuals and local builders. The delivery and contribution of small sites to the study has only been monitored the past three years.

Small Site Completions	
2016	92
2017	92
2018	105

- The Council continue to believe that the land supply figure of 3.8 is not necessarily a true reflection of the amount of land genuinely available for development. In reality, there is a large amount of land potentially available than the figures represent due to the methodology prescribed in the forecasting of the land supply figures. These sites can be considered as potentially available as they have no physical constraints, but fall outside the five year classification as the site does not have a valid planning permission, or has permission subject to the signing of a S106 and has therefore fallen into Category 4. These sites could therefore be brought forward at short notice, however various conditions would need to change in order for this to occur.
- The impact of the requirement for additional S106 contributions for housing developments remains difficult to measure at this stage. The requirement, under Policy GP3 and set out in SPG, applies to all housing developments where viable. Undoubtedly, this has had an impact on the smaller developer and self-builder and this will be monitored over time.
- In order to encourage the deliverability of housing sites, contact has been made with landowners of allocated sites to explain that there is an expectation that allocated sites be delivered during the plan period. The letter also sought their intentions with developing the site and any barriers to development that they have encountered.

Conclusion:

The target of a 5 year housing land supply has not been met, however, there are a number of reasons for this, as set out above. Reference should also be made to the recommendations and conclusions of this AMR.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

8 Monitoring Policy Target: Provide 15,197 dwellings by 2021

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018
The number of dwellings permitted annually.	1,405 dwellings permitted annually.	20% +/- 2,810 dwellings permitted in the first two years after adopting the Plan.	1,483 dwellings.	584 dwellings	1,045 dwellings

Analysis:

The total number of dwellings permitted during the monitoring period is 1,045.

The number of dwellings permitted on large sites (>5 units) is 858 units. This is made up of 325 units granted as part of outline permission, and 535 units as part of reserved matters or full planning permission (2 of which are outline and reserved matters on the same site).

187 units were permitted on small sites (<5 units), 54 units were granted outline permission, and 134 units granted reserved matters or full planning permission (1 of which had outline and reserved matters on the same site).

For the avoidance of doubt, the contribution of units which have received both outline and detailed planning permission during the same AMR period have only been counted once to avoid double counting.

Conclusion:

With respect to the Assessment Trigger, 2,067 dwellings were permitted during the first two years of the Plan. As a result, the number of dwellings permitted fall outside the threshold allowance of 20%.

As a prompt in delivering on allocated sites, the LPA has contacted landowners, developers and agents to ascertain the progress of bringing forward allocated sites for development. Landowners, developers or agents were requested to provide additional information in respect of actions undertaken and intent with on-site delivery.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Matters relating to site delivery will be considered as part of any future review into the LDP.

The LPA will undertake further engagement with landowners, developers and agents to progress the delivery of sites allocated within the LDP.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

9 Monitoring Policy Target: Provide 2,375 dwellings on windfall sites by 2021

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
The number of dwellings permitted on windfall sites.	186 dwellings permitted annually on windfall sites.	20% +/- 372 dwellings permitted on windfall sites in the first 2 years after adopting the Plan.	784 dwellings.	407 dwellings	284 dwellings

Analysis:

The target of 186 dwellings being permitted annually on windfall sites has been exceeded. A total of 284 units have been granted on both large (>5 units) and small sites (<5 units) during the monitoring period.

Windfall Sites (Large sites)

97 units have been granted on large sites; 7 units received outline permission and 90 units received reserved matters /full permission on 10 sites.

Windfall sites (Small Sites)

187 units have been permitted on small sites, 54 of these have received outline permission and 134 reserved matters / full permission. Of the 188 units which received planning permission, 1 unit has received both outline and detailed planning permissions during this monitoring period. For the avoidance of double counting, 1 unit has been removed from the overall total.

Windfall permissions have again reduced since last year. This may be due to the reduction in the number of UDP legacy sites with a valid permission coming forward. Small sites given permission remains to be higher than expected. Small sites have only not been monitored in the past 3 years, and it has been unclear whether the number of small site permissions is normal, or down to the transitional period moving from the UDP to the LDP. However, the numbers remain consistent in all three years: 199 (AMR 1); 199 (AMR2) and 187 (AMR3).

Conclusion:

The results from this AMR period has seen a reduction in the number of windfall sites being permitted. This may be due to the reduction in the number of UDP legacy sites with a valid permission coming forward. This is consistent with the conclusions set out in the first AMR.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

10 Monitoring Policy Target: Provide a Gypsy and Traveller site to meet identified need within the Llanelli area

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
The number of Gypsy and Traveller pitches required.	Identify a Gypsy and Traveller site to meet identified need in the Llanelli area by 2016. Provide a Gypsy and Traveller site to meet identified need in the Llanelli area by 2017.	Failure to identify a site by 2016. Failure to provide a site by 2017.			
<p>Analysis: A site has not been identified between the AMR periods of 2017/2018.</p> <p>The GTAA has been reported to the Council's Executive Board on the 26th March 2018, where it was resolved to publish the report and that a site selection process be developed to meet any identified need.</p> <p>The Local Housing Authority, with support from the Local Planning Authority are now in discussions with the Gypsy and Traveller Community, in addition to undertaking a site identification process within the Llanelli area. A number of sites will in due course be subject to a feasibility appraisal. The findings of these assessments will feed into the early discussions of the Revised LDP 2018-2033.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Consideration is being given to the site selection process in meeting the housing need as identified within the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) report.</p>					

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The Local Authority will seek to identify and provide a new Gypsy and Traveller site. The provision and identification of a site will be further considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.

11 Monitoring Policy Target: Monitor the need for Gypsy and Traveller transit sites

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
The annual number of authorised and unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller caravans in the County.	No Gypsy and Traveller site recorded in one settlement for 3 consecutive years.	1 unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller site recorded in one settlement for 3 consecutive years.			
<p>Analysis: The Council has introduced a new monitoring mechanism, in conjunction with WG to track and identify illegal transit encampments. In the AMR3 period, the new system indicated 9 encampments, with only two of those being authorised. The online system indicates that none of the encampments were for those in transit.</p> <p>Data inputted from the online system for the previous 18 months does not show a clear pattern of the same sites being used for those in transit. The Council will continue to monitor the situation and look to address any issues within the evidence base of the revised LDP 2018-2033.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: It is recommended at this stage that there is no need to provide a transit site in Carmarthenshire, however the Local Planning Authority along with colleagues from the Housing Division will continue to monitor the number of unauthorised encampments within the county, including its location and whether a single family group frequently reside at a particular location.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.</p>					

12 Monitoring Policy Target: 2,121 no. of affordable dwellings permitted by 2021

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
The number of affordable dwellings permitted.	226 affordable dwellings permitted in the first year of the Plan after adoption. 452 dwellings permitted in the first 2 years of the plan after adoption.	20% +/- 452 affordable dwellings not permitted in the first 2 years of the Plan after adoption.	217.3 units.	101 units	216.4 units

Analysis:

Housing Allocations	
Type of Permission	Number of Affordable Units
Outline Permissions (with indicative numbers)	28.4
Outline Permissions (with numbers specified)	0
Full Planning and Reserved Matters	161
Total	189.4

Windfall Sites (large sites)	
Type of Permission	Number of Affordable Units
Outline Permissions (with indicative numbers)	1
Outline Permissions (with numbers specified)	0
Full Planning and Reserved Matters	19
Total	20

Windfall Sites (Small sites)	
Type of Permission	Number of Affordable Units
Key Worker / Rural Enterprise Dwellings / Live Work . One Planet Development	4
Local Need	3
Total	7

Outline or Detailed Permission with a UU for affordable housing (£ per square metre basis)	54 units
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Outline Permissions with Commuted Sum Agreed	No permissions
Full Planning or Reserved Matters Permission with a commuted sum contribution paid / to be paid	£ £888,628 within 55 applications

AMR3 shows a marked difference in the make-up of affordable housing being granted within the County, with a big increase in the numbers on allocation sites (5.2 up to 189.4), whilst the numbers on windfall sites has decreased from 88.8 down to 20 units. Policy target 14 shows the large scale developments within the Llanelli area being granted planning permission which plays a significant role in the number reversal.

In total, 209.4 affordable units have been granted planning permission. It is important to note the potential duplication of the number of affordable units from previous years such as outline permission to detailed permission, however, in AMR3 it is important to acknowledge the 180 affordable units that have been granted on detailed schemes – up from 72 units in AMR2.

Commuted Sum payments

AMR3 indicates an increase in the number of outline planning permissions which have a Unilateral Undertaking –54 units, up from 45 units in AMR 2. In addition, the number of detailed applications where the commuted sum contribution has been calculated has risen from £662,711.81 to £888,628.

Conclusion:

The number of affordable units being approved has been a significant increase in AMR3 with a number of larger housing allocations within the Llanelli being granted full planning permission. These permissions are expanded upon under Policy Target 14. It should be noted that a number of these permissions relate to Reserved Matters, therefore there may be instances where the outline permissions were considered in previous AMRs. It is positive to note large increase of detailed permissions on housing allocation sites which gives an indications of sites coming forward for development.

With regard to small sites and commuted sum contributions received, this AMR period has seen an increase of £225,917 from sites with reserved matters or detailed permissions from AMR2. This sum can be used to support the delivery of affordable housing. Planning services are assisting colleagues in the LHA to maximise opportunities for affordable housing through the financial contributions collected.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The Forward Planning Section is working closely with internal colleagues from Regeneration and Policy and Housing to assist in the marketing and disposal of Council owned sites which includes potential for additional affordable housing provision.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

13 Monitoring Policy Target: Affordable Housing targets to reflect economic circumstances

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Affordable Housing percentage target in Policy AH1.	Target to reflect economic circumstances.	Should average house prices increase by 5% above the base of 2013 levels sustained over 2 quarters then the Authority may conduct additional viability testing and modify the targets established in Policy AH1.			

Analysis:

	Based on sales only			
	Mean	Lower Quartile	Upper Quartile	90th percentile
Apr 2017	150,522	92,666	177,333	261,000
May 2017	153,155	95,000	179,000	261,000
Jun 2017	152,179	96,666	179,000	251,000
Jul 2017	153,944	96,666	182,333	251,666
Aug 2017	153,422	96,666	185,000	258,333
Sep 2017	157,186	96,666	191,650	271,666
Oct 2017	158,814	100,000	194,150	270,000
Nov 2017	162,815	100,000	200,816	276,666
Dec 2017	161,881	99,666	195,833	276,666
Jan 2018	159,449	95,666	188,000	275,000
Feb 2018	151,261	95,000	175,500	255,000
Mar 2018	146,068	92,666	170,500	250,666

The table above identifies the average sales values on a monthly basis since the start of this AMR period.

The mean value based on sales only for the entire year comes to £155,058. The figures highlighted in AMR 2 for the period 16/17 identified a mean sales only figure of £149,859, whilst AMR 1 identified a mean sales only figure of £143,003. On a year by year basis, the mean value falls within the 5% limit whilst the data does not show any significant correlation in increasing house prices per quarter based on sales values only.

Background evidence will be collected to inform the future affordable housing targets for the revised LDP.

Conclusion:

The information above provides a basic figure for analysis based only on sales values within the County. Further detailed information will be provided as and when housing market data is available.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The Local Planning Authority will continue to monitor various statistical evidence associated with house prices on a quarterly basis in order to fully inform the requirements of the policy target.

This policy target can also be analysed against Policy Target 14, which looks at the percentage of affordable housing being achieved on all housing allocations and large windfall sites within the County.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

14 Monitoring Policy Target: Affordable dwellings to be permitted on housing allocations per sub-market areas as follows:

- Llandovery, Llandeilo and North East Carmarthenshire
- St Clears and Rural Hinterland
- Carmarthen and Rural
- Newcastle Emlyn and Northern Rural Area
- Kidwelly, Burry Port, Pembrey and Lower Gwendraeth Valley
- Llanelli
- Ammanford / Cross Hands and Amman Valley

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
The number of affordable dwellings permitted on housing allocations per sub-market area.	The proportion of affordable dwellings permitted on residential allocations should be in accordance with Policy AH1 as follows:	The proportion of affordable dwellings permitted on residential allocations not in accordance with Policy AH1.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llandovery, Llandeilo and North East Carmarthenshire – 30% 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Clears and Rural Hinterland – 30% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W/35037 – Land adjacent to Spring Gardens, Whitland 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24.2% affordable units
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmarthen and Rural 30% 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmarthen West (20%) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcastle Emlyn and Northern Rural Area – 20% 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kidwelly, Burry Port, Pembrey and Lower Gwendraeth Valley – 20% 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llanelli – 20% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S/33342, Land at Genwen Farm, Llanelli (GA2/h45, GA2/h46) • S/36519 – The Maltings (Former Buckleys Brewery Site, Llanelli) (GA2/h4). • S/36679 – Land at Maes y Bryn, Penllwyngwyn Road, Bryn • S/36707 – Land off Frondeg Terrace, Llanelli, SA15 1QB 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20.4% affordable units • 100% affordable site • 100% affordable site • 100% affordable site
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ammanford / Cross Hands and Amman Valley – 10% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E/36672 – Land adjacent to 66 Wind Street, Ammanford 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% affordable units.

<p>Analysis:</p> <p>The analysis above provides an indication of the increase in the land take up by Registered Social Landlords, with 4 of the 6 allocations which were granted planning permission in AMR3 being for 100% affordable housing. With regard to the other 2 allocated sites with an element of affordable housing, Genwen Farm, Bryn was granted reserved matters with 20.4% of the units being affordable. This is slightly above the target of 20% within the Llanelli area. Genwen Farm’s affordable housing contribution was also considered in a previous AMR as an outline permission, however, the figures within this AMR consider actual units on site, as it is currently under construction.</p> <p>The only other housing allocation site granted planning permission is the Land adjacent to Spring Garden, Whitland where 24.2% of the 70 units are to be affordable.</p> <p>In considering the three AMRs which have been published, it has shown that some of the submarkets areas such as those in the North and North East have seen very minimal planning permissions / development, which has resulted in minimal numbers of affordable housing being granted and delivered.</p>					
<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>For sites which have been granted planning permission during AMR3, the percentage target for affordable housing has been relatively successful, with the monitoring policy target aligning closely with the planning permissions being granted. With sites also being developed by Registered Social Landlords, this will increase the number of affordable units being developed within the County.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary):</p> <p>The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.</p>					

Economy and Employment

15 Monitoring Policy Target: 111.13ha of employment land allocated by Policy SP7 is developed over the Plan period

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
<p>Permissions granted for development on employment land listed in Policy SP7.</p> <p>Permissions for, or availability of, on site or related infrastructure which facilitates delivery of employment sites (ha) as listed in Policy SP7.</p>	<p>25% of employment land allocated by Policy SP7 either attains planning permission or is available for development within the first 2 years of the Plan after adoption.</p> <p>For the purposes of monitoring employment land, 'available' shall be taken to indicate that the sites either benefit from planning consent or the availability of on site or related infrastructure to facilitate development.</p>	<p>Less than 25% of employment land allocated by Policy SP7, with an additional variance of 20% under the target figure to allow for flexibility, is permitted or available within 2 years of adoption. Annual narrative to describe progress towards delivery.</p>	<p>90% of the annual/interim monitoring target has been met.</p>	<p>98% of the annual/interim monitoring target has been met.</p>	<p>Target already met in the second AMR. Further progress in third AMR.</p>

Analysis:

The monitoring policy target relates to the amount of employment land that has been permitted or has become available within two years of adoption. At the time of publication of the first AMR in 2016, two years had not passed since adoption, so it was difficult to make an accurate assessment of this target. Nevertheless, it was found that almost 90 % of the annual / interim monitoring target for the first two years had already been met by this time.

During this AMR period, further land on employment allocations received planning permission for employment activities – amounting to **2.71ha**. Combining this with the total amount of land already with planning permission or available for development, the figure rises from 27.35ha within last year's AMR to **30.06ha** for the 17/18 monitoring period.

The monitoring target set out in the LDP (25% of employment land allocated by Policy SP7 either attains planning permission or is available for development within the first 2 years of the Plan after adoption) was met within AMR 2 in 2017 (taking into account the additional variance of 20% under the target to allow for flexibility). The further land take up during the period for the third AMR is evidence of the continued deliverability of the sites allocated for employment use in the LDP.

Conclusion:

Clear progress has been made; further monitoring and reporting will be undertaken in subsequent AMRs and as part of the LDP Review.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

16 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on Rural Enterprise

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Production of SPG.		SPG not produced within 9 months of adopting the Plan.	SPG produced.	SPG adopted	SPG adopted
<p>Analysis: The Rural Development SPG was adopted in September 2016.</p> <p>The adopted SPG is available via the following link: https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1213903/adopted-rural-development-spg-report.pdf</p>					
<p>Conclusion: The target has been achieved.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.</p>					

Retail

17 Monitoring Policy Target: To ensure that vacancy rates within the Primary and Secondary Retail Frontage areas of the Growth Area towns do not increase to a level that would adversely impact on the vitality of those centres.

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Annual vacancy rates of commercial properties within the Primary and Secondary Retail Frontage areas of the Growth Area towns.	Vacancy rates of commercial properties in the town centres of Carmarthen, Ammanford and Llanelli.	Monitor for information.			

Analysis:

The Council as part of its retail monitoring activity beyond this AMR, recognises the need to understand and track changing retail activities at both a county and local centre level. With this in mind, the Council produced an updated Carmarthenshire Retail Study 2015 which is available on the Council's website.⁴ This update builds on the previous 2009 Study and reflects the latest data and information on retail across the County in terms of both convenience (food retail) and comparison (non-food retail). The study updates the assessment of quantitative need for retail floor space throughout the remainder of the LDP period through to 2021. Town Centre retail surveys are also undertaken to ascertain current and changing activity in the defined town centres which include tracking vacancy levels and the proportion of non-retail uses. The vacancy rates are identified below by settlement and by the Primary and Secondary Frontage area:

⁴ <https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/3686/2015-retail-study-update-carms-retail-study-update-english-new-cover.pdf>

	Primary Frontage		Secondary Retail Frontage	
	Total Units	Vacant Units (%)	Total Units	Vacant Units (%)
Carmarthen	164	18 units (11%)	128	13 units (10.2%)
Llanelli	85	14 (16.5%)	104	10 units (9.6%)
Ammanford	42	2 units (4.8%)	52	5 units (9.6%)

Carmarthen

The Town Centre of Carmarthen continues to exhibit a relatively low vacancy level which in itself raises no specific concerns, however, the increase in vacancy levels exhibited in this AMR will need careful monitoring in moving forward in order to ascertain whether this is an ongoing trend or simply an anomaly at the time of collecting the data.

Carmarthen Business Improvement District (BID) steering group plans to set up a new BID in Carmarthen and are gathering pace with a view to holding a Ballot later this Autumn. Should the ballot be successful, collection of the BID levy is expected to commence in April 2019.

The Carmarthen BID steering groups business plan identifies a number of pledges including:

- Improving business profitability
- Improving the profile of the town
- Improving the parking experience
- Improving the look of the town

Ammanford

As a retail centre Ammanford is notably smaller than those of either Carmarthen or Llanelli, but it does nonetheless fulfil an important retail function. The vacancy levels as shown above are low, however, experience over recent years indicates a town centre which is susceptible to regular turnover of occupancy. The data outlined above notes that the vacancy level within the primary frontage has remained at the same low level, whilst the vacancy level in the secondary frontage seems to have improved slightly. Whilst not captured at the point of survey, there have since 31st March 2018 been a number of new vacant units - a position which will require careful monitoring in moving forward.

A town centre task force has been established including representation from the Council, traders and local businesses to address and consider and potential regeneration and viability issues in relation to the town.

Llanelli Town Centre

It is noted that within the Llanelli context, a number of 'hot spots' exist where vacancy has been an ongoing issue. Such areas are however the target of ongoing Council driven regeneration initiatives. In this respect, the Council has been successful in securing funding through the Welsh Government's Vibrant and Viable Places which has introduced a new regeneration fund with 3 key priorities for targeted investment:

- Town centres serving 21st Century towns;
- Coastal communities; and,
- Communities First clusters.

As part of the successful Vibrant and Viable Places £1 million was secured, along with circa £1.12 million also available through a successful bid for Pipeline funding and Council contributions. This has seen 7 properties purchased with 1 renovated with its retail floor space occupied and 2 where works have commenced. The occupied retail unit has proved successful linking into the deprivation aspects of the Vibrant and Viable Places agenda, with links to Communities First and the Steps Projects offering experience and opportunities within the community.

As a further response to the issues affecting Llanelli town centre and the recognition of the impact of both Parc Trostre and Parc Pemberton, In this respect AMR1 highlighted the consideration being given to identifying a Local Development Order (LDO) within Llanelli Town Centre.

AMR 3 has seen significant progress being achieved in relation to the introduction of a LDO for Llanelli Town Centre. If adopted, the LDO will grant conditional planning permission for specified uses in ground and upper-floor units. It is envisaged that the LDO, in permitting a wide range of

compatible uses without the need for planning permission, will help to increase occupancy levels and footfall in the town centre. A full public consultation was completed during AMR3 on the Draft LDO along with a Strategic Flood Consequence Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment. It is anticipated that the LDO will be adopted by Council in September 2018.

A Business Improvement District (BID) has been established within Llanelli town centre. Known as Ymlaen Llanelli, it is led by town centre businesses and aims to give businesses a stronger more collaborative voice and the power to lead change for the town centre.

Among its objectives the BID area will seek to:

- Improve access and parking in the town centre;
- Market Llanelli's distinctive assets and change perceptions;
- Advance safety and cleanliness; and
- Increase retail vibrancy and strengthen the business community.

Furthermore, a Task Force is currently in place with representatives from the Council, traders, Ymlaen Llanelli, community groups etc to look at in progress improvements in relation to the town centre.

Conclusion:

The retail position in terms of vacant units within the three identified centres whilst positive in relation to these monitoring outcomes nonetheless reflect the clear differential in terms of their scale and function.

- In this respect, Carmarthen Town represents an important regional retail centre offering a broad retail offer ranging from major high street names through to local provision and exhibits a relatively low vacancy rate, however, the recent increase in vacancy level will require ongoing monitoring to establish whether any active intervention would be beneficial.
- Llanelli has however experienced a change in its town centre offer, but has attracted significant regeneration investment in recent years and there are corporate, political and business initiatives in place as part of its regeneration. It is however recognised that careful monitoring is required and a responsive approach through a potential LDO remains a considered option.

• Ammanford, whilst retaining a number of high street names with a range of local retailers, also indicated a low vacancy rate. However it has in recent years experienced a turnover in occupancy and as a consequence in order to ensure its ongoing vitality and viability, ongoing close monitoring will be necessary.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Progress the Llanelli LDO towards adoption during AMR 4

To participate in forums and regeneration led initiatives aimed at ensuring that the vitality and viability in town centres is enhanced.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

18 Monitoring Policy Target: Maintain the integrity of the Primary Retail Frontage.

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Proportion of units in A1 retail use located in the Primary Retail Frontage as designated by Policy RT2.	65% or more of units within the Primary Retail Frontage are in A1 use.	Less than 65% of units within the Primary Retail Frontage are within A1 use with an additional variance of 10% under the target figure to allow for flexibility.			

Analysis:

The Council as part of its retail monitoring regime beyond this AMR recognises the need to understand and track changing retail activities at both a County and local centre perspective. With this in mind the Council produced an updated Carmarthenshire Retail Study 2015 which is available on the Council's website⁵. This update builds on the previous 2009 Study and reflects the latest data and information on retail across the County in terms of both convenience (food retail) and comparison (no-food retail). The study updates the assessment of quantitative need for retail floor space throughout the remainder of the LDP period through to 2021.

Town Centre retail surveys are also undertaken to ascertain current and changing activity in the defined town centres - key components of which include tracking vacancy levels and the proportion of non-retail uses within the defined centres.

The proportion of units in non-A1 retail use by Primary and Secondary Frontage areas are set out below. The details in relation to secondary frontage are included for completeness:

⁵ <https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/3686/2015-retail-study-update-carms-retail-study-update-english-new-cover.pdf>

	Primary Frontage		Secondary Retail Frontage	
	Total Units	Non A1 (%)	Total Units	Non A1 (%)
Carmarthen	164	46 units (28%)	128	42 units (32.8%)
Llanelli	85	26 units (30.6%)	104	38 units (36.5%)
Ammanford	42	12 units (28.6%)	52	15 units (28.8%)

Note: The above table excludes use classes within units vacant at the time of survey.

In considering the above, it is clear that that the integrity of the Primary Retail Frontage is being maintained across the three designated centres. In this respect the trigger point has not been reached. The Council however, will continue to monitor the respective condition of its retail centres. Reference is made to the commentary set out above for the policy target in relation to vacancy levels within Primary and Secondary Retail Frontages. In this respect, the Council will respond as appropriate to those centres where evidence indicates there is a pressure on their vitality and viability.

It is noted that Llanelli has experienced a significant change in retail terms. This has predominantly emerged as a result of the out of town retail developments at Parc Trostre and Parc Pemberton. It is however noted that whilst both the Primary and Secondary frontages perform relatively well in proportional terms for non-retail activity, there are a number of areas where A1 retail is the predominant activity. This is typified by the Elli Centre where there is limited non retail. It is clear that localised issues in terms of greater non retail provision have emerged notably within the primary frontage which when accompanied by high vacancy levels requiring careful ongoing consideration.

AMR 3 has seen significant progress being achieved in relation to the introduction of a LDO for Llanelli Town Centre. If adopted, the LDO will grant conditional planning permission for specified uses in ground and upper-floor units. It is envisaged that the LDO, in permitting a wide range of compatible uses without the need for planning permission, will help to increase occupancy levels and footfall in the town centre. A full public consultation was completed during AMR3 on the Draft LDO along with a Strategic Flood Consequence Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment. It is anticipated that the LDO will be adopted by the Council in September 2018. This will mean that Carmarthenshire will be the second Local Planning Authority in Wales to introduce an LDO.

Furthermore, a Task Force is currently in place with representative from the Council, traders, Ymlaen Llanelli, community groups etc to look at in progress improvements in relation to the town centre.

Conclusion:

Llanelli Town Centre

The retail position within the three identified centres remains positive.

- Carmarthen Town represents an important regional retail centre offering a broad retail offer ranging from major high street names through to local provision and exhibits strong A1 retail provision.
- Llanelli has however experienced a change in its town centre offer, but has attracted significant regeneration investment in recent years and there are corporate, political and business initiatives in place as part of its regeneration. It is however recognised that careful monitoring is required and a responsive approach through a potential LDO remains in progress.
- Ammanford, whilst retaining a number of high street names with a range of local retailers has in recent years experienced a turnover in occupancy and as a consequence in order to ensure its ongoing vitality and viability, close monitoring will become necessary.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Progress the Llanelli LDO towards adoption.

To participate in forums and regeneration led initiatives aimed at ensuring that the vitality and viability in town centres is enhanced.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

Transport

19 Monitoring Policy Target: To implement the road schemes identified in Policy SP9

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Progress towards implementing the road schemes identified in Policy SP9 in accordance with delivery timetables.	Implementation in accordance with delivery timetables.	The road schemes identified in Policy SP9 are not delivered in accordance with delivery timetables.	Progress has been made on the implementation of the schemes listed in Policy SP9 which are within the control of the Local Authority.	Progress has been made on the implementation of the schemes listed in Policy SP9 which are within the control of the Local Authority.	Progress has been made on the implementation of the schemes listed in Policy SP9 which are within the control of the Local Authority.
<p>Analysis: Significant progress continues to be made in the implementation of the schemes listed within Policy SP9. In this respect the Cross Hands Economic Link Road has been implemented and is open to traffic. The Carmarthen West Link Road having obtained planning permission remains under construction.</p> <p>It is not proposed to measure the success in relation to the implementation of the policy in terms of the identified Welsh Government Improvements as they are matters outside the control of the Local Planning Authority. This framework will however continue to monitor their progress towards implementation particularly with a view to the timescales indicated.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Progress has been made on the implementation of the schemes listed in Policy SP9 which are within the control of the Local Authority.</p>					

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Monitor the progress of the Welsh Government Improvements.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

20 Monitoring Policy Target: To implement the cycle schemes identified in Policy TR4

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018
Progress towards implementing the cycle schemes identified in Policy TR4.	Implementation in accordance with delivery timetables by 2021.	Non implementation of the cycle schemes identified in the Local Transport Plan and forthcoming Local Transport Plan. If finance has not been secured for a project by first plan review.			

Analysis:

The following provides an update on progress in relation to the 3 cycle schemes identified within Policy TR4:

- Towy Valley – A planning permission has been granted for the western section of the cycleway from Abergwili to Nantgaredig and Works have commenced. A planning application for the section from Nantgaredig to Llandeilo is currently being prepared for submission in due course.
- Amman Valley Cycleway – The main infrastructure works are substantively complete with the exception of a small section at Brynamman. Ongoing work will relate to signage, marketing and branding.
- Whitland to Llanglydwen – There are currently no programmed proposals to proceed with this route.

Conclusion:

Progress has been made on the implementation of the schemes listed in Policy TR4.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Continue to monitor the final implementation of the two schemes currently being delivered.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

Further consideration will be given to inclusion and/or the delivery of the Whitland to Llanglydwen route as part of the Revised LDP.

Minerals

21 Monitoring Policy Target: Maintain a minimum aggregate landbank of 10 years for hard rock

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Aggregates landbank for Carmarthenshire County Council.	To maintain a minimum 10 year landbank of hard rock.	Less than 10 years hard rock landbank.	The current hard rock landbank for Carmarthenshire is 55 years.	The current hard rock landbank for Carmarthenshire is at least 68 years.	Target met: The current hard rock landbank for Carmarthenshire is at least 71 years.
<p>Analysis: A landbank is a stock of planning permissions for the winning and working of minerals. It is composed of the sum of all permitted reserves at active and inactive sites at any given point in time for a given area. For the purposes of commercial stability, the aggregates industry requires a proven and viable landbank. MTAN 1: Aggregates requires that a minimum 10 year landbank of hard rock should be maintained, this has been mirrored in the LDP monitoring target.</p> <p>The latest, best available data agreed by the Mineral Products Association and the Local Minerals Planning Authority indicates that the current crushed rock landbank for Carmarthenshire is 73 years using the average of the last 3 years production data and 71 years using the average of the last 10 years production data. Therefore Carmarthenshire has at least 71 years of hard rock supply. This is well above the figure considered necessary in the monitoring target.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: The data indicates that the monitoring Policy Target is being met and therefore no further action is required.</p>					

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

22 Monitoring Policy Target: Maintain a minimum aggregate land bank of 7 years for sand and gravel

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Combined aggregates landbank for Carmarthenshire County Council with neighbouring authorities of PCC, PCNP & Ceredigion CC.	To maintain a minimum 7 year landbank of sand and gravel.	Less than 7 years sand and gravel landbank.	The current combined S&G Landbank for Carms CC, Ceredigion CC, PCC & PCNPA is 18 years.	The current combined S&G Landbank for Carms CC, Ceredigion CC, PCC & PCNPA is at least 17 years.	Target met: The current combined S&G Landbank for Carms CC, Ceredigion CC, PCC & PCNPA is at least 14 years.
<p>Analysis: MTAN 1: Aggregates requires that a minimum 7 year landbank of sand and gravel should be maintained, this has been mirrored in the LDP monitoring target. The apportionments and allocations for land-based sand & gravel within Carmarthenshire have been combined with Pembrokeshire, the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and Ceredigion.</p> <p>The latest best available data agreed by the Mineral Products Association and the Local Minerals Planning Authority for the combined Sand & Gravel landbank is for 31.12.2016. The combined landbank is 15 years based on 3 years production average and 14 years based on 10 year production average. This is well above the figure considered necessary in the monitoring target.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: The data indicates that the monitoring Policy Target is being met and therefore no further action is required as a consequence of this AMR.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.</p>					

23 Monitoring Policy Target: No permanent, sterilising development will be permitted within mineral buffer zones (except in circumstances set out in MPPW).

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Number of planning permissions for permanent, sterilising development permitted within a mineral buffer zone.	No permanent, sterilising development will be permitted within a mineral buffer zone contrary to Policy MPP2.	5 permanent, sterilising developments permitted within a mineral buffer zone contrary to Policy MPP2 over 3 consecutive years.	No sites contrary to Policy MPP2.	No sites contrary to Policy MPP2.	Target met: No sites contrary to Policy MPP2.

Analysis:

In the monitoring period for AMR 3, 16 planning permissions were granted on land situated within the buffer zones of extant mineral sites, as set out on the LDP Proposals Maps. None of the permissions were deemed to be 'permanent, sterilising' developments. The developments included:

- Proposed extension of residential curtilage to include a garden with detached outbuilding;
- Extensions to existing buildings;
- Non-material amendments to existing planning permissions;
- Variations of conditions on existing planning permissions;
- Planning permissions associated with existing working quarries;
- New dwellings with existing residential properties located between the proposal and the quarry;
- Replacement farmhouse.

Conclusion:

No action required as a consequence of this AMR.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

24 Monitoring Policy Target: No permanent, sterilising development will be permitted within a mineral safeguarding area (except in circumstances set out in Policy MPP3).

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Number of planning permissions for permanent, sterilising development permitted within a mineral safeguarding area.	No permanent, sterilising development will be permitted within a mineral buffer zone contrary to Policy MPP3.	5 permanent, sterilising developments permitted within a mineral buffer zone contrary to Policy MPP3 over 3 consecutive years.	No sites contrary to Policy MPP3.	No sites contrary to Policy MPP3.	Target met: No sites contrary to Policy MPP3

Analysis:

Whilst a number of developments were granted planning permission in mineral safeguarding areas, none of these were deemed to be 'permanent, sterilising' developments that would prevent the resource being extracted in the future (if indeed the resource was required to be extracted and it was environmentally acceptable to do so). The developments that were granted planning permission in mineral safeguarding areas fall into the following categories:

- Temporary developments (e.g. touring caravan/glamping sites);
- Agricultural developments (e.g. modern agri-buildings such as steel barns);
- Prior notifications, planning permissions not required (telecoms, forestry, agriculture, demolition);
- Individual dwellings within hamlets or small residential clusters without development limits;
- Alterations / extensions or change of use of existing buildings;
- Individual dwellings within small settlements with development limits;
- Developments on land within 200m of residential areas;
- Permissions associated with extant mineral sites.

Conclusion:

No action required as a consequence of this AMR.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary): The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

25 Monitoring Policy Target: Consider prohibition orders on dormant mineral sites not likely to be worked in the future

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Number of prohibition orders issued on dormant sites.	Ensure that those dormant sites deemed not likely to be re-worked in the future (as part of the annual review) are served with prohibition orders within 12 months.	LPA fails to serve prohibition orders on sites that are deemed not likely to be re-worked in the future.			
<p>Analysis: As part of its annual review, the Minerals Planning Authority monitors dormant sites and those that it considers not likely to be re-worked in the future are served with prohibition orders. The Authority has Executive Board Member authorisation to serve 5 Prohibition Orders. An outstanding issue concerning one of the sites has now been resolved and it is anticipated that the 5 Orders will be served in 2018.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Whilst this Monitoring Policy Target has not strictly been met, the ongoing consideration of dormant sites and the authorisation provided by the Council to serve Prohibition Orders on 5 sites [and their anticipated issue in 2018] is considered sufficient. No further action other than continued monitoring is required.</p>					

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The Mineral Planning Authority to continue with the assessment of dormant sites as part of the annual review process and to feed the information through as part of the LDP monitoring. The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

Renewable Energy

26 Monitoring Policy Target: To increase the amount of energy produced in the County from renewable sources

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Permitted capacity of renewable electricity and heat projects within the County (by MW).	Annual increase in the permitted capacity of renewable electricity and heat projects through the Plan period.	Monitor for information purposes.	45.79 MW of renewable energy has been permitted during the monitoring period.	17.306 MW of renewable energy has been permitted during the monitoring period.	3.55 MW of renewable energy has been permitted during the monitoring period.
<p>Analysis: Planning permission has been granted for schemes that have the potential to contribute a total of 3.55 MW of renewable energy within the County. This shows a reduction in the amount of energy permitted since the last AMR. And can be broken down as follows:</p> <p>Wind (3 schemes): 1.25 MW Hydro (1 scheme): 1.8 MW Biomass (1 scheme): 0.5 MW</p> <p>The number of applications permitted for wind and energy has again reduced, the reasons for which is not known but the reduction in the feed-in tariffs is likely to be a major factor.</p> <p>Development is progressing on the Brechfa West Wind Farm. The scheme comprises 28 turbines each measuring 145m in height and having an installed generating capacity of between 57.4 MW. It is expected that the Wind Farm will be fully powered by the Summer 2018.</p>					

Conclusion:

The number of renewable energy permissions, in particular for wind energy has fallen since the last AMR. There are no concerns about the level of renewable energy permitted.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The permitted capacity of renewable energy projects will be monitored in future AMRs. The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

27 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on General Renewable Energy

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Production of SPG.		SPG not produced within 9 months of adopting Plan.			
<p>Analysis: Following an analysis of the types of applications received for renewable energy installations, it is considered that the SPG should focus on wind and solar energy developments instead of on general renewable energy.</p> <p>The SPG should have been prepared within 9 months of the adoption of the Plan, however during its preparation, it was considered that the Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Study should feed into the SPG. The draft SPG has been prepared and will be published for consultation in Summer 2018.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: The draft SPG has been prepared and will be published for consultation in Summer 2018.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): None required at this stage.</p>					

Waste Management

28 Waste Management: Produce SPG on Nantycaws Waste Management Site

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Production of SPG.		SPG not produced within 5 months of adopting Plan.			
<p>Analysis:</p> <p>The necessity to prepare a SPG in relation to the Nantycaws Waste Management Site has been superseded by the inclusion of details in relation to landfill and residual waste treatment in the Waste Planning Monitoring Reports for the South West Wales Region (WPMR 2016 was published in autumn 2016). The Report set out the regional position regarding landfill and residual waste treatment. Nantycaws is one of four operational landfill sites within the South West Wales region. Together they have the void space capacity to be keep operating at current deposition levels for 15 years. This is safely above the threshold set out in TAN 21: Waste, whereby a new landfill would need to be considered for the region.</p> <p>The WPMRs for 2017 and 2018 have not yet been published but initial indications point to a reduction in regional void space capacity, although critically not to a level whereby a new landfill would need to be considered for the region. What is clear is that the Nantycaws site will continue to be important to the future management of residual waste for the region. As well as an active landfill, Nantycaws has an in-vessel composting facility which deals with residual garden and food waste and a Materials Recycling Facility to cater for its recyclable waste. In addition the site has planning permission for an anaerobic digestion plant which has not yet been built (but will have the potential to accept residual food waste).</p>					
<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The potential requirements in relation to the preparation of a SPG for Nantycaws will be monitored and its production reviewed accordingly.</p>					

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Monitor accordingly, taking into account information and guidance set out in the forthcoming WPMR for the South West Wales Region. The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

Environmental Qualities – The Built and Natural Environment

29 Monitoring Policy Target: Secure a minimum of 100ha of suitable habitat for the Marsh Fritillary Butterfly within the Caeau Mynydd Mawr project area during the Plan period.

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Hectares of suitable habitat in management.	An ongoing increase in provision of suitable habitat in management.	No increase in any given year.	4.24ha of additional provision of suitable habitat for the Marsh Fritillary Butterfly is being managed within the Caeau Mynydd Mawr project. (this figure was net of NRW managed designated sites)	A further additional 6.56ha of additional provision of suitable habitat for the Marsh Fritillary Butterfly is being managed within the Caeau Mynydd Mawr project (this figure is net of NRW managed designated sites). When taken alongside AMR 1 – the total increase over the Plan period to 31/3/17 is 10.8ha.	A further additional 1.42 ha of additional provision of suitable habitat for the Marsh Fritillary Butterfly is being managed within the Caeau Mynydd Mawr project (this figure is net of NRW managed designated sites). When taken alongside AMR 1 and 2 – the total increase over the Plan period to 31/3/18 is 12.22ha.

Analysis:

At the end of AMR 1, 32.27ha of land in good condition for the Marsh Fritillary was being managed by the project on 14 different sites. In addition, on designated sites (SSSIs and SACs) there was a further 42.86ha of land in good condition giving a gross total of 75.13ha. At the end of AMR 2, the project managed 22 sites that together provided 38.83ha of habitat in good or suitable condition for the marsh fritillary butterfly. Natural Resources Wales managed a number of designated sites that provide an additional 41.95ha of habitat. This gave a gross total of 80.78ha at the end of AMR2. At the end of AM3, the project managed 24 sites that together provided 40.25ha of habitat in good or suitable condition for the marsh fritillary butterfly. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) managed a number of designated sites that provide an additional 37.96ha of habitat. This gave a gross total of 78.21ha at the end of AMR3. NRW are responsible for managing slightly less land than in AMR2, as a small area they were managing has been withdrawn from a management agreement, and while some of this land is now managed by the project not all this land has been transferred. (source: PIMS Action progress reports 2017-2018).

This project is a product of partnership arrangement which is overseen by a Steering Group. A dedicated Project Conservation Officer is employed to implement the project. During the year the project attained a TIC award and the project was Highly Commended by RTPI Cymru. It was confirmed early in AMR 4 that the project had won its category in the 2018 UK RTPI award.

Conclusion:

Target achieved in this AMR period. Reference is made to the content of the SPG which is available via the link below:

http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/residents/planning/policies-development-plans/supplementary-planning-guidance/#.WQG_vcuQyUk

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Continue to monitor and report in future AMR. Consider review of evidence base moving into AMR 4, including review of payment justification framework and defining the SPG Area.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

30 Monitoring Policy Target: No development will take place which affects the integrity of Natura 2000 sites

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Number of planning applications granted which have an adverse effect on the integrity of a Natura 2000 site.	No planning applications approved contrary to the advice of NRW.	1 planning permission granted by the Local Planning Authority contrary to the advice of NRW.	No planning applications have been approved which affects the integrity of Natura 2000 sites during the AMR period.	No planning applications have been approved which affects the integrity of Natura 2000 sites during the AMR period.	No planning applications have been approved which affects the integrity of Natura 2000 sites during the AMR period.
<p>Analysis:</p> <p>Reference is made to the ongoing delivery of the Caeau Mynydd Mawr Marsh Fritillary project which is underpinned by Policy EQ7 of the LDP and SPG. This has allowed development to continue whilst adhering to the requirements of the Habitats Regulations.</p> <p>In relation to the Carmarthen Bay/Burry Inlet SAC, reference is made to the ongoing multi agency (including Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, Natural Resources Wales, City and County of Swansea and Carmarthenshire County Council) approach which is underpinned by the MoU. This has allowed development to continue whilst adhering to the requirements of the Habitats Regulations. Progress has been made in relation to reviewing this MoU during this AMR period.</p> <p>Records indicate that no planning applications were approved contrary to the advice of NRW.</p>					
<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Target achieved during this AMR.</p>					

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Develop ongoing training for Development Management Officers along with the potential for good practice notes.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

31 Monitoring Policy Target: No development will take place which affects the integrity of a designated site for nature conservation

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018
Number of planning applications granted which may potentially adversely affect the features of a protected site for nature conservation.	No planning applications approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the authority's ecologist.	1 planning permission granted by the Local Planning Authority contrary to the advice of NRW or the authority's ecologist.	No planning applications were approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's ecologist.	No planning applications were approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's ecologist.	No planning applications were approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's ecologist.
<p>Analysis: Records indicate that no planning applications were approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's Ecologist.</p> <p>Planners continue to have access to a dedicated professional ecologist. This continues to prove invaluable both in terms of assisting in the determination of planning applications and in the formulation of planning policy frameworks.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Target achieved during this AMR period.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): Continue to monitor and report in future AMRs.</p> <p>Ongoing training for Development Management Officers along with the potential for good practice notes.</p> <p>The Authority will monitor requirements from the Environment (Wales) Act.</p>					

The Authority will also monitor the requirements from the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the implementation of the Council's Well-being objectives.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

32 Monitoring Policy Target: No development will take place which results in detriment to the favourable conservation status of European protected species, or significant harm to species protected by other statute

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Number of planning applications granted which results in detriment to the favourable conservation status of European protected species or significant harm to species protected by other statute.	No planning applications approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the authority's ecologist.	1 planning permission granted by the Local Planning Authority contrary to the advice of NRW or the authority's ecologist.	No planning applications were approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's ecologist.	No planning applications were approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's ecologist.	No planning applications were approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's ecologist.
<p>Analysis: Records indicate that no planning applications were approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's Ecologist.</p> <p>Planners continue to have access to a dedicated professional ecologist. This continues to prove invaluable both in terms of assisting in the determination of planning applications and in the formulation of planning policy frameworks.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Target achieved during this AMR period.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary):</p> <p>Ongoing training for Development Management Officers along with the potential for good practice notes.</p> <p>The Authority will monitor requirements from the Environment (Wales) Act.</p>					

The Authority will also monitor the requirements from the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the implementation of the Councils Well-being objectives.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

33 Monitoring Policy Target: No development will take place which adversely affects a Special Landscape Area

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Number of planning applications permitted with the potential to adversely affect a Special Landscape Area.	No planning applications approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the authority's landscape officer.	5 planning permissions granted by the Local Planning Authority contrary to the advice of NRW or the authority's landscape officer over a period of 3 consecutive years.	No applications approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's Landscape Officer.	No applications approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's Landscape Officer.	No applications approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's Landscape Officer.
<p>Analysis: An initial high level review of approved applications generated on the SLA 'constraints layer' show that there were no applications approved contrary to the advice of NRW or the Council's Landscape Officer.</p> <p>Officers continue to have access to a dedicated professional Landscape Officer – providing an invaluable resource in the determination of planning applications and in the formulation of planning policy.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Target achieved during this AMR period.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): Ongoing training for Development Management Officers along with the potential for good practice notes.</p> <p>The Authority will monitor requirements from the Environment (Wales) Act.</p>					

The Authority will also monitor the requirements from the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the implementation of the Councils Well-being objectives.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

34 Monitoring Policy Target: Development proposals do not adversely impact upon buildings and areas of built or historical interest and their setting

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018
Occasions when development permitted would have an adverse impact on a Listed Building; Conservation Area; Site / Area of Archaeological Significance; or Historic Landscape, Park and Garden or their setting.	No planning applications approved where there is an outstanding objection from the Council's Conservation Officer, Cadw or DAT (Dyfed Archaeological Trust).	5 planning permissions granted by the Local Planning Authority where there is an outstanding objection from the Council's Conservation Officer, Cadw or DAT over a period of 3 consecutive years.	Target was achieved in the first AMR period.	Target was achieved in the second AMR period.	Target was achieved in the third AMR period.
<p>Analysis:</p> <p>This is the 3rd year of monitoring. It should be noted that a review of approved applications generated using the following 'constraints layers' does not indicate any significant concern in relation to this target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Areas • Historic Parks and Gardens • Listed Buildings • Scheduled Ancient Monuments. <p>Reference is made to the following applications determined within this AMR period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S/32047 & S/32048 recommended for refusal, a decision overturned by committee. Listed Building Consent (LBC) referred to Cadw but not to called in. W/34737 - recommended for refusal and approved at committee against officer recommendation. 					

The Council's Development Management Section continue to have access to a dedicated professional Built Conservation Officer. This continues to prove invaluable both in the determination of planning applications and in the formulation of planning policy.

Conclusion:

Target achieved during this AMR period.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Ongoing training for Development Management and Built Heritage Officers along with the potential for good practice notes.

The Authority will also monitor the requirements from the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the implementation of the Council's Well-being objectives.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

35 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on Landscape and SLA Design Guide

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Production of SPG.		SPG not produced within 7 months of adopting the Plan.	SPG produced.	SPG adopted.	SPG adopted.

Analysis:

The Placemaking and Design SPG was adopted in September 2016 and seeks to guide and promote high quality and sustainable design aimed at securing high quality development, which reflect the character, and the requirements of Carmarthenshire. It should be noted that this SPG and incorporates matters in relation to Landscape and Special Landscape Design.

The adopted SPG is available via the following link:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1213904/adopted-placemaking-design-spg-report.pdf>

Conclusion:

Target achieved.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

N/A

36 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on Archaeology

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018
Production of SPG.		SPG not produced within 7 months of adopting the Plan.	SPG produced.	SPG adopted.	SPG adopted.
<p>Analysis: The Archaeology and Development SPG was adopted in September 2016. The adopted SPG is available via the following link: https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/3719/archaeology-draft-spg.pdf</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Target achieved.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): N/A</p>					

37 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on Biodiversity (including SINCs)

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018
Production of SPG.		SPG not produced within 12 months of adopting the Plan (continually monitored pending ongoing designations).	SPG produced.	SPG produced.	SPG adopted.
<p>Analysis: The SPG was adopted in September 2016 and is available via the following link: https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/3723/nat-env-and-biodiversity-draft-spg.pdf Reference is made to the ongoing training provided by the in-house Ecologist with a view to increasing an understanding of the content of the SPG in practice. This also recognised the provisions of the Environment (Wales) Act and also allowed for an exploration of the implications and opportunities provided by the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Target achieved</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): N/A</p>					

38 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on Design

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Production of SPG on Design.		SPG not produced within 5 months of adopting the Plan.	SPG produced.	SPG adopted	SPG adopted.
<p>Analysis: The Placemaking and Design SPG was adopted in September 2016 and seeks to guide and promote high quality and sustainable design aimed at securing high quality development, which reflect the character, and the requirements of Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>The adopted SPG is available via the link below: https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1213904/adopted-placemaking-design-spg-report.pdf</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Target achieved</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): N/A</p>					

39 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on Locally Important Buildings

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Production of SPG on Locally Important Buildings.		SPG not produced within 15 months of adopting the Plan.	SPG not produced.	SPG not produced.	SPG not produced.
<p>Analysis: The requirement to prepare and publish the SPG will be further considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: The potential preparation of the SPG as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP will allow for it to be further considered in light of changes to national policy and to ensure compatibility with any emerging LDP policies.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): To be considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.</p>					

40 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on Trees, Landscaping and Development

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Production of SPG on Trees, Landscaping and Development.		SPG not produced within 15 months of adopting the Plan.	SPG not produced.	SPG not produced.	SPG not produced.
<p>Analysis: The requirement to prepare and publish the SPG will be further considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.</p>					
<p>Conclusion: The potential preparation of the SPG as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP will allow for it to be further considered in light of changes to national policy and to ensure compatibility with any emerging LDP policies.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): To be considered as part of the preparation of the Revised LDP.</p>					

Recreation and Community Facilities

41 Monitoring Policy Target: To provide new community facilities and to retain and enhance existing community facilities

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Number of applications approved for the provision of new community facilities.	No applications approved contrary to Policy SP16 and RT8.	1 application approved contrary to Policy SP16 and RT8.	No applications approved contrary to the provisions of Policies SP16 and RT8.	No applications approved contrary to the provisions of Policies SP16 and RT8.	1 application approved contrary to RT8 however see analysis below.
Number of applications approved which would result in the loss of an existing community facility.					

Analysis:

A review of planning decision notices (reasons for approval) indicates that there have been no applications approved contrary to the provisions of LDP policies SP16 and RT8.

It should be noted that LDP Policy SP16 was frequently cited in the reasons for approval as part of the delivery of new / improved facilities across the County.

Reference is made to planning approval reference W/33620. Whilst the proposal was not considered to fully conform to the requirements of Policy RT8 in terms of the retention of existing facilities, it was considered that it would improve highway safety by providing a better delineated access that provides improved visibility conditions at its junction with the B4337. It was determined that on balance planning permission be granted for this proposal subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions.

Conclusion:

Target achieved in this AMR period.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

42 Monitoring Policy Target: To resist the loss of open space in accordance with the provisions of Policy REC1

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Amount of open space lost to development (ha)	No open space should be lost to development except where in accordance with Policy REC1.	Open space is lost to development contrary to the provisions of Policy REC1 which results in a net loss of open space.	No applications approved contrary to the provisions of Policy REC 1.	No applications approved contrary to the provisions of Policy REC 1.	No applications approved contrary to the provisions of Policy REC 1.
<p>Analysis: A review of planning approvals against the existing open space ‘constraints layer’ indicates that there are no applications approved contrary to the provisions of LDP policy REC 1.</p> <p>Those applications approved on the layer include the delivery of new / improved facilities across the County.</p> <p>In relation to the evidence base, it should be noted that the review of the Green Space Assessment has commenced within this AMR period. A cross departmental working group was established and liaison was undertaken with Natural Resources Wales as part of discussions on their environmental information for wellbeing assessments.</p> <p>Initial outcomes sought from the review could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of assessment with a focus on the 2.4ha per 1000 population accessibility standards that underpin the LDP; • Study to extend to lower tier settlements (the initial study only focused on those higher tier settlements); • Training for officers in use of the software to help identify need for new/increased provision amongst other issues. 					
<p>Conclusion: Target achieved in this AMR period.</p>					

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

Continue to monitor and report in future AMR.

Finalise review of updated Green Space Study.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

43 Monitoring Policy Target: Produce SPG on Open Space Requirements for New Developments

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018
Production of SPG.		SPG not produced within 15 months of adopting the Plan.	SPG produced.	SPG Adopted	SPG Adopted
<p>Analysis: The SPG was adopted in September 2016.</p> <p>The adopted SPG is available to view via the link below: https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1213721/adopted-leisure-open-space-requirements-for-new-developments-sep-2016.pdf</p>					
<p>Conclusion: Target achieved.</p>					
<p>Future steps to be taken (if necessary): N/A</p>					

The Welsh Language

44 Monitoring Policy Target: Phase residential development in areas where 60% or more of the population speak Welsh

Indicator	Annual / Interim Monitoring Target	Assessment trigger	Performance 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016	Performance 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017	Performance 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018
Planning permissions granted for residential developments of five or more dwellings in Sustainable Communities and planning permissions granted for residential developments of ten or more dwellings in Growth Areas, Service Centres and Local Service Centres.	All planning permissions granted for residential developments of five or more dwellings in Sustainable Communities and planning permissions granted for residential developments of ten or more dwellings in Growth Areas, Service Centres and Local Service Centres to include a requirement to phase development, in accordance with policy on the Welsh Language and the	One planning consent granted for residential development of five or more dwellings in a Sustainable Community or one planning consent granted for residential development of ten or more dwellings in a Growth Area, Service Centre or Local Service Centre which fails to require that the development is phased contrary to the LDP's policy on the Welsh Language and the guidance contained within SPG on The Welsh Language.	No planning permissions contrary to LDP Policy SP18.	No planning permissions contrary to LDP Policy SP18.	

guidance contained within SPG on The Welsh Language.

Analysis:

A list of communities where 60% or more of the population are able to speak Welsh is taken from 2011 Census data: Gorslas, Llannon, Pencarreg, Pontyberem and Quarter Bach. These areas are denoted on the LDP Inset Plan.

A review of approved applications within these 5 communities (source: JHLAS) identifies that the following sites were granted permission that are relevant to the policy and fall within the identified communities:

- Land At Former Caravan Sales Site, Carmarthen Road, Cross Hands – 82 units permitted
- Land At Former Central Garage, Llannon Road, Upper Tumble – 24 units permitted

Of these permissions granted, only 2 granted consents are for a number of dwellings which exceeded the thresholds set out in Policy SP18 (5 or more in Sustainable Communities and 10 or more in Growth Areas, Service Centres and Local Service Centres).

Land at former caravan sales site, Carmarthen Road, Cross Hands was granted outline consent for residential development with an indicative number of 82 dwellings, however, 10% of these are to be affordable housing.. In accordance with paragraph 5.6 of the SPG on The Welsh Language, this would result in a total of around 74 dwellings which would contribute towards the threshold as set out in Policy SP18. The site already benefitted from outline planning permission for an alternative scheme which had been granted prior to the adoption of the LDP. The site could therefore had been built under this existing valid consent. Whilst the application in question should have taken account of the requirements of Policy SP18 it was considered that in the interests of pragmatism this consent would in effect not impact any differently upon the Welsh language than the existing consent. It should however be noted that in future such applications will need to take full account of the current adopted planning policies and implement the mitigation measures as required in Policy SP18.

Land at former central garage, Llannon Road was granted a Reserved Matters consent for 24 dwellings. The phasing of a development would be a matter to be considered at the Outline application stage; the Outline permission relating to this development was permitted prior to the adoption of the LDP.

Conclusion:

There is one permission granted which is contrary to Policy SP18.

Future steps to be taken (if necessary):

In future, consideration needs to be given to the determination of applications on sites which have previously been granted consent. The current LDP was adopted in 2014 and it is therefore reasonable that all applications submitted as fully appraised against its policies and that less emphasis is placed upon the legacy of permissions granted under superseded planning policy.

The above indicator will be subject to ongoing monitoring. Reference is made to the preparation of the Revised LDP as endorsed by Council on 10th January 2018.

Chapter 4

Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Monitoring

Methodology

4.1 The monitoring of the SA-SEA objectives can inform the overall review of the performance of the LDP. It is not considered that SA-SEA monitoring process should be undertaken in isolation of the Plan's monitoring. It should assist in informing an overall picture of the condition of the County in environmental, economic and social terms. The data collated includes a mix of qualitative and quantitative data with a commentary in the latter column.

4.2 Whilst none of the indicators are deleted, it should be noted that the commentary column makes it clear where information is unavailable and/or applicable. In some instances information is no longer available (or relevant); in other instances the data available is of insufficient detail to enable useful monitoring.

4.3 It should be noted that there are a number of SA indicators where information is not published annually, for example those based on the census. The purpose of the monitoring framework is to review changes on an annual basis, as a consequence these are not necessarily going to be useful moving forward in terms of future monitoring.

4.4 It should also be noted that the traffic light rating system used for the LDP Monitoring Indicators has not been taken forward for use with the SA Monitoring. This reflects that many of the SA objectives are aspirational in nature and to some extent would be information monitored in an ideal world scenario. In addition, the LDP alone would not be the only factor that would need to be considered in achieving their aims. The SA Monitoring also does not include targets as such, unlike the LDP monitoring, it would therefore prove difficult to interpret the commentary into a traffic light rating.

4.5 Information contained in the SA monitoring framework in the main relates to a wide range of data produced internally, by various departments of the Council, and externally from other organisations. The data column provides an appreciation of where data has been sourced and whilst every attempt has been made to ensure 'hyperlinks' are live, the Council cannot be responsible for the content of external sites.

4.6 It should also be noted that the Authority (via Public Service Board) has been collating information with a view to developing a Well-Being Plan for Carmarthenshire. This is due to be published in April 2018. The Carmarthenshire Well Being Assessment for 2017 has been published and is available on the Council's website <http://www.thecarmarthenshirewewant.wales/>. Opportunities to work alongside colleagues in Corporate Policy have been taken with a view to developing an integrated review of the social, economic and environmental baseline. This presents direct opportunities to secure tangible information for future SA-SEA monitoring via the AMR process.

SA Topic Page 182	SA Objectives	Baseline Indicators	Additional Indicators to Monitor Significant Risks and Opportunities	Data	Commentary on Baseline Indicators : AMR 1 and 2.
1 - Sustainable Development	<p>1-1 To live within environmental limits</p> <p>1-2 To ensure a strong, healthy and just society</p> <p>1-3 To achieve a sustainable economy</p> <p>1-4 To remove barriers and promoting opportunities for behavioural change</p>	<p>(a) Carmarthenshire's ecological footprint in area units per person</p> <p>(b) Achievement of the top ten commitments set out in the WAG Sustainable Development Action Plan 2004-2007 and One Wales</p> <p>(c) GVA and GVA per head</p> <p>(d) Percentage of Carmarthenshire population in low income households</p>	(See other topics.)	<p>http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/climatechange/publications/ecological-footprint-of-wales-report/?lang=en</p> <p>Carmarthenshire Well Being & Future Generations Well-being Assessment (Text provided by Carmarthenshire's Corporate Policy Division)</p> <p>CACI Paycheck 2015 (Information provided by Carmarthenshire's Corporate Policy Division)</p>	<p>(a) A new estimate of the ecological and carbon footprints of Wales for 2011 building on previous studies. Carmarthenshire gha/c is 3.36 with the Wales average being 3.28.</p> <p>(b) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(c) Gross Value Added (GVA) is the standard measure of the monetary value of economic activity for local areas or individual industries. It is difficult to measure at local level: official statistics are published for South West Wales (combining Pembrokeshire with Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire). This area contributed £6.0bn GVA to the economy in 2014, roughly 10% of the Welsh total of £54.3bn. GVA per head of population in 2013 was £15,750; lower than that for Wales as a whole (£17,573) or the United Kingdom (£24,958).</p> <p>(d) 36% of households in Carmarthenshire are living in poverty as defined by Welsh Government (income 60% below the GB Median Household Income)</p>

<p>2-1 To avoid damage or fragmentation of designated sites, habitats and protected species and encourage their enhancement</p> <p>2-2 To protect, enhance and create appropriate wildlife habitats and wider biodiversity in urban and rural areas</p>	<p>(a) Status of BAP priority species</p> <p>(b) Status of BAP priority habitats</p> <p>(c) % BAP habitats and species as stable or increasing</p> <p>(d) Achievement against national and local BAP targets</p> <p>(e) Area of urban parks and green spaces provided by the LDP</p> <p>(f) % of SAC, SPA and SSSI sites and their features in favourable condition</p> <p>(g) Status of species and habitats pursuant to the NERC Act 1996</p> <p>(h) Number of designated SINC</p> <p>(i) Proportion of land managed as areas for carbon sequestration (e.g. peatland and woodland management)</p>	<p>Number of development schemes which design in urban biodiversity areas</p> <p>Number of developments with adverse effects on designated sites</p> <p>Number of developments in designated sites</p> <p>Proportion of new habitats created by the LDP</p> <p>Proportion of development on greenfield sites</p> <p>Proportion of development on brownfield sites</p> <p>Proportion of new development in wildlife corridors</p>	<p>http://lle.wales.gov.uk/catalogue/item/ProtectedSitesSitesOfSpecialScientificInterest/?lang=en</p> <p>http://lle.wales.gov.uk/catalogue/item/ProtectedSitesSpecialAreasOfConservation/?lang=en</p> <p>http://lle.wales.gov.uk/catalogue/item/ProtectedSitesSpecialProtectionAreas/?lang=en</p>	<p>(a,b,c,d) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>The requirements of the Environment (Wales) Act on public bodies in relation to the enhancement of Biodiversity is noted and has been further considered within the contextual section of this AMR.</p> <p>(e) In relation to urban parks, the LDP identifies proposed recreation designations and reference is made to the Policy framework in this regard. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(f) The links shown within the adjacent column provide a high level appraisal and any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan. 29% of features in Carmarthenshire SAC's are deemed in favorable condition, which is an increase from 18% from baseline assessment. 86% of assessed SPA features were also considered in favorable condition.</p> <p>(g) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(h) There are not currently SINC's designated within the Plan area. Provision is made for their designation with the Natural Environment and Biodiversity SPG. This will be monitored as the implementation of the Plan progresses with any implications considered accordingly as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(i) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. The LDP recognises the focus of PPW in relation to the potential of encouraging land uses and land management practices that help secure and protect carbon sinks. Reference is made to policy SP14 Protection and Enhancement of the natural Environment and the relevant Environmental protections policies of the adopted LDP. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p>
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<p>3-1 To maintain/reduce the levels of the UK National Air Quality pollutants</p> <p>3-2 To reduce levels of ground level ozone</p> <p>3-3 To reduce the need to travel, through appropriate siting of new developments and provision of public transport infrastructure</p>	<p>(a) Number and extent of AQMAs in Carmarthenshire</p> <p>(b) Air quality monitoring in Llandeilo (potentially future AQMA monitoring)</p> <p>(c) National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (NAEI) levels of key air pollutants (e.g. Benzene, 1,3-Butadiene, Lead, NO₂, PM10, SO₂)</p> <p>(d) Area of sensitive habitats exceeding critical loads for acidification and eutrophication measured as (i) acidity and (ii) nutrient nitrogen</p> <p>(e) Levels of ground level ozone</p>	<p>Number of developments within 1 km of motorway / trunk road junctions</p> <p>Number of developments sited so as to reduce the need to travel (proximity to services and facilities)</p> <p>Number of developments supported by high-quality inter-settlement bus, train or other public transport routes</p> <p>Number of developments in areas of poor air quality</p> <p>Number of developments likely to contribute to increased levels of UK national Air quality pollutants (other than transport)</p>	<p>Environmental Health Department – Carmarthenshire County Council.</p> <p>http://lle.wales.gov.uk/catalogue/item/LandmapVisualSensory/?lang=en</p> <p>http://lle.wales.gov.uk/catalogue/item/LandmapLandscapeHabitats/?lang=en</p> <p>- http://www.rotap.ceh.ac.uk/</p>	<p>(a,) There are now three separate AQMA's, which are; Llandeilo, Carmarthen and Llanelli. This updated position will be reflected in the Plan review and there is ongoing liaison with the Environmental Health Dept in this regard.</p> <p>b) 4 incidents of exceedance in NO₂ levels occurred in the Llandeilo AQMA over past 12 months. Due to high winds air dispersal was high over the winter period without which, more exceedances may have occurred.</p> <p>(c) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(d) The links shown within the adjacent column provide a high level appraisal and any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(e) The links shown within the adjacent column provide a high level appraisal and any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p>
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<p>4-1 To reduce the emission of greenhouse gases</p> <p>4-2 To minimise the vulnerability of Carmarthenshire to the effects of climate change through making space for water, coastal retreat and shifting habitat distribution patterns</p> <p>4-3 To encourage all new developments to be climate resilient</p> <p>4-4 To encourage energy conservation and higher energy efficiency</p> <p>4-5 To minimise energy consumption and promote renewable energy sources</p>	<p>(a) Annual emissions of greenhouse gases (by sector)</p> <p>(b) Carmarthenshire's domestic energy consumption</p> <p>(c) Proportion of alternatively fuelled vehicles in the county</p> <p>(d) Percentage of companies with a Level 5 Standard Green Dragon EMS</p> <p>(e) Proportion of transport network able to cope with the predicted temperature increases associated with climate changes</p> <p>(f) Number of sites being used to assist in climate mitigation and adaptation, e.g. soft flood defences</p> <p>(g) Number of homes applying for planning permission for microgeneration</p> <p>(h) Homes installing micro-renewables</p> <p>(i) Average Standard Assessment Procedure energy rating of housing</p> <p>(j) Number of town/community based carbon reduction projects</p>	<p>Number of developments that respect existing natural habitats and green corridors</p> <p>No. planning applications for renewable micro-renewables and successful installations</p> <p>Average SAP rating of housing</p> <p>No of town/community based carbon reduction projects</p> <p>Number of installed megawatts of renewable energy capacity in Carmarthenshire</p> <p>Number of wind turbines</p> <p>% developments with Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS)</p> <p>Percentage of housing stock meeting particular CfSH and BREEAM standards</p> <p>Percentage of offices, retail and industrial buildings meeting BREEAM standards</p> <p>Number of new developments built to achieve carbon</p>	<p>Local authority average domestic gas and electricity consumption per consumer - http://gov.wales/docs/statistics/2015/150225-energy-generation-consumption-2013-en.pdf</p> <p>http://gov.wales/topics/environment/countryside/energy/renewable/low-carbon-baseline-survey/?lang=en</p>	<p>(a) Data only available up to 2016. The domestic sector saw a fall of 5.0% in carbon emissions between 2015 and 2016, however Industry and commercial and transport sector saw increases of 2.0% and 1.2% respectively. This led to an overall increase of CO2 emissions in Carmarthenshire of 1.5% to 1162.3 ktCO2.</p> <p>(b) Carmarthenshire Domestic Energy Consumption Gas 2013 is 13,119 Electricity 2013 is 3,815. Wales average is 13,029 and 3,736 respectively.</p> <p>(c,d,e,f) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(g) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan (Solar panels in the majority of cases are PD).</p> <p>(h,i) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(j) The report shows Low carbon energy in Wales by local authority. There are 3,856 projects identified in Carmarthenshire out of a total of 51,503 nationally. Carmarthenshire hosts 3,856 low carbon energy generation projects harnessing solar, wind and other renewable energies to produce around 328GWh of green energy</p>
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<p>5-1 To ensure water quality of rivers, lakes, groundwater and coastal areas is improved and ensure that the hydromorphological quality of water bodies is maximised</p> <p>5-2 To protect and maintain water resources in the public supply chain and ensure enough water is available for the environment at all times of year</p> <p>5-3 To minimise diffuse pollution from urban and rural areas</p> <p>5-4 To increase water efficiency in new and refurbished developments</p> <p>5-5 To make space for water, and minimise flood risk</p>	<p>(a) Number of incidents of homes flooding by coastal, fluvial and drainage sources</p> <p>(b) The percentage of river lengths of good chemical or biological quality</p> <p>(c) Percentage of waters restored to Good Ecological Status</p> <p>(d) Number of substantiated water pollution incidents</p> <p>(e) Percentage of developments in Carmarthenshire with Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS)</p> <p>(f) Number of properties with water meters</p> <p>(g) Area where there is an unsustainable abstraction from surface waters</p> <p>(h) Area where there is an unsustainable abstraction from groundwater</p> <p>(i) Proportion of transport network protected against future flood risk</p> <p>(j) Per capita consumption of water</p> <p>(k) Percentage of bathing waters which meet the EC mandatory standards</p> <p>(l) The number of beaches which meet the requirements of the Green Sea Partnership</p>	<p>Percentage of new development permitted in floodplains</p> <p>Number of developments built contrary to EA advice</p> <p>Households registered for flood warnings as a percentage of total number of households at risk of flooding</p> <p>Number of grey water recycling schemes</p>	<p>Carmarthenshire County Council – Leisure Services.</p>	<p>(a,b,c,) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>d) From the most recently reported dataset (April 2017), 13 substantiated incidents of water pollution have been reported in Carmarthenshire in 2017-18 period. This is a decrease from 17 incidents in 2016.</p> <p>(e) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Reference should be made to the Plan’s monitoring framework in relation to sustainable drainage. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(f,g,h,i,j,) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>k) Annual monitoring is carried out on two bathing water sites in Carmarthenshire, Pendine and Pembrey. Both beaches achieved ‘Excellent’ bathing water quality for 2017, when reviewed against Bathing Water Directive standards.</p> <p>(l) Cefn Sidan is tested and meets the requirements for the green sea partnership as it has the blue flag status. Pendine meets the requirements to be awarded the seaside award, which includes beach and water quality assessments.</p>
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Material Assets</p>	<p>6-1 Minimise the use of finite resources and promote higher resource efficiency and the use of secondary and recycled materials</p> <p>6-2 Promote the waste hierarchy of reduce, reuse and recycle</p> <p>6-3 Encourage needs to be met locally</p> <p>6-4 Promote the use of more sustainable resources</p> <p>6-5 Improve the integration of different modes of transport</p> <p>6-6 Promote the use of more sustainable modes of transport (e.g. cycling and walking)</p>	<p>(a) In 2009/10 Carmarthenshire should achieve at least 40% recycling/composting with a minimum of 15% composting and 15% recycling</p> <p>(b) Waste arisings by sector</p> <p>(c) Waste arisings by disposal</p> <p>(d) Total (i) household waste and (ii) household waste recycled or composted per person per year (kg)</p> <p>(e) Proportion of construction and demolition waste that is re-used and recycled</p> <p>(f) Proportion of households within 30, 60 and 90 minute travel time thresholds of amenities, including (i) corner shop and/or supermarket, (ii) post office and (iii) doctor and/or hospital</p>	<p>Number of buildings meeting particular CfSH and BREEAM standards</p> <p>Percentage of new houses built on previously developed land per year</p> <p>Proportion of aggregates used from secondary and recycled aggregates</p> <p>Location of jobs in proximity to residents</p> <p>Proportion of journeys on foot or by cycle</p>	<p>Carmarthenshire County Council - Minerals and Waste</p>	<p>(a) In 2009/10 Carmarthenshire achieved a 40.1% combined recycling and composting rate of its municipal waste (14% composting; 26% recycling)</p> <p>(b,c) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(d) Residual Household Waste Arising per person (kg), 2007/08 to 2014/15 in Carmarthenshire: 370, 290, 246, 224, 189, 159, 151 & 156. The South West Wales average for 2014/2015 was 188.</p> <p>(e) The latest data is from 2012, and only for South West Region as a whole – the rate is 67%.</p> <p>(f) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p>
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<p>7-1 To avoid and reduce contamination of soils and promote the regeneration of contaminated land</p> <p>7-2 To avoid loss of soils to non-permeable surfaces and minimise soil erosion</p> <p>7-3 To reduce SO₂ and NO_x emissions and nitrate pollution from agriculture.</p>	<p>(a) Area of ALC Grade 1, 2 and 3 land in Carmarthenshire</p> <p>(b) Area of ALC Grade 4 and 5 land in Carmarthenshire</p> <p>(c) Number and extent of RIGS sites in Carmarthenshire</p> <p>(d) Exceedance of nitrogen and acid critical loads</p>	<p>Area of soil lost to impermeable surfaces</p> <p>Area of contaminated land remediated</p> <p>Area of proposed new development on greenfield sites</p> <p>Number of developments approved within or adjacent to RIGS sites</p>		<p>(a,b) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(c) RIGs are considered within the provisions of EQ3 of the adopted LDP.</p> <p>(d) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p>
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<p>8 - Cultural Heritage</p>	<p>8-1 To protect historic and cultural assets and local distinctiveness from negative effects of development/regeneration and support their enhancement</p> <p>8-2 To promote high quality design reflecting local character and distinctiveness</p>	<p>(a) Number of monuments/archaeological sites adversely affected by the plan proposals</p> <p>(b) Improvement/deterioration in the condition of monuments and historic buildings in the ownership of Carmarthenshire County Council</p> <p>(c) Percentage of land designated for a particular quality of amenity value - landscape or historic landscape</p>	<p>Number of designated sites on the 'buildings at risk' register which are at risk of harm from air pollution</p> <p>Number of Conservation Areas adversely affected by plan proposals</p> <p>Number of listed buildings adversely affected by plan proposals</p> <p>Number of historic parks and gardens adversely affected by plan proposals</p>		<p>(a,b,c) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Reference should be made to the Plan's monitoring framework in relation to the historic environment / landscape and the natural environment. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p>
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<p>9-1 To protect and enhance landscape/townsc ape from negative effects of land use change</p> <p>9-2 To take sensitive locations into account when siting development and to promote high quality design</p> <p>9-3 To encourage appropriate future use of derelict land</p>	<p>(a) Hectares of land given over to development each year</p> <p>(b) The extent and quality of public open space</p> <p>(c) Number of park and green space management plans produced</p> <p>(d) The number of derelict sites regenerated</p> <p>(e) Area of Carmarthenshire designated as open access land</p> <p>(f) Area of derelict land returned to open space</p>	<p>Number of developments approved without landscape / townscape conditions</p> <p>Number of developments built contrary to CCW advice</p> <p>Number of development schemes accompanied by detailed townscape design</p>		<p>(a,c,d,f) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(b, e) In relation to the extent and quality of open space, reference should be made to the monitoring framework of the LDP and the Carmarthenshire Standard of 2.4ha per population. It should also be noted that there is an intent to review the Authority’s greenspace assessment.</p>
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">10 - Population</p>	<p>10-1 Ensure suitable, affordable housing stock with access to education and employment facilities</p> <p>10-2 Promote the retention of younger people</p> <p>10-3 Encourage growth of the Welsh language and culture</p> <p>10-4 Promote inclusion of disadvantaged and minority groups into society</p>	<p>(a) Percentage of young people (i) remaining or (ii) returning to Carmarthenshire to live and work</p> <p>(b) Number of complaints about poor access to services and facilities</p> <p>(c) Number of complaints about highway (e.g. footpath) accessibility from disabled persons</p> <p>(d) Percentage of people in Carmarthenshire who are Welsh speakers (i) all aged 3 or over, and (ii) children aged 3 to 15</p> <p>(e) Population and population of working age</p> <p>(f) Population age profile</p> <p>(g) Ethnic diversity</p>	<p>Number of accessibility complaints pertaining to new developments</p>	<p>Carmarthenshire County Council - Corporate Policy Division, including Well Being Assessment 'Situation Fact Sheet'.</p>	<p>(a,b,c) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(d) The number of Welsh Speakers aged 3 and over 43.9%, Welsh speakers aged 3-15 is 15.1%. The Population is 184,898, working age population 110,739 (aged 16-64) 2014 (Mid Year Population Estimates).</p> <p>(e) 69% people of working age are employed</p> <p>(f) 18% of the population is aged 0 to 15, 60% are aged 16 to 64 and 22% are over 65.</p> <p>(g) 4 % of the population has a non white ethnicity.</p>
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<p>11 - Health and Well-Being</p>	<p>11-1 Create opportunities for people to live active, healthy lifestyles through planning activities</p> <p>11-2 Provide access to health and recreation facilities and services</p> <p>11-3 Encourage walking or cycling as alternative means of transportation</p> <p>11-4 Promote access to Wales' natural heritage</p>	<p>(a) Proportion of households not living within 300m of their nearest natural green space</p> <p>(b) Proportion of households within agreed walking/cycling distance of key health services</p> <p>(c) Life expectancy at birth for (i) men and (ii) women</p> <p>(d) Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy for (i) men and (ii) women</p> <p>(e) Death rates from (a) circulatory disease and (b) cancer (i) for people under 75 years</p> <p>(f) Prevalence of obesity in 2-10 year olds</p> <p>(g) How children get to school (i) walking and cycling, (ii) private motor vehicles and (iii) public transport and taxis</p>	<p>Number of trips per person by transport mode (i) walking and cycling, (ii) private motor vehicles, and (iii) public transport and taxis</p>	<p>Carmarthenshire County Council - Corporate Policy Division, including Well Being Assessment 'Situation Fact Sheet'</p>	<p>(a) 40% of the population live within 400m of natural or semi-natural greenspace. Reference is made to the Carmarthenshire Greenspace accessibility standard of 2.4ha per 1,000 population which underpins the policy framework.</p> <p>(b) 15% of residents work from home. 27% of residents travel less than 5km to work, 30% 10-30km and 4% over 60km. Nearly 75% of residents travel to work by car and only 8% on foot, and 1% by bike.</p> <p>(c,d,e) Life Expectancy is favourable at 78.5 for men and 82.6 for women. Just over the Welsh average of adults have mental health issues (28% compared to 26%) The population are less likely to smoke than the national average yet there are higher than average incidence of smoking related diseases. The population are more likely to be overweight or obese than the average Welsh person they are also more likely to participate in exercise and eat healthily. The population is less likely to binge drink than the average for Wales. The County shows rates of cancer similar to the Welsh average.</p> <p>(f) The County is the third worst in Wales for levels of childhood obesity at 30.7%, almost 5 percentage points higher than the Welsh average of 26.2%.</p> <p>(g) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p>
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<p>12 - Education and Skills</p>	<p>12-1 Provide accessible educational and training facilities which meet the future needs of the area</p> <p>12-2 Increase levels of literacy (in English and Welsh) and numeracy</p> <p>12-3 Promote lifelong learning</p>	<p>(a) Percentage of people aged 19-21 with at least an NVQ level 2 qualification or equivalent</p> <p>(b) Percentage of adults engaged in adult education activities</p> <p>(c) Level of literacy in adult population</p> <p>(d) Level of numeracy in adult population</p> <p>(e) Number of adults completing courses at adult education centres in Carmarthenshire</p>	<p>Proportion of people aged 16-74 within 30, 60 and 90 minute travel time thresholds of education /further education facilities by (i) public transport and (ii) car</p> <p>Percentage of schools which are over-capacity</p>	<p>Carmarthenshire County Council - Corporate Policy Division, including Well Being Assessment 'Situation Fact Sheet'</p>	<p>(a) Educational Achievement is relatively high with 61.1% attaining 5 GCSEs (compared to 57.9% nationally).</p> <p>(b) The proportion of 18-24 year olds who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) is higher than the Welsh average (12.2% compared to 10.7% nationally).</p> <p>(c,d,e) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p>
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<p>13-1 To promote sustainable economic growth</p> <p>13-2 To provide good quality employment opportunities for all sections of the population</p> <p>13-3 To promote sustainable businesses in Wales</p>	<p>(a) Number of companies in Carmarthenshire with a Green Dragon Environmental Management System</p> <p>(b) Gross Value Added (GVA) and GVA per head</p> <p>(c) Percentage of people of working age in work</p> <p>(d) Percentage of (i) children and (ii) all working age people living in workless households</p> <p>(e) Investment relative to GDP (i) total investment and (ii) social investment</p> <p>(f) Diversity of economic sectors represented</p>	<p>Number of vacant businesses in town and local centres</p> <p>Number of new retail and other commercial developments approved</p>	<p>Carmarthenshire County Council - Corporate Policy Division, including Well Being Assessment 'Situation Fact Sheet'</p>	<p>(a) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p> <p>(b) Gross Value Added (GVA) is the standard measure of the monetary value of economic activity for local areas or individual industries. It is difficult to measure at local level: official statistics are published for South West Wales (combining Pembrokeshire with Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire). This area contributed £6.0bn GVA to the economy in 2014, roughly 10% of the Welsh total of £54.3bn. GVA per head of population in 2013 was £15,750; lower than that for Wales as a whole (£17,573) or the United Kingdom (£24,958).</p> <p>(c) The County has high levels of employment; 69% people of working age are employed. A very small proportion of residents claim unemployment benefit or class themselves as unemployed. Average weekly wage is £365 compared to a Welsh national average of £539. However there is considerable variation across the community areas. There is a gap in employment for those with long term health issues who have less than average outcomes.</p> <p>(d) 36.3% of all households are living in poverty slightly above the Welsh average of 35%. Of these 15.7% are living in severe poverty. 17.9% of children are living in poverty which is lower than the Welsh average (22%), but those living in workless households is in line with the Welsh average of 14%.</p> <p>(e,f) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan.</p>
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">14 - Social Fabric</p>	<p>14-1 Improve safety and security for people and property</p> <p>14-2 Promote the design of settlements that improve social fabric by removing barriers and creating opportunities for positive interactions</p> <p>14-3 Promote the delivery of affordable housing</p> <p>14-4 Improve accessibility to services, particularly for disadvantaged sections of society.</p>	<p>(a) Ratio of average house pricing to average earnings</p> <p>(b) Percentage component of IMD scores by LSOA for the Access and Employment domains</p> <p>(c) Percentage of unfit dwellings</p> <p>(d) Homes below the decent homes standard for (i) social sector homes and (ii) vulnerable households in the private sector</p> <p>(e) Number of rough sleepers</p> <p>(f) Recorded crime figures of (i) theft of or from vehicles, (ii) burglary in dwellings and (iii) violent crime</p> <p>(g) Index of multiple deprivation</p>	<p>Proportion of affordable homes as a percentage of new homes delivered</p> <p>Access to GP or primary care professional</p> <p>Access for disabled people</p> <p>Access in rural areas</p>	<p>Carmarthenshire County Council - Corporate Policy Division, including Well Being Assessment 'Situation Fact Sheet'</p>	<p>(a,b,c,d,e,f) Information is unavailable on an annual basis. Any implications will be considered as part of any review into the Plan</p> <p>(g) The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation shows that overall Carmarthenshire is not 'deprived' however there is some variation across the 6 community areas. Parts of the area of Llanelli appear in the 10% most deprived areas of Wales in the following domains : income, employment, health, education, community safety and physical environment. 71% of northern Carmarthenshire (Tywi valley) appears in the 10% most deprived areas of Wales in terms of poor 'Access to Services'. 19% of the population is over-indebted, this is in line with the Welsh national average of 19.6%. Carmarthenshire has a large stock of social housing and supports social housing initiatives.</p>
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Appendix 1 – Well-being Objectives/Goals Compatibility Analysis

A1. Overview

A1.1 This appendix undertakes an initial high level review of the Vision and Strategic Objectives of the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (Adopted 2014) against the National and Local Well Being goals/objectives that have flowed out of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

A1.2 It should be noted that an important component of demonstrating that the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) was sound in procedural terms was its synergy with the aspirations set out within the Carmarthenshire Community Strategy, and the subsequent Integrated Community Strategy.

A1.3 The LDP's Strategic Objectives were grouped under the appropriate 'thematic pillar' of the Community Strategy. As a result, it is considered that the building blocks are already in place in terms of the LDP's role in spatially expressing the ambitions and aspirations of the County. However, the advent of the Well Being of Future Generations Act 2015 (The Act) and its expression at a County level will provide opportunities for refinement where necessary.

A1.4 According to Welsh Government guidance, the Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It will make those listed public bodies think more about the long-term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach. Helping *"us create a Wales that we all want to live in, now and in the future"*.

A1.5 To make sure everyone is working towards the same vision, the Act puts in place seven well-being goals as outlined within section 4 of this appendix.

A2. The LDP Vision

A2.1 The LDP Vision's aim is to convey the kind of place which it is envisaged that Carmarthenshire should become by 2021. It provides a spatial perspective which gives the Plan purpose and direction in a way which ensures that it is capable of being delivered through the land use planning system.

CARMARTHENSHIRE 2021

Carmarthenshire will be a prosperous and sustainable County of contrasts. It will have distinctive rural, urban and coastal communities, a unique culture, a high quality environment and a vibrant and diverse economy.

The County will offer a high quality of life within safe, accessible and inclusive communities. Everyone will have access to good quality employment, a suitable mix of housing and to community and recreational facilities – all within a clean and green environment.

IN SPATIAL TERMS THE COUNTY WILL BE CHARACTERISED BY:

- Llanelli fulfilling its potential as a modern and vibrant service centre developing upon its waterfront location.
- Carmarthen continuing to thrive as a prosperous and strategically located service and administration centre retaining its distinctive county town character.
- The ongoing emergence of Ammanford/Cross Hands as a distinctive and diverse Western Valleys based growth area.
- Sustainable socially inclusive communities and efficient local economies centred upon the County's market towns and larger villages.
- Vibrant rural communities as living, working environments.
- A countryside that is valued and enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

A3. The LDP Strategic Objectives

A3.1 The 14 LDP Strategic Objectives (SO) elaborate upon the LDP Vision and focus on deliverability. They are grouped under the relevant Community Strategy pillars, and are as follows:

A BETTER PLACE: Environment – improving the world around us, today and for tomorrow.

SO1: To protect and enhance the diverse character, distinctiveness, safety and vibrancy of the County's communities by ensuring sympathetic, sustainable, and high quality standards of design.

SO2: To ensure that the principles of spatial sustainability are upheld by:

(a) enabling development in locations which minimise the need to travel and contribute towards sustainable communities and economies and respecting environmental limits, and (b) to wherever possible encourage new development on previously developed land which has been suitably remediated.

SO3: To make provision for an appropriate mix of quality homes; access to which will be based around the principles of sustainable socio-economic development and equality of opportunities.

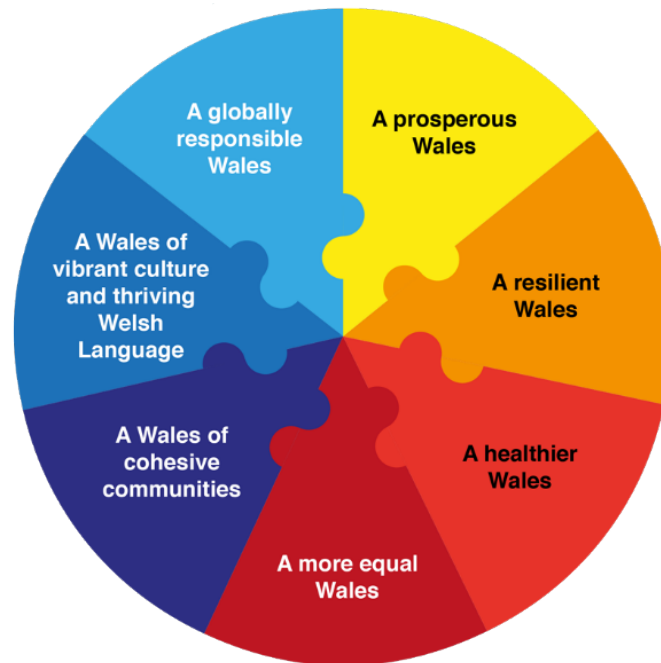
SO4: To ensure that the natural, built and historic environment is safeguarded and enhanced and that habitats and species are protected.

SO5: To make a significant contribution towards tackling the cause and adapting to the effect of climate change by promoting the efficient use and safeguarding of resources.
OPENING DOORS: Lifelong learning – helping everyone to achieve their potential, from childhood to old age.
SO6: To assist in widening and promoting education and skills training opportunities for all.
SO7: To assist in protecting and enhancing the Welsh Language and the County's unique cultural identity, assets and social fabric.
FEELING FINE: Health and wellbeing – tackling the causes of ill health by looking at life in the round.
SO8: To assist with widening and promoting opportunities to access community, leisure and recreational facilities as well as the countryside.
SO9: To ensure that the principles of equal opportunities and social inclusion are upheld by promoting access to a high quality and diverse mix of public services, healthcare, shops, leisure facilities and work opportunities.
INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION: Regeneration – building resources, creating opportunities and offering support.
SO10: To contribute to the delivery of an integrated and sustainable transport system that is accessible to all.
SO11: To encourage investment & innovation (both rural and urban) by: (a) making an adequate provision of land to meet identified need; and, (b) making provision for the business and employment developmental needs of indigenous /new employers, particularly in terms of hard & soft infrastructural requirements (including telecommunications/ICT); and, (c) making provision for the infrastructural requirements associated with the delivery of new homes particularly in terms of hard & soft infrastructural requirements (including foul and surface water); and, (d) adhering to the principles of sustainable development and social inclusion in terms of the location of new development.
SO12: To promote and develop sustainable & high quality <i>all year round</i> tourism related initiatives.
FEELING SECURE: Safer communities – offering security, tackling crime and fear of crime, helping us to look out for each other.
SO13: To assist with the development and management of safe and vibrant places & spaces across the County.
SO14: To assist with the delivery and management of mixed & sustainable communities by: (a) promoting safe, vibrant and socially interactive places; and, (b) promoting the utilisation of local services and produce whenever possible.

A4. The National Well-being Goals

A4.1 There are 7 national well-being goals (Figure 1) which show the kind of Wales we want to see. Together they provide a shared vision for public bodies to work towards. They are a set of goals and the Act makes it clear that public bodies must work to achieve all of the goals, not just one or two.

Figure 1: Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Well-being Goals

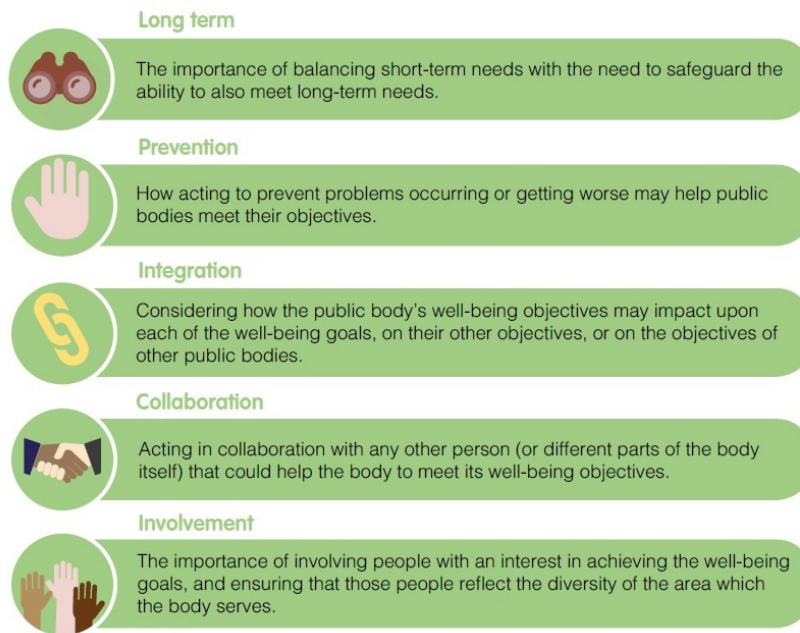


A4.2 The Act puts in place a ‘sustainable development principle’ which sets out how organisations should go about meeting their duty under the Act. There are 5 Ways of Working (See Figure 3) to guide the implementation of the sustainable development principle.

Figure 2: Sustainable Development Principle.

In this Act, any reference to a public body doing something “in accordance with the sustainable development principle” means that the 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.

Figure 3: The 5 Ways of Working



A4.3 The seven well-being goals are set out below along with a description (as included within Welsh Government guidance).

Goal	Description of the goal
A prosperous Wales	An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.
A resilient Wales	A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).
A healthier Wales	A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.
A more equal Wales	A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).
A Wales of cohesive communities	Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.
A globally responsible Wales	A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.





A4.4 An analysis of the National Goals (NG), against the LDP Strategic Objectives (SO) is set out below.

LDP SO Commentary against the 7 National Goals (NG's)	
SO1	Reference is made to NG5 and its emphasis on attractive, viable and safe communities. It is therefore considered that this SO, with its particular focus on ensuring sympathetic, sustainable and high quality standards to NG1, remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO2	Reference is made to NG1 and its emphasis on recognising the limits of the global environment and therefore using resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change). It is therefore considered that this SO, with its particular focus on spatial sustainability, remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO3	Reference is made to NG5 and its emphasis on viable communities. It is therefore considered that this SO, with its particular focus on delivering an appropriate mix of quality homes, remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO4	Reference is made to NG2 and its emphasis on a biodiverse natural environment, together with NG6 and its emphasis on culture and heritage. It is therefore considered that this SO, with its particular focus on safeguarding and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO5	Reference is made to NG7 and its emphasis on considering whether decisions can make a positive contribution to global well-being and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change). It is therefore considered that this SO, with its particular focus on tackling the cause and adapting to the effect of climate change remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO6	Reference is made to NG1 and its emphasis on developing a skilled and well-educated population. It is therefore considered that this SO, with its particular focus on widening and promoting education and skills training remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO7	Reference is made to NG6 and its emphasis on a society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh Language. It is therefore considered that this SO with its particular focus on the Welsh language and the County's social fabric, remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO8	Reference is made to NG6 and its emphasis on encouraging people to participate in the arts and sports and recreation. Furthermore, NG3 places an emphasis on a society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised. It is therefore considered that this SO with its particular focus on widening and promoting access to leisure facilities and the countryside remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO9	Reference is made to NG4 and its emphasis on a society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their backgrounds or circumstances (including their social

	economic background and circumstances. It is therefore considered that this SO, with its particular focus on equal opportunities remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO10	Reference is made to NG5 and its emphasis on well-connected communities. It is therefore considered that this SO with its particular focus on an accessible, integrated and sustainable transport system remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO11	Reference is made to NG1 and its emphasis on an innovative, productive and low carbon society and on an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work. It is therefore considered that this SO, with its particular focus on encouraging investment and innovation (both rural and urban) remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO12	Reference is made to NG1 and its emphasis on an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities. It is therefore considered that this SO with its particular focus on the promotion of a sustainable and high quality visitor economy remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO13	Reference is made to NG5 and its emphasis on attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities. It is therefore considered that this SO with its particular focus on safety and vibrancy, remains broadly compatible with the national goals.
SO14	Reference is made to NG5 and its emphasis on attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities. It is therefore considered that this SO, with its particular focus on safety and vibrancy, remains broadly compatible with the national goals.

5. Carmarthenshire Well-being Objectives

5.1 The following identify the Councils Local Well-being Objectives (LW):

<p>Start Well</p> 	<p>Live Well</p> 	<p>Age Well</p> 	<p>Healthy, Safe & Prosperous Environment</p> 
Well-being Objectives			
<p>1. Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences.</p> <p>2. Help children live healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>3. Continue to improve learner attainment for all.</p> <p>4. Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training.</p>	<p>5. Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, helping people into work & improving the lives of those living in poverty.</p> <p>6. Creating more jobs and growth throughout the county.</p> <p>7. Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes.</p> <p>8. Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour & obesity).</p> <p>9. Supporting good connections with friends, family and safer communities.</p>	<p>10. Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity & independence in their later years.</p> <p>11. A Council wide approach to supporting Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire.</p>	<p>12. Looking after the environment now and for the future.</p> <p>13. Improving the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity.</p> <p>14. Promoting Welsh language and culture.</p>
<p>15. Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources</p>			

A5.2 An analysis of the above 14 Local Goals (LW) against the LDP Strategic Objectives (SO) is set out below:

LDP SO	LW 1	LW 2	LW 3	LW 4	LW 5	LW 6	LW 7	LW 8	LW 9	LW 10	LW 11	LW 12	LW 13	LW 14
SO1	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow
SO2	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
SO3	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
SO4	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow
SO5	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow
SO6	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
SO7	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green
SO8	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
SO9	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow
SO10	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow
SO11	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
SO12	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow
SO13	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
SO14	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow

	Strong alignment between LDP Strategic Objective and Local Goal
	Neutral alignment between LDP Strategic Objective and Local Goal

A5.3 There is a strong alignment between the LDP and those goals that seek to promote access to homes and jobs. The LDP also reflects those goals that seek to promote accessible and well-connected communities. It is noted that the LDP seeks to direct the majority of growth to those settlements that have key services and are located on key transport routes. There is also a clear link between environmental goals and the LDP. This demonstrates the LDP’s awareness of the importance of safeguarding the County’s key assets as part of its regulatory role.

A5.4 In noting that the LDP is essentially a land use Plan, there may be scope for a greater acknowledgement of those goals that emanate from demographic issues (e.g. early ages, an older population and poverty). Developing an understanding of whether such issues are particularly pronounced spatially could allow for planning policy interventions as and where appropriate.

A5.5 There is an established collaboration between the Council's Planning Policy Team and Community Planning/Corporate Policy Team. It is considered that this will continue to provide opportunities for iterative and meaningful engagement moving forward. There will also be opportunities to review those emerging Local Service Board priorities and resultant objectives, whilst the implications on those relevant Town and Community Councils (TACC) is also noted.

A5.6 The LDP will continue to provide a key delivery mechanism for the corporate and community ambitions as set out within the 14 wellbeing goals. It provides a spatial instrument to deliver the "*Carmarthenshire We Want*" by providing a locally distinctive means of shaping the future use of land within the County. As such, the LDP takes account of the County's unique characteristics and qualities and it places an on sustainable development as a central principle.

A5.7 Reference is also made to the requirement for Sustainability Appraisal – Strategic Environmental Assessment along with Habitats Regulations Assessment to be prepared when developing a LDP.

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Scrutiny Committee 2018

Complaints & Compliments Annual Report 2017/18

Purpose:

To provide an annual report summarising and analysing the Complaints & Compliments received by the Council in the 2017/18 financial year.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

1. To consider and comment on the content and conclusions of the annual report.

Reasons:

To formulate views for submission to the Executive Board for consideration

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

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Complaints & Compliments Annual Report 2017/18

The report sets out:

- The numbers of complaints investigated and responded to between April 2017 – March 2018 by department.
- Statistics on communications received by the Complaints Team and redirected. These are enquiries and requests for assistance which once presented offered the team the opportunity to try and rectify difficulties before complaints arise.
- Complaints with any equalities or Welsh language issues.
- Complaints determined by the Ombudsman.
- Analysis of complaints and compliments by department.

The complaints referred to within this report are those where the investigation has been completed during the review period.

As of 2017/18, all complaints relating to Adult Social Care matters have been managed separately by the Performance, Analyst & Systems Team within the Communities Department, as part of a re-structure of the service. A full end of year report has been presented to the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee on 21st May 2018, however, figures and analysis are also included within this report.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed: Wendy Walters, Director of Regeneration & Policy

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Carmarthenshire County Council's Complaints Procedure was first adopted in May 2011 and a revised version was approved by the Executive Board in October 2017.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Wendy Walters, Director of Regeneration & Policy

1. Local Member(s)

Not applicable

2. Community / Town Council

Not applicable

3. Relevant Partners

Not applicable

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

**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
Complaints and compliments data held on Information@work	Not applicable	Not applicable

Carmarthenshire County Council

Complaints and Compliments Annual Report

April - March
2017/18

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Environment & Public Protection	9.4 Public Protection 9.6 Street Scene Property Services Transport & Engineering
Social Care & Health	As of 2017/18, adult social care complaints have been managed by the Communities Department and are therefore documented in full in a separate report. Figures are nonetheless included for ease of reference in this report, with analysis in section 9.5.
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****Please Note****

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1. Principles

Carmarthenshire County Council's Complaints Procedure was first adopted in May 2011 and a revised version was approved by the Executive Board in October 2017. The procedure aims to emphasise the following principles:

- To ensure that as many complaints as possible are **resolved at stage 1** local resolution.
- To ensure that investigations follow the **'Investigate Once, Investigate Well'** principle.

2. Definition

The **definition of a complaint** is an expression of dissatisfaction or concern,

- about a public service provider's action or lack of action
- or about the standard of service provided
- which requires a response
- whether about the public service provider itself, a person acting on its behalf, or a public service provider partnership.

Complaints which are currently open and under investigation are **not included** in this report.

The complaints referred to within this report are those where the investigation has been completed during the review period.

3. Complaints investigated and responded to between April 2017 – March 2018

SERVICE	Stage 1				Stage 2			
	No. of Complaints responded to ¹	No. receiving a full response within allocated time period ²	No. receiving a full response after allocated time period ³	No. of Complaints responded to	No. receiving a response within allocated time period ⁴	No. receiving a response after allocated time period		
Chief Executives	27	23 85%	4 15%	0	0 0%	0 0%		
Education & Children's Services (excluding Statutory Complaints)	23	21 91%	2 9%	4	1 25%	3 75%		
Statutory Complaints for Education & Children's Services	14	6 43%	8 57%	0	0 0%	0 0%		
Corporate Services	27	25 93%	2 7%	2	2 100%	0 0%		
Communities (excluding Adult Social Care Complaints)	109	75 69%	34 31%	7	0 0%	7 100%		
Adult social care (managed through Communities Department team)	90	61 68%	29 32%	5	5 100%	0 0%		
Environment	514	320 62%	194 38%	17	4 24%	13 76%		
Cross Departmental Issues	8	7 88%	1 12%	0	0 0%	0 0%		
TOTAL	812	538 66%	274 34%	35	12 34%	23 66%		

¹ This is the cumulative figure of complaints investigated and responded to within the period of the report this financial year

² Any corporate complaint which has been investigated and responded to within 10 working days. Any Statutory Social Service Complaint where an investigation has been undertaken and a response has been sent within the allocated time period. This initially would be 10 working days, with an additional 10 working day extension with the complainant's consent

³ Any complaints which have been investigated and responded to outside the allocated time period

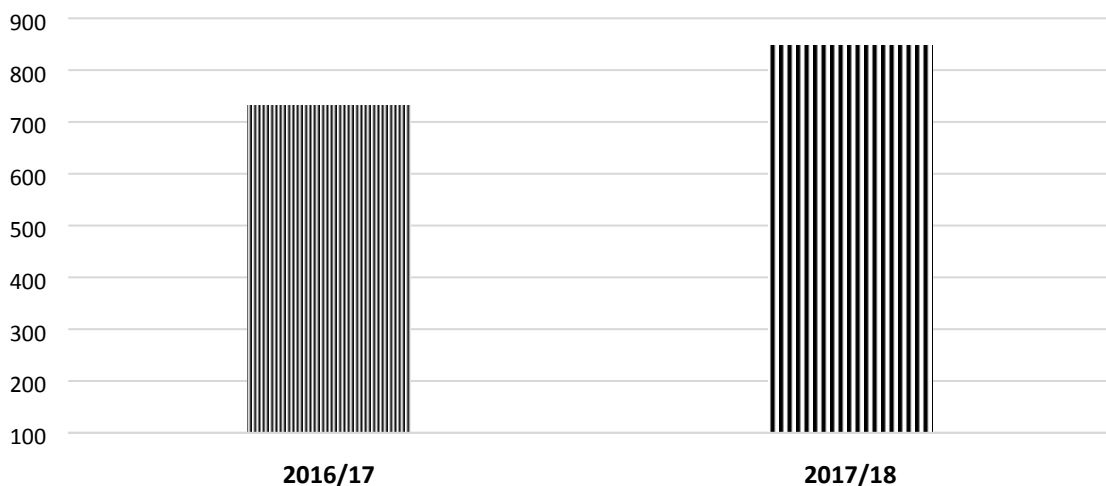
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4. Summary of complaints

- The Council recorded and responded to a total of 847 complaints during 2017/18, compared to 731 during the same period in 2016/17. This equates to a 16% increase.
- Overall, 65% of cases received a response within the allocated time period, compared to 60% for the same period last year and representing an improved performance.

Department	Total No. of complaints 2017/18	Total No. of complaints 2016/17
Chief Executive's Department	27	14
Education & Children's Services (excluding Statutory Complaints)	27	53
Statutory complaints for Children Services	14	11
Corporate Services	29	24
Communities (excluding Adult social care complaints)	116	119
Communities – adult social care (managed through Communities Department team from 2017/18)	95	41
Environment	531	458
Cross Departmental & External Providers	8	11
Total	847	731

**Number of complaints responded to in 2017/18 by comparison to
2016/17**



5. Redirected Communication

The Complaints Team also addressed a further **669** “Redirects” – enquiries and requests for assistance which offered the team the opportunity to try and rectify difficulties before complaints arise. This figure would also include any dissatisfaction received regarding properly made Policy decisions which would not be addressed by the formal Complaints Policy.

Within Adult social care, **45** were recorded as ‘Redirected’ which meant the complainant did not wish to go through the formal complaints procedure and the matter was dealt with informally or the communication did not fall under the Welsh Government guidelines for complaints.

Department	Total No of Redirected communication received
Chief Executive’s Department	35
Education & Children’s Services	33
Corporate Services	22
Communities	252
Communities – adult social care (managed through Communities Department team)	45
Environment	293
Cross Departmental	29
External Providers	5
Total	714

6. Complaints with any equalities or Welsh language issues

During 2017/18 we received 10 complaints which involved specific Welsh language issues (Communities 1, Environment 3, Chief Executive's 5 and Corporate Service 1).

Two complainants felt the service provided to them did not meet their needs because of their disability (one related to a rubbish collection and the other to the servicing of a boiler).

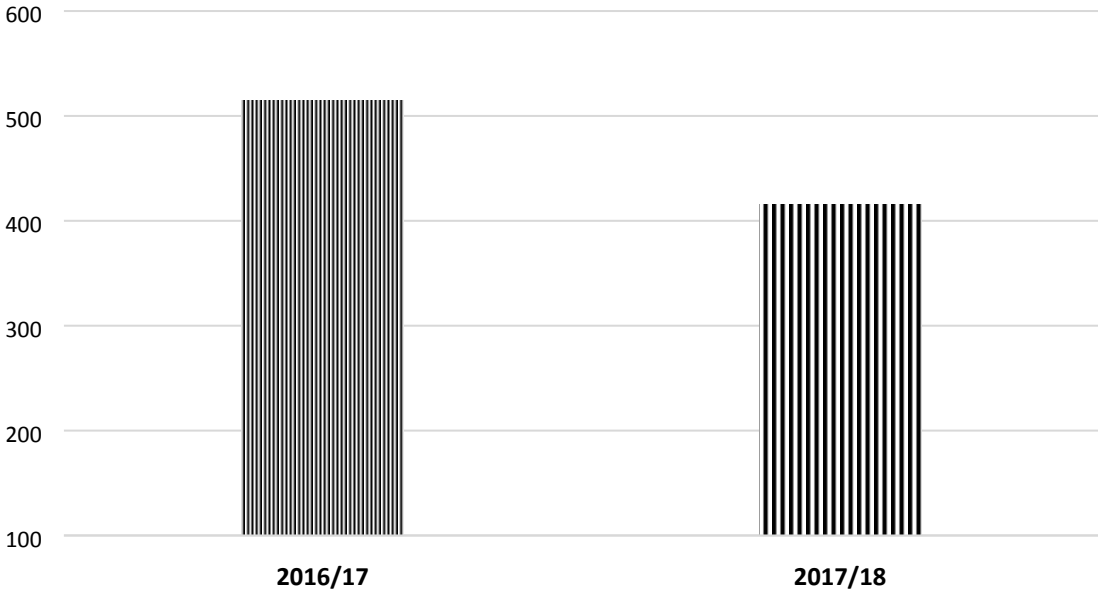
7. Complaints determined by the Ombudsman

	Concluded by Ombudsman 2017-18	Settled	Ombudsman conclusion				
			Not upheld	Discontinued	Out of jurisdiction	Referred back to Authority	Upheld
Chief Executives	3	0	0	1	1	1	0
Education & Children's Services	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Resources	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Communities	7	0	0	0	3	4	0
Adult social care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environment	10	0	1	6	1	2	0
Cross Departmental Issues	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23	1	1	8	6	7	0

8. All Departments Compliments

Service	No. of compliments received in 2017/18	No. of compliments received in 2016/17
Chief Executive's	33	52
Education & Children's Services	19	36
Corporate Services	2	2
Communities (excluding adult social care)	83	235 (including Adult social care)
Adult social care	106	Included in Communities
Environment	166	183
Cross Departmental Issues	7	7
Total	416	515

Number of compliments received in 2017/18 by comparison with 2016/17



9. Departmental Complaint & Compliment Analysis

9.1 Chief Executive's

Complaints	Regeneration and Policy		People Management and Performance		Administration and Law		IT	
Stage 1 Complaints Investigated	21		3		3		0	
Upheld	3	14%	0	0%	2	67%	0	0%
Partially Upheld	7	33%	0	0%	1	33%	0	0%
Not Upheld	11	53%	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Stage 2 Complaints investigated	0		0		0		0	
Upheld	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Partially Upheld	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Not Upheld	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Analysis of the nature of complaints and the trends

Three complaints regarding the Contact Centre were upheld. They related to concerns with the manner of members of staff. Explanations and apologies were provided where necessary and the issues raised were discussed with members of staff. Three complaints were partially upheld. Issues raised related to the manner of the member of staff and difficulties with the telephone line.

One complaint relating to Llanelli Market was partially upheld. Concerns were raised around the disabled toilet being used by all when cleaning takes place in the other facilities. It was agreed to place a notice to advise people to give priority to users who were disabled.

The Policy team acknowledged that communication from a member of the public around a consultation exercise could have been more effective. It was confirmed that their comments had been taken into account and they were thanked for their input.

One complaint was recorded as partially upheld for the Complaints team. It related to a residents ongoing concerns with the condition of a piece of land and involved a number of council departments.

The Marketing & Media team received a complaint that was found to be partially upheld. It related to the lack of bilingualism at an event which had received funding from the Authority. It was agreed to re consider the way the Authority can work with the festival organisers in the future to make it a bilingual event.

Administration & Law recorded two complaints as upheld. One concerned the way in which a case was managed and the second concerned a training session that was not held bilingually, because of a last minute change of staffing. Apologies were provided and comments taken on board for the future. The partially upheld complaint related to difficulties experienced accessing the Land Charges computer.

Compliments	Regeneration and Policy
Compliments received	33

Analysis of the trends:

- *“He answered all my questions clearly, showed patience with some of the ‘not so intelligent’ questions, processed the application quickly and confirmed when everything was in place... he was efficient, courteous and I think he is a credit to your organisation” –Electoral Services Team*
- *“Thank you for your help with completing the forms for my mother in law, very helpful”
“...also their caring approach at a time when I was struggling to deal with my mother's ill health”
“Man on desk, very helpful and friendly” – Customer Services*
- A resident was appreciative of an agent’s calm demeanour during a call to the Contact Centre.
*“Please pass thank you on to call handler last week for polite and efficient service”
“Very patient, polite and professional dealing with the query” – Contact Centre*
- *“Thank you very much for dealing with our request, so promptly and efficiently” – Freedom of Information*
“Thank you for the time and effort you put in to the response to my Freedom of Information request”
- *“Thank you for all you have done for us and making our dream of opening become a reality” – thanks received from the recipient of a grant from Economic Development*

9.2 Education and Children’s Services

	Children’s Services		Education Services		Strategic Development	
Stage 1 Complaints Investigated	15		2		20	
Upheld	6	40%			12	60%
Partially Upheld	2	13%	1	50%	2	10%
Not Upheld	7	47%	1	50%	6	30%
Stage 2 Complaints Investigated	0		1		3	
Upheld						
Partially Upheld			1	100%	3	100%
Not Upheld						

Service	Stage 1 Complaints Investigated			Stage 2 Complaints Investigated			Total
	Upheld	Partially Upheld	Not Upheld	Upheld	Partially Upheld	Not Upheld	
Children’s Services							
Adoption			1				1
Child Protection	1		1				2
CIN & LAC	3	1	4				8
Children with Disabilities	1	1					2
Complex Needs							0
Support Services (Family, Childcare, Play)	1		1				2
Other							0
Education Services							
ALN				1			1
The Statutory SEN Process		1					1
Behaviour Management			1				1
Local Management of Schools							0
School Modernisation							0
Strategic Development							
Catering			2				2
Business Support (all related to FSM)			1		3		4
Pupil Admissions	12	2	3				17

Analysis of the nature of complaints and the trends

Children’s Services

Of the 15 Stage 1 complaints received by Children’s Services, 6 were upheld. Three raised individual concerns regarding the allocated social workers. One was as a result of the written content of an assessment, and the other two concerned communication issues separately, within the Children’s Disability Team (CDT) and the (TAF) Team around the Family.

2 complaints were partially upheld. One concerned the behaviour of a social worker, and the remainder raised a complainants’ concerns regarding the lack of support from the CDT team. From this, the case was reviewed and discussions took place between the complainant and team.

The remaining 7 complaints were found to be not upheld. No complaints were recorded at Stage 2.

Education Services

One Stage 2 complaint was recorded regarding the delivery of a statement by the Additional Learning Needs team. The investigation resulted in the complaint being upheld.

Strategic Development

The 3 Stage 2 complaints concerned invoices sent to parents whose children had received free school meals. All three were recorded as partially upheld. Improvement in the process of issuing the invoices were recommended.

All 12 upheld Stage 1 complaints concerned the difficulty parents were having in contacting the School Admissions team. It is noted that there was a communication delay in the team responding to enquiries recorded either online, or via the Contact Centre.

2 Stage 1 complaints were partially upheld. A further School admissions complaint was found to be partially upheld, and the other complaint concerned an ‘alternative education home tuition’ issue.

Compliments

Compliments	Children Services	Education Services	Strategic Development	Curriculum & Wellbeing
Compliments received per division	0	11	5	1

Service	Compliments received
Education Services	
Additional Learning Needs	1
Local Management of Schools	5
Education Systems	2
School Improvement	3

Strategic Development	
Pupil Admissions	2
Participation	1
Business Support	2
Curriculum and Wellbeing	
Adult Community Learning & Basic Skills	1

Analysis of the trends
<p>Children’s Services It is noted that no compliments were passed to the team for recording by Children’s Services.</p> <p>Education Services</p> <p><i>“May I thank you for involving the officers, they have been very supportive”</i> Additional Learning Needs Team</p> <p><i>“...been a great help...please pass on to the team how grateful I am.”</i> School Admissions Team</p> <p><i>“..one of the easiest people to work with, organised, methodical and go out of your way to be helpful”</i> – School Grants Officer</p> <p><i>“Thanks for all of the support. It is much appreciated.”</i> – School Improvement Team</p> <p>Strategic Development BSU <i>“Thank you for everything you do. You are amazing and have helped out of some sticky spots”</i></p> <p><i>“Please pass on our sincere thanks to the Carmarthen Music Service for all they have done to help Cor Merched Sir Gar”</i></p> <p><i>“Thank you and your team to ensure that our meeting was informative and constructive”</i> – Welsh Government Participation Visit.</p>

9.3 Corporate Services

Complaints	Financial Services		Audit and Risk Management	
Stage 1 Complaints Investigated	27		0	
Upheld	6	22%	0	0%
Partially Upheld	4	15%	0	0%
Not Upheld	17	63%	0	0%
Stage 2 Complaints Investigated	2		0	
Upheld	0	0%	0	0%
Partially Upheld	0	0%	0	0%
Not Upheld	2	100%	0	0%

Analysis of the nature of complaints and the trends

27 Stage 1 complaints were received regarding Financial Services.

16 complaints related to Council Tax, with four being upheld. One related to an error on a Welsh language online form, two concerned comments made by members of staff during telephone calls and another related to an error with a Council Tax rebate. 2 Complaints were recorded as partially upheld – one relating to clarity of communication and one to the accuracy of a Council Tax account.

8 complaints concerned Housing Benefit, with 2 being upheld. One related to a temporary problem with the recorded message on the Housing Benefit telephone line and one related to rent arrears that had occurred following a change to Housing Benefit.

One partially upheld complaint was recorded for Pensions, it related to concerns with the way a new pension for a retiring Councillor was administered.

One partially upheld complaint was recorded for Payments, it related to the length of time taken to progress an outstanding invoice.

2 Stage 2 complaints relating to Council Tax were investigated. Neither were upheld.

Compliments	Financial Services	Audit and Risk Management
Compliments received per division	1	1

Analysis of the trends:

- Risk Management were thanked by a school for the guidance given regarding an insurance claim - *"Thanks to everyone for your help, guidance and very quick response"*
- The Council Tax section were thanked for the way they dealt with a concern regarding single persons discount - *"Thank you for the impressive and positive response I have received from you in dealing with my issue"*

9.4 Communities Department (excluding complaints relating to adult social care)

Complaints	Cross Divisional		Public Protection		Housing		Leisure	
Stage 1 Complaints Investigated	1		6		59		43	
Upheld	0	0%	0	0%	9	15%	9	21%
Partially Upheld	0	0%	0	0%	22	37%	16	37%
Not Upheld	1	100%	6	100%	28	48%	18	42%
Stage 2 Complaints investigated	0		0		7		0	
Upheld	0	0%	0	0%	2	29%	0	0%
Partially Upheld	0	0%	0	0%	3	42%	0	0%
Not Upheld	0	0%	0	0%	2	29%	0	0%

Analysis of the nature of complaints and the trends

Public Protection

6 Stage 1 complaints were investigated during the year, none were upheld. Two related to the Dog Warden service, one concerned the Taxi Licencing process and a resident was unhappy with the way Trading Standards addressed a concern. Complaints were also raised regarding the handling of a pest control case and the investigation of reported nuisance from bonfires.

Housing

There were seven complaints recorded at Stage 2. Of these, two were upheld. One investigation acknowledged that the support given to secure suitable accommodation could have been better and the other noted that the handling of noise problems could have been improved. Three complaints were found to be partially upheld. Two concerned Anti-Social Behaviour cases, where although the cases were addressed correctly, with hindsight, improvements to the process could have been made. The third related to the support given to a family following a fire at a property, where it was acknowledged that the allocation of a specific case officer would have been beneficial in such difficult circumstances. The remaining two Stage 2 complaints were not upheld.

59 Stage 1 complaints were investigated, with 9 being upheld. Issues highlighted included some concerns with delays, the cleanliness of communal areas in a block of flats, effective identification at a visit and problems updating account records for a rented garage. 22 complaints were partially upheld. A number of these cases relate to communication between Officers and tenants, highlighting the importance of keeping tenants informed and ensuring they understand processes.

Leisure

43 Stage 1 complaints were investigated. 9 complaints were upheld. Concerns included incorrect information online regarding swimming lessons, the manner of a member of staff during a class, being unhappy with Splash Sessions, Data Protection issues when sending group emails to the public, difficulty updating car details on a season ticket for the Country Park, the maintenance of a Public Right of Way, difficulties booking a caravan pitch by phone, visitor centre being closed when it was advertised as being open and a delay providing library books following a request.

Compliments	Public Protection	Housing	Leisure
Compliments received per division	7	36	40

Analysis of the trends

Public Protection

"I really appreciate the time you have taken to perform this comprehensive investigation" – Food Safety enquiries

"May I pass on my thanks to you and your colleagues...jointly investigated with colleagues from Ceredigion. My colleague spoke very highly of your proactive and thorough investigation into those cases" – Public Health Wales

Housing

"Thank you for the swift ,and professional way in which you handled this matter" – Housing Officer

"Eternally thankful for your efforts to secure this relocation...would like to extend unstinting gratitude" – Housing Officer

"Sorting things out was "as stress free as possible" – Housing Officer thanked for assistance following death of the tenant

"Reassuring, pleasant and very understanding of difficult situation" – Housing Officer

"Very grateful for all the help he received from Housing Options and Temporary Accommodation"

"This is my best experience of letting this property in the 12 years I have owned it" – Social Lettings

Leisure

"Interesting & informative talk...enthusiasm...advice & support...thanks for the sheer fun we had" – Introductory talk to Walking Hockey

'...like to congratulate staff and officers for the commendable facilities and cleanliness' – Carmarthen Leisure Centre

'thank you very much for all your hard work, support and co-operation for our Nutcracker Ballet' - Russian State Ballet & Opera House

"The Actif Storytelling was so popular and we have received some nice pieces of feedback" Comment from The National Trust following support provided by the Active Young People Officer

"Thanks to the proactive and professional approach of your countryside access/rights of way team"

9.5 Adult social care

Complaints Received	95	
Stage 1 Complaints Investigated	90	
Stage 2 Complaints investigated	5	
Upheld	0	0
Partially Upheld	0	0
Not Upheld	5	0

Analysis of the nature of complaints and the trends

Older People

The majority of complaints received have related to Older People, this in part reflects the number of clients in this service area. These complaints cover a wide range of issues including a lack of continuity with domiciliary care workers and complainants feeling that they are not always being listened to in relation to their care. One complainant wanted their grandmother's care needs re-assessed.

Finance

Complaints were received relating to the length of time it had taken to produce an invoice for care that had been provided. Service users were unhappy with 'late' invoices they had received for care which was provided some time ago. Also a number of families were unhappy to pay outstanding invoices as they felt the care their family member received was not of the quality they expected.

Corporate complaints

A number of these complaints were in relation to neighbours, and carers parking in front of people's houses. We also had a number of complaints regarding the blue badge process, one complainant was unhappy with the 28 day flexibility process and another regarding the renewal process.

Transition Team

A service user's family complained about a review the Transition Team had carried out and was unhappy with the outcome.

Learning Disability and Mental Health

We have received a number of complaints requesting a change of social worker.

These complaints have included a family complaining about gaining access to Ty Elwyn for an appointment and another requiring the social care records changed as they were getting nuisance calls. These complaints are normally recorded as Redirected complaints.

Compliments	
Compliments received per division	106

Analysis of the trends

Management

"Thank you for your helpful, professional and sound advice. You have been a great advert for social workers and a very reassuring presence during a time of great uncertainty for my Dad."

Care Home

*"My sister *** and I are extremely pleased that a place was available in Awel Tywi and that he has settled so well. When I saw him last Thursday he looked better than he had for the last 18 months or so. Lots of negative reports in national newspapers create the impression that social care is broken and that care homes are dreadful. I have to say that this has not been our experience. I have nothing but praise for you all and for the staff at Awel Tywi."*

Domiciliary Care

"There were times when I was very demanding, and I know that you pushed the boat out many a time for me to ensure that Dad was looked after in the best possible way. Your girls were angels and it's because of you all that I survived and Dad was looked after correctly. Your presence at the funeral only mirrored how much you thought of Dad and supported me."

Careline

"Thank you for your wonderful service; you provided a support for all of us as a family. The phone responses from your operators is quick, professional and emotionally intelligent. We cannot thank you enough."

Reablement

*"I wanted to email you to say how wonderful Catrin was when we visited *** this morning. I'm sure she represents the excellence of your Team, but I wanted to officially make a compliment regarding her high quality interaction with this very anxious gentleman. Catrin was extremely professional, positive and empathetic throughout our time with ***, resulting in a very positive step forward – a real breakthrough, which I sincerely hope he will fulfil – thank you."*

9.6 Environment

Complaints	Planning		Street Scene		Property Services		Transport & Engineering	
Stage 1 Complaints Investigated	19		391		59		45	
Upheld	4	21%	210	54%	23	39%	10	22%
Partially Upheld	3	16%	86	22%	20	34%	17	38%
Not Upheld	12	63%	95	24%	16	27%	18	40%
Stage 2 Complaints Investigated	11		3		1		2	
Upheld	1	9%	0	0%	1	100%	1	50%
Partially Upheld	6	55%	1	34%	0%	0%	0	0%
Not Upheld	4	36%	2	66%	0%	0%	1	50%

Analysis of the trends

Planning

11 of the 30 complaints recorded were at Stage 2. One was upheld, a planning enforcement concern regarding wind turbine shadow flicker, and 6 were partially upheld. The 6 varied from communication concerns to delays with enforcement action. One complaint focused on the wording advertised with a planning application. It was acknowledged that the wording could have been slightly clearer.

Of the 19 Stage 1 complaints, 4 were upheld, 3 partially upheld with the remaining 12 were recorded as not upheld.

It was acknowledged in 3 of the upheld complaints, a delay in communication, or a lack of correspondence by the department. One concerned an issue around a listed building consent. An apology was given in relation to all three.

The remaining complaint which was upheld, concerned a visit by an Enforcement Officer. The complainant was unhappy with the *attitude and demeanour* of the officer during an unannounced visit. It was identified that additional training needs was required for the new member of staff.

Street Scene

Highways – 1 complaints recorded at Stage 2, this was not upheld. 10 Stage 1 complaints were upheld, 18 were partially and a further 18 were not upheld.

Of the 10 complaints recorded as upheld, a variety of concerns were raised. A delay in a request for cutting a grass verge. Another delay in addressing a surface water drainage concern. Lack of signage giving warning for some road closures; a replacement bollard which had taken some months to source and the behaviour of a member of staff who delayed a recovery vehicle from attending an RTA.

Refuse, Recycling & Cleansing

328 complaints were recorded during the reporting period. This included a single Stage 2 complaint, following damage caused to a home owners' grass verge, by a refuse vehicle.

199 Stage 1 complaints were upheld, 59 partially upheld, with the remaining 69 recorded as not upheld.

There were 99 complaints recorded following the introduction of the new garden waste scheme. 78 of these complaints were upheld. The remainder of the complaints concerned regular missed collections, including properties who receive an assisted lift, and general litter/cleansing concerns.

Street Scene – Remaining Complaints

One stage 2 complaint relating to the Environmental Enforcement Team was not upheld.

Of the remaining 19 stage 1 complaints, 1 was upheld. This related to the cleanliness of a public toilet.

An apology was given by the contractor Danfo. 7 of the complaints were partially upheld, 3 of which were for the Environmental Enforcement team. These were following a request for some feedback, a delay in responding to an enquiry and the conduct of an officer while issuing a penalty notice for dog fouling. One complaint was recorded for the public lighting department, a concern as to a light on a pedestrian crossing. This was not upheld as the light was fixed as soon as the team had been made aware of the problem.

Property Services

There was one Stage 2 complaint, which was upheld. It concerned the removal of a chimney. The investigation acknowledged a safety concern and the inconvenience caused to the elderly resident. Improvements in future work are in place.

23 of the 59 Stage 1 complaints were upheld. A delay in work accounted for 11 of these. Missed, and appointments cancelled at the last minute, contributed for a handful of others.

A number of the partially upheld complaints also were as a result of delays to scheduled work.

16 complaints were found to be not upheld.

Transport and Engineering

There were 2 Stage 2 complaints recorded. One, concerning a delay in addressing a stopping up order, was upheld. An apology was given. The matter is now being progressed via the Legal and Environment departments. The other Stage 2, concerning a dual car parking permit was not upheld.

Of the 45 Stage 1 complaints, 10 were upheld, 17 partially, and 18 recorded as not upheld.

7 of the 25 Parking Services complaints were upheld. Three related to car parking machines not working. Three were in relation to a delay in correspondence, and the remaining raised a concern about the issue of a parking permit.

Two complaints were upheld in relation to School Transport.

The 17 partially upheld complaints varied from ticket machines, car parks and civil enforcement officers. From speed bumps, the issuing of a new travel pass, to a concern raised about the quality of an MOT, undertaken by Trostre depot.

Numerous correspondence and concerns have been directed to the team during this reporting period, regarding the new A484 Sandy Road traffic lights. Seven complaints were formally recorded, and a number of further correspondence received were recorded as redirects.

Compliments	Planning	Street Scene	Property Services	Transport & Engineering
Compliments received per division	13	85	40	28

Analysis of the trends

Planning

"personally thank you for your help given over the last two months" - Planning Officer
"Really appreciate all your efforts to get this over the line" – Planning Officers
"What an excellently speedy service" – Regarding a decision notice.
"My sincere thanks for your input in this project, been most helpful and a credit to your team" – Planning Enquiry

Street Scene - Highways

"Thanks to the crew that attended the flooding, worked very hard to clear the road"
"Big thank you to the Highways crew for their prompt action re flooding issues"
"Thanks for arranging last week for the road gullies to be cleared"
"Well done to the crew for cutting the verges along the A483 from Llandovery today"
"Grateful public thankful for the crews; efforts" – Numerous online gritting compliments

Refuse, Recycling & Cleansing

"Very thoughtful, professional and much appreciated. A first class service"
"Cleaner ensured roads in Burry Port were spotless by 8:30am following our very busy Carnival"
"Thank you to the litter pickers here on Monday, working diligently in such cold weather"
"Compliment scheme, professionalism and helpfulness of staff on site" – Waste Amnesty Llandovery
"They are doing a very good job....keep up the good job bin boys"

Street Scene – Remaining Compliments

"VERY helpful... excellent feedback and LISTENING to our concerns" – Environmental Enforcement
"Thank you street lighting team for their excellent service and response in fixing the light"

Property Services

"Thanks for your professionalism, expertise and support in attending the fire" - Building Inspector
"I had an efficient service with the repairs service, and wanted to pass on my thanks"
"Workmen were very polite and were clean in their work, did an excellent job"
"The plumber, electrician & roofers did their jobs very well & professionally"
"Appreciate considerable assistance and professional expertise of Grounds Maintenance Team"

Transport and Engineering

"...most understanding, pleasant, polite & cheerful parking attendant" – CEO Compliment

"The officer was so polite, professional and tactful throughout" – CEO Compliment

"Thank you for your courtesy and willingness to assist at all times" – Road Safety & Traffic Manager

"Enjoyable and very useful information and advice, thoroughly recommended" Biker Down Cymru

"Thank you to your team for all your hard work and commitment" – Kerbcraft Road Safety Team

"May I personally thank you for all your help, guidance and support" – Bus Pass Appeal

9.7 Cross Departmental and External Providers

Complaints	External Providers		Cross Departmental	
Stage 1 Complaints Investigated	3		5	
Upheld	3	100%	3	60%
Partially Upheld	0	0%	1	20%
Not Upheld	0	0%	1	20%
Stage 2 Complaints investigated	0		0	
Upheld	0	0%	0	0%
Partially Upheld	0	0%	0	0%
Not Upheld	0	0%	0	0%
Analysis of the nature of complaints and the trends				
<p>3 of the Cross Departmental complaints were upheld, one was partially upheld and one was not upheld. Of the complaints that were upheld, one concerned a telephone call to report a missed refuse collection.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that the explanation provided could have been clearer. The Legal and Planning sections apologised for a delay in responding to correspondence. The third complaint related to an error with the invoicing system for Council Tax. The Complainant also highlighted that the online complaints form was not currently working, this was rectified and an apology provided.</p> <p>The partially upheld complaint concerned advice provided to the public regarding the best way to dispose of second hand furniture. Waste Services agreed to provide the Contact Centre with up to date guidance regarding Charities that accept such items for reuse / resale.</p> <p>Three partially upheld complaint were received in relation to the erecting of a sign on behalf of SWTRA. The sign were erected to SWTRA's specification but they were not bilingual and required adjustment.</p>				
Compliments	7			
Analysis of the trends				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FOIA & IT sections were thanked for a quick response to a request for information. • The Contact Centre and Waste Services were thanked for arranging a missed collection. • Thanks were given to the Contact Centre, Plumber and Electrician who attended to an issue on Saturday morning <i>"a very big thank you"</i> • Staff in the Contact Centre and Concessionary Bus Pass Teams were thanked for arranging for a replacement pass to be issued quickly. • Staff were praised for the assistance given to the organisers of a cycling event at Pembrey Country Park <i>"The team went out of their way to help me with various aspects of the event planning. We genuinely could not have made the event happen if it wasn't for their input, help, and support"</i> • A member of Contact Centre staff and refuse crew were thanked for listening to concerns with food waste collections and for resolving the issues. 				

- *“The help & support I have received from the Manager has been exceptional... repair issues addressed in a very friendly, professional and efficient way... Whenever I have contacted the Council the response times to resolve these problems has been brilliant” – Supported Housing & Property Services.*

10. Conclusions

- There was an increase of 116 in the number of complaints the Council recorded and responded to during 2017/18 (847), compared to 2016/17 (731). This equates to a 16% increase.
- During 2017/18, 99 complaints were recorded following the introduction of the new garden waste scheme.
- Despite the increase in the number of complaints, there was an overall increase in the number of cases that received a response within the allocated time period: 65% in 2017/18 compared to 60% in 2016/17.
- In addition to formal complaints, the Complaints Team (669) and adult social care (45) managed a total of 714 re-directs, which are considered as enquiries and requests for assistance which the teams manage in order to try and rectify difficulties before complaints arise.
- During 2017/18, 23 complaints were concluded by the Ombudsman, compared to 37 in 2016/17. This represents a significant 38% decrease.
- There was a decrease of 99 in the number of compliments received by the Council during 2017/18 (416), compared to 2016/17 (515).

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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TASK & FINISH GROUP 2018/19

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- To agree the Membership of the Task and Finish Group.

Reasons:

- To enable the committee to appoint members to serve on the Task & Finish Group.

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

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:

Councillor L.D. Evans (Housing)

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

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4th OCTOBER 2018

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TASK & FINISH GROUP 2018/19

The Community Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on the 25th June, 2018 following consideration of a scoping document on the provision of Affordable Housing within Carmarthenshire agreed:-

- to establish a task and finish group to examine the Provision of Affordable Bungalows within Carmarthenshire
- to seek nominations from the political groups for members to serve on the task and finish group, which is to comprise 6 members politically balanced – 3 representing the Plaid Cymru, 2 representing the Labour Group and one representing the Independent Group

In accordance with the Committee's decision, the undermentioned nominations have been received and the Committee is requested to consider formally appointing these members to serve on the Task and Finish Group:

Plaid Cymru Group x 3
Councillor Gareth Thomas
Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey
Councillor Betsan Jones

Labour Group x 2
Councillor Sharen Davies
Councillor Deryk Cundy

Independent Group x 1
Councillor Irfon Jones

The Task and Finish Group will arrange to hold its first meeting as soon as possible and will appoint a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership at this meeting. Officers from within the Housing Department and Democratic Services will support the work of the Task & Finish Group.

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

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

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** – If required, representatives from partner organisations will be consulted as part of the Task & Finish Group’s review.
4. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** – Officers from the Housing Department produced the Planning and Scoping Document and will continue to support the work of the Task & Finish Group.

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

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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2018

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
		<p>What is Scrutiny being asked to do? e.g. undertake a full review of the subject? Investigate different policy options? Be consulted on final proposals before decision making? Monitor outcomes /implementation?</p> <p><i>If the item is for information or for noting, can the information be provided in an alternative format i.e, via email?</i></p>
Budget Monitoring 2018/19	This is a standard quarterly budget report covering the revenue and capital budgets for the Communities and Environment Departments which fall within the remit of the Community Scrutiny Committee	To enable the committee to undertake its monitoring role of the Community and Environment Department budgets which fall within its remit
Q1 New Corporate Strategy Performance Management Report 2018/19	This is the standard quarterly Performance Management report on our progress in delivering the objectives/actions and targets set out in the New Corporate Strategy. It covers those elements of the strategy that fall under the remit of this Scrutiny.	To enable the committee to undertake its monitoring role.
Annual Performance Report (Planning Services)	The Planning Performance Framework table, which was adopted in November 2014, reports the performance of local planning authorities (LPAs) against indicators and targets set by the WG. It categorises the LPA's performance against them into one of three performance	To enable the committee to monitor the Planning Department's performance for 17/18 prior to the reports' submission to the Welsh Government

	<p>bands of: Improve (red)/ Fair (amber)/Good (green).</p> <p>It is a requirement to submit Annual Performance Report (APRs) by 31 October annually to the WG.</p>	
Home Checker/MOT visits	<p>We are all aware of our significant achievement, of delivering the CHS+ during 2015 - an investment of over £200m since 2007. Now that this investment is complete Members have asked for a programme of visits to ensure council homes are maintained to the CHS standard.</p>	<p>To inform Members on progress and outcomes of the Home check tenant visits.</p>
Community Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18	<p>Article 6.2 of the County Council's Constitution states that a scrutiny committee must:</p> <p><i>"Prepare an annual report giving an account of the Committee's activities over the previous year."</i></p>	<p>The Committee is being requested to consider and approve the Community Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report for the 2017/18 municipal year.</p>

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21st September 2018

Explanation for non-submission of scrutiny report

ITEM	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	EXPLANATION	REVISED SUBMISSION DATE
Highways design Guide SPG	Ian Llewelyn / Simon Charles	The scope and remit of the Design Guide is currently at the final stages of internal consultation. It is a complex process which requires attention to detail to provide the required information for a range of development applications. This work will conclude in October with a report to follow to Scrutiny Committee.	November 2018. .

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Monday, 25 June 2018

PRESENT: Councillor S.L. Davies (Chair)

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

Councillor L.D. Evans, Executive Board Member for Housing
 P. Hughes-Griffiths, Executive Board Member for Culture, Sport and Tourism
 L.M. Stephens, Deputy Leader of the Council

The following Officers were in attendance:

I. Jones, Head of Leisure
 H. Morgan, Economic Development Manager
 L. Quelch, Head of Planning
 S. Walters, Economic Development Manager
 J. Morgan, Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities
 A. Thomas, Group Accountant
 J. Davies, Senior Cultural Services Manager
 E. Retallick, Principal Arts Officer
 I.R. Llewelyn, Forward Planning Manager
 K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer
 S. Morris, Monitoring and Implementation Officer
 S. Casey, Theatres Development Manager

Chamber, - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP. - 10.00 - 11.50 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Davies, H.I. Jones and S. Matthews

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
Aled Vaughan Owen	7 – Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2017/18	Licence Holder – Gwendraeth Sports Hall

3. DECLARATION OF PROHIBITED PARTY WHIPS

There were no declarations of prohibited party whips.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED)

No public questions had been received.

5. CARMARTHENSHIRE ARTS STRATEGY

The Committee received a presentation on the Carmarthenshire Arts Strategy for the period 2018-2022 providing a framework for service development to support the County's vision of being a place where exceptional arts experiences engaged and enthused communities, whilst also celebrating its unique and bilingual culture. In order to underpin that vision, the strategy identified the following four key objectives:-

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

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

- In response to a question on the establishment of creative and social hubs, that related to the council's facilities being used in a more focussed community approach by granting access to communities for a range of communal uses for example theatre productions, dance classes and venues for older people to come together in a social gathering.
- References were made to the proposed redevelopment proposals for Oriel Myrddin, to include 26-27 King Street, Carmarthen. It was confirmed that whilst the scheme had been estimated to cost in the region of £2.5m, Arts Council Funding in the sum of £1m could be available to assist with that cost. The Council had already contributed the sum of £250k thereto for the purchase of 26-27 King Street. The remaining £1.25m would have to be match funded by the council or via alternative income streams/grants.
- Reference was made to the operation of the St Clears Craft Centre, which, between the 2014/15 and 2017/18 financial years, had seen an increase of expenditure from £74,498 to £110,747 whilst experiencing a 5,000 reduction in visitor numbers from 41,765 to 36,240.

The Principal Arts Officer advised that in relation to the 17/18 financial position, that increase could be attributed to a number of factors. It was the first year the centre had been fully staffed. Secondly, capital expenditure had been incurred in upgrading both the conference facilities and café equipment following the café's operation being taken in house. In essence, it had been necessary for the authority to incur costs in the centre to facilitate its development. For 2018/19 efforts were being concentrated on controlling costs and increasing income.

With regard to the reduction in visitor numbers, strategies had been introduced with the aim of increasing those for example an emphasis on Arts and Health, food and friendship clubs and pottery classes together with alternative income streams.

- In response to a question on taking the arts into schools, it was confirmed that Oriel Myrddin had recently appointed an Arts Education Officer with the aim, over the next few years, of proactively engaging with schools. The service also liaised closely with the Arts Council for Wales in that regard.
- Reference was made to the strategy's four key objectives and to whether consideration had been given to adopting a fifth to 'identify ambitions,

talents and skills through our schools to further sustain our cultural strategic priorities'

It was confirmed that could be discussed with the Education Department as implementation of the strategy progressed.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that it be recommended to the Executive Board that the Strategy be adopted.

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

The Committee considered the Council's Draft Annual Report for 2017/18 produced in accordance with the requirements of both the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. It was noted that the report provided:-

- An overview of the 2017/18 performance,
- Two page progress reports for each of the 15 Well-being Objectives,
- A link to track progress on every specific action and target set for each Well-being objective,
- Within the appendices, other performance information on Out-turn data (September) and National Survey for Wales Results (June) which would be updated as results became available.

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

- Reference was made to the increase in childhood obesity levels within the county and to how increased physical activity could be encouraged/promoted when parks and other leisure facilities were being closed.

The Head of Leisure confirmed one of the Leisure Division's key aims was to promote and develop physical activities by working with local communities and sports clubs, where it was recognised community ownership often resulted in increased participation levels. It was noted the report had recognised a 10% increase in the numbers of children who regularly participated in sport throughout the county, increasing to 47%. However, it was accepted more work was required to achieve higher activity levels, not only amongst children but throughout the population.

- The Committee's attention was drawn to the councils' aims of promoting economic growth of rural market towns and to how that was being hindered by the practice of 'land banking'

The Economic Development Manager confirmed that whilst the availability of land in such areas for the creation of employment opportunities was limited, the Council was, by the means of grant aid and other inducements, able to provide incentives to promote and facilitate their development.

The Forward Planning Manager reminded that Committee that work had recently commenced on a New Local Development Plan for Carmarthenshire with applications currently being sought for candidate sites for inclusion in that plan. As part of that process, land owners would have to

demonstrate a commitment to a sites development to justify its inclusion, with a desire to develop no longer being sufficient.

- In response to a question relating to the development of 'Yr Egin' in Carmarthen Town, and to occupation levels by spin-off companies, the Economic Development Manager confirmed that discussions/negotiations were on-going to achieve full occupation. Should the level of interest exceed capacity, endeavours would be made to identify suitable alternative accommodation. It was noted that Yr Egin was one of the eleven Swansea Bay City Deal Projects and aimed to develop creative industry throughout the region.
- Reference was made to the 'Lift Programme' and clarification sought on whether it included helping people learn Welsh to get back into work and if information could be provided on the numbers of people on the programme who had learned, and continued to use Welsh.

The Economic Development Manager confirmed officers would be looking at the development of Welsh Language Skills and would provide the requested information.

- In response to a question on the long standing proposals for the Llandeilo by-pass, the Economic Development Manager confirmed the Welsh Government had not yet been made a decision on a preferred route.
- Reference was made to the use of Section 106 Agreements to facilitate the provision of 43 homes for low cost ownership. The Committee's attention was drawn to the possibility of developers going into liquidation with the potential those homes may no longer meet the 80% requirement under the Agreement, leaving owners unable to sell their properties.

The Forward Planning Manager advised that the department was aware of that possibility and was liaising with the Council's legal department on the terminology used in the Agreements.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Draft Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report for 2017/18 be received.

7. REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2017/18

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

The Committee considered the 2017/18 end of year Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring reports for the Housing, Regeneration, Planning and Leisure and Recreation Services. It was noted the revenue budget was showing an overspend of £311k, the capital budget a £7,228m underspend, whilst the Housing Revenue Account was forecasting a £22k underspend.

The following issues were raised during consideration of the report:-

- In response to a question relating to the projected £264k shortfall in Development Management, the Head of Planning confirmed the projected income levels were market led and the shortfall for 2017/18 could be attributable to a number of large anticipated schemes not having been submitted.
- In response to a question on the £249k overspend on premises within the Housing Revenue Account, the Acting Head of Homes and Safer

Communities advised it was largely attributable to expenditure incurred in undertaking maintenance works within some of authority's housing estates e.g. fence repairs for which there was no budgetary provision. However, provision had been made within the 2018/19 budget.

- In response to a question on the provision for bad debt within the Housing Revenue Account, the Committee was advised that the authority made provision within its accounts every year to address bad debt. For 2017/18 the provision had been £472k, however, the level of actual bad debt was £218k resulting in a budget underspend of £254k.
- Reference was made to the £475k underspend on the budget head to bring Void properties back into use and to meet the CHS standard. The Interim Head of Homes and Safer Communities informed the Committee that the scheme involved undertaking improvement works to approximately 70 properties, each of which required expenditure averaging £30-£40k to comply with the standards. Whilst the budget for the works had been set aside for completion in 2017/18, it had not been possible to complete all the scheduled works and the slippage would be carried over to 2018/19.
- The Head of Leisure, in response to a question, provided an update on developments at Pembrey Country Park which included:
 - The provision of additional electrical hook up's at the caravan park
 - The introduction of an online booking system for the caravan par,
 - The installation of Wi-fi in the near future,
 - The existing restaurant was to be refurbished over the winter in readiness for the 2019 season,
 - The closed circuit cycle track was nearing completion
 - The ski shop had now closed and would be converted for multi-disciplinary use
 - The 2018 Tour of Britain Bike Ride would commence at the park on the 2nd September
- The Committee referred to the Tour of Britain Bike Ride and expressed its congratulations to all staff involved in bringing that prestigious event to Carmarthenshire.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report be received.

8. DRAFT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER - LLANELLI TOWN CENTRE

The Committee, subsequent to its meeting held on the 30th March, 2017 (minute 5 refers) received an update report on the proposed introduction of a Draft Local Development Order for Llanelli Town Centre, together with the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken from the 18th December, 2017 to the 9th February, 2018 and officer responses.

The following questions/issues were raised on the report:

- Reference was made to the inclusion within the report of the Flood Risk Map for Llanelli Town and clarification sought on whether the 'Rainscape Project' being undertaken by Dwr Cymru could affect that risk.

The Forward Planning Manager confirmed the works could have an impact and the understanding thereof would be fed into the flood risk analysis. The situation was continuously changing and the position would be continually

monitored and re-appraised as time progressed, in conjunction with Natural Resources Wales.

- In response to a question on the proposed three year duration of the Order, the Forward Planning Manager advised the timescale was considered to be appropriate to allow time to assess its outcomes, whilst linking in with the development of the new LDP.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD/COUNCIL:-

- 8.1 To note the representations received in respect of the Draft Local Development Order for Llanelli Town Centre;**
- 8.2 To accept the officer recommendations detailed in the report;**
- 8.3 To note the submission of the Local Development Order (inclusive of the report recommendations and evidence updates) to the Welsh Government for agreement;**
- 8.4 To note the requirements to update the evidence base and to make any consequential changes to the Local Development Order, and to ensure any additional matters of legal compliance were also integrated.**

9. OVERVIEW OF SECTION 106 AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Committee received a report on Section 106 Agreements outlining the background to planning obligations, the process of applying for developer contributions together with an overview of the income and expenditure for 2017/18.

The following questions/issues were raised on the report:

- In response to a question on the allocation of Section 106 money, the Forward Planning Manager confirmed it could be used on non-capital schemes within communities provided it was in accordance with the provisions of the legal agreement.
- Reference was made to the potential for more than one scheme to be proposed for Section 106 funding and clarification sought on how those would be appraised and the successful scheme chosen.

The Forward Planning Manager advised that would be achieved by the authority working and consulting with applicants including local town/community and county councillors, together with other interested bodies, to assess which scheme would best meet both the terms of the Section 106 Agreement and the needs of the community.

- In response to a view expressed on the early involvement of local county councillors in Section 106 discussions, the Forward Planning Manager encouraged members to discuss with Development Management Case Officers the potential for S106 contributions Agreements as early as possible and referenced the publication of the weekly planning lists.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received.

10. AFFORDABLE BUNGALOWS WITHIN CARMARTHENSHIRE

The Committee, in accordance with minute 7 of its meeting held on the 29th March, 2018 received a scoping document on the potential for the establishment of a Task and Finish Group on the provision of Affordable Bungalows within Carmarthenshire relating to their future need and delivery options.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- 10.1 That the scoping document be received.**
- 10.2 That the Committee establish a Task and Finish Group to examine the provision of Affordable Bungalows within Carmarthenshire**
- 10.3 That the Task and Finish Group comprise 6 members, politically balanced, and that the political groups be requested to submit nominations from their members on the Committee to serve on the Group.**

11. FORTHCOMING ITEMS

The Committee received a list of forthcoming items to be considered at its next meeting to be held on the 21st September, 2018.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the list of forthcoming items for the meeting of the Committee to be held on the 21st September, 2018 be received.

12. EXPLANATION FOR NON-SUBMISSION OF SCRUTINY REPORT

The Committee considered the explanations provided for the non-submission of two reports.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the non-submission report be received.

13. SCRUTINY ACTIONS UPDATE

The Committee received a report detailing the progress achieved in relations to actions, requests or referrals emerging from previous meetings.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received.

14. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON the 11TH MAY, 2018

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 11th May, 2018 be signed as a correct record.

CHAIR

DATE

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