

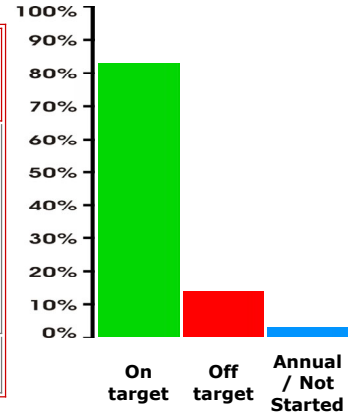
Scrutiny measures & actions full monitoring report Place, Sustainability & Climate Change scrutiny - Quarter 1 2024/25

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The table below provides a summary progress against target for the Actions and Measures contained within the selected document



Performance against Target


		Total	On target	Off target	Not reported	Not available	Annual / Not started	% on target	Overall % on target
WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous (Prosperous Communities)	Actions	46	44	2	0	N/A	0	96%	83%
	Measures	19	10	7	0	0	2	53%	
Overall Performance	Actions and Measures	65	54	9	0	0	2	83%	




OFF TARGET


ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)			
Sub-theme: WBO3b - Thematic Priority: Decarbonisation & Nature Emergency			
Action	16331	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)
Action promised	To support the service in the creation and delivery of a climate change and nature emergency communications plan. (CV47)		
Comment	We as a team are working closely with education to assist in promoting the work being delivered within our schools as part of this agenda. In addition to this we are taking stock of the Climate Action Wales WG campaign to see how we can simplify some key messages that can then be promoted via this campaign. We aim to have some new corporate web pages completed by September. In the meantime once the report is complete we will take on board the information available to us in order to develop a communications plan to support the work of sustainable development team.		
Remedial Action	we will adopt aspects of the Climate Action Wales campaign to ensure that we can start communicating some of the good work the Council are doing around this agenda.		
Service Head: Deina Hockenhuill		Performance status: Off target 	
Action	17449	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Lead the delivery of the Shoreline Management Plan and submit annual review to Corporate Management Team, Swansea and Carmarthen Bay Coastal Engineering Group and Welsh Government.		
Comment	Work on the Shoreline management Plan has been more strategic in Q1 as we work with the Swansea and Carmarthen Bay Coastal Engineering Group to modernise and update the actions post a national review in 2022/23. Many business as usual actions have been removed, to leave the priority actions. Currently, operational coastal work is prioritising hi risk areas such as the issues in Ferryside and Llansteffan pre and reactive work arising from post storms and high tides. Routine works are not currently being prioritised given a lack of resource.		
Remedial Action	We will continue to look at different funding options to support this work and recruit accordingly. We are also looking at option to outsource this work to a framework consultant.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: Off target 	



Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)							
Sub-theme: WBO3d - Thematic Priority: Community Safety, Resilience and Cohesion							
Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of completed interventions at High Risk Food Business establishments that were due a programmed hygiene intervention PP/FOOD/001	Not applicable		Q1: 15.38 End Of Year: 94.62	Target: 10.00 Result: 7.25 Calculation: (28÷386) × 100	Target: 30.00	Target: 60.00	Target: 100.00
Comment	The Service was subject to FSA Audit during quarter one which impacted programmed performance. The Authority continues to prioritise New Businesses where possible due to the inherent risk factor. These are delivered in addition to programmed inspections.						
Remedial Action	It is anticipated the number of interventions will significantly increase during Quarter 2 with officers carrying out both reactive and programmed duties. It is hoped this will be supported by the filling of existing vacant posts.						
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan			Performance status: Off target 				
Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of completed interventions at High Risk Food Business establishments that were due a programmed Standards intervention during the year PP/FOOD/002	Not applicable		Q1: 18.80 End Of Year: 92.31	Target: 10.00 Result: 9.89 Calculation: (18÷182) × 100	Target: 30.00	Target: 60.00	Target: 100.00
Comment	The Service was subject to FSA Audit during quarter one which impacted programmed performance.The Authority continues to prioritise New Businesses where possible due to the inherent risk factor. These are delivered in addition to programmed inspections.						
Remedial Action	The service will be seeking permission to recruit to all vacant posts within the forthcoming months as per Service Delivery Plan. We will engage with Contract providers to undertake a feasibility and costing exercise. Officers will return to both primary reactive and programmed duties.						
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan			Performance status: Off target 				
			2023/24	2024/25 Target and Results			

Measure Description	Comparative Data				Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual					
The percentage of high risk businesses that were liable to a programmed inspection that were inspected, for: i) Trading Standards PPN/001i	Not applicable		Q1: 27 End Of Year: 49	Target: 10 Result: 6 Calculation: (11÷173) × 100	Target: 30	Target: 50	Target: 100	
Comment	Ongoing reactive investigations and proactive work to address the sale of illicit vapes and the underage sale of vapes has required resources to be redirected from routine inspections. While awaiting the full legislation, officers are under-taking risk-rating inspections at all vape suppliers and providing advice on the likely requirements of the Tobacco and Vape Bill (which seeks to ban the sale of tobacco to anyone born after 1st January 2009 and control the packaging, flavours and marketing of vapes) and the Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Wales) Regulations 2024 (which will ban all disposable vapes). Although the full, combined impact of the legislation is not yet known, it is anticipated that the new restrictions will lead to an increase in the sale of illicit tobacco and illicit disposable vapes							
Remedial Action	Alternative resources have been identified to specifically tackle the ongoing issues surrounding illicit vapes and underage sales of vapes that will create capacity for officers to catch up on outstanding routine inspections throughout the remainder of the year. The risk-rating exercise will help us identify vape suppliers so that advice can be targeted as the legislation progresses and, where appropriate, bring some suppliers into the high-risk routine inspection category (requiring an annual inspection). Combined with proactive internet inspections (to identify online sales) this will ensure targeted enforcement in the future. To create capacity for this additional work, the current categories of high-risk premises are also being re-risk-rated and where appropriate reduced to medium risk.							
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan				Performance status: Off target				

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)
Sub-theme: WBO3f - Service Priority: Waste

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results				
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year	
Percentage of streets that are clean PAM/010	Not applicable		Q1: 96.1 End Of Year: 92.1	Target: 94.5 Result: 90.6 Calculation: (230÷254) × 100	Target: 94.5	Target: 94.5	Target: 94.5	
Comment	The Local Environmental Audit Management System (LEAMS) surveys continues to identify smoking related litter and Fast Food Litter is predominantly the most common forms of litter found in the streets of Carmarthenshire during Quarter 1. The authority is about develop a local action plans, this will include engaging with business, communicate a clear and consistent anti-litter message, engage with local community and volunteer groups, working towards reducing emerging types of litter and finally enforcement action for those that continue to litter the county							
Remedial Action	Bi Monthly LEAMS reports are submitted to both the Cleansing / Refuse managers, the issue of early presentation of waste is a contributing factor to the adverse LEQ. The Environmental Enforcement team and Waste wardens have been informed of the issues that are having an impact on the LEQ. These elements will continue to form key targets with the LEQ Strategic group to review the current situation. Data includes the KWT 6% sample / audit.							
Service Head: Daniel W John				Performance status: Off target				

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results				
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year	
Percentage of waste reused, recycled or composted (CV48) PAM/030	Not applicable		Q1: 72.96 End Of Year: 70.49	Target: 70.00 Result: 67.99 Calculation: (14743.36÷21684.37) × 100	Target: 70.00	Target: 70.00	Target: 70.00	
Comment	CWM Environmental have experienced some difficulties relating to the wood contract, as such the contractor has had to place 1313 tonnes of wood in interim storage to ensure the material is recycled as opposed to any other treatment method . This has resulted in a temporary reduction in performance for quarter 1 albeit the tonnage of wood if we were able to calculate the tonnage in quarter 1 as anticipated, would have improved performance above the 70% target figure. The tonnage is expected to be included by next quarter.							
Remedial Action	Please see comment.							
Service Head: Daniel W John				Performance status: Off target				
2023/24								

Measure Description	Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The Cleanliness Indicator STS/005a	Not applicable		Q1: 71.8 End Of Year: 71.6	Target: 77.0 Result: 69.1 Calculation: (526.5 ÷ 762) × 100	Target: 77.0	Target: 77.0	Target: 77.0
Comment	The Local Environmental Audit and Management System (LEAMS) Surveys during Qtr.1 shows that smoking related litter and fast-food litter are the predominant litter found in the streets of Carmarthenshire. In addition, black / blue bags discarded in our streets have also influenced the levels of litter found, in particular the Llanelli area. Our cleansing team put additional resources in place during the summer months to tackle these issues. The data is shared with key services within the authority including the Cleansing and Enforcement services.						
Remedial Action	A comprehensive communication plan is being devised, once completed a local action plan will be developed, this will include engagement with key businesses, communicate a clear anti-litter message, and set out how we will work with the local community and volunteer groups to reduce litter. Also, Identify the enforcement actions for those that continue to litter.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: Off target				
Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Recycling contamination of less than 25% WMT/007	Not applicable		Q1: 31.6 End Of Year: 32.2	Target: 25.0 Result: 32.1 Calculation: (1354.11 ÷ 4214.87) × 100	Target: 25.0	Target: 25.0	Target: 25.0
Comment	Resident engagement is an integral part of the awareness campaign with regards to recycling and using all recycling and reuse services available at kerbside and HWRCs which enables the correct methods to recycling domestic waste. The community engagement programme is supported by communications on common items that are not disposed of properly and what should be placed in recycling bags and food waste bins for collections.						
Remedial Action	Site visits are scheduled to assess offloading of vehicles to ascertain problematic areas which can be tackled by community engagement through targeted face to face intervention. Signposting residents to all available resources and information available to promote correct recycling techniques and actions to mitigate contamination and avoid enforcement action through non-compliance.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: Off target				

ON TARGET ETC.

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)							
Sub-theme: WBO3b - Thematic Priority: Decarbonisation & Nature Emergency							
Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
% of Sustainable Drainage Approval body (SAB) applications determined within the statutory 7 or 12 week deadline or to the agreed extension with the applicant WMT/006	Not applicable		Q1: 100.0 End Of Year: 98.7	Target: 100.0 Result: 100.0 Calculation: (22÷22) × 100	Target: 100.0	Target: 100.0	Target: 100.0
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths			Performance status: On target				

ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)			
Sub-theme: WBO3b - Thematic Priority: Decarbonisation & Nature Emergency			
Action	14814	Target date	31/03/2030
Action promised	Continue to work with Welsh Government Energy Service to explore and deliver opportunities for large scale renewable energy projects (NZC-13)		
Comment	We have identified several potential large-scale renewable energy opportunities on our land with the assistance of Welsh Government Energy Service. All sites screened are in areas which are identified as constrained with respect to electricity grid connection. As there are severe constraints across the whole of the Wales network due to reinforcement works required at the transmission level, sites have been prioritised by the presence of a potential power off-taker. Whilst these sites are comparatively smaller in scale, the site with the greatest potential is the exemplar integrated renewable energy generation and use site referred to in Action ID 16537.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	14816	Target date	31/12/2023 (original target 31/03/2022)
Action promised	Develop appropriate target for renewable energy generation as part of annual review of action plan (NZC-16)		
Comment	This being incorporated into the development of the Climate Change & Nature Emergency Strategy.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	14818	Target date	31/03/2030
Action promised	We will continue to work with Ynni Sir Gâr, and others, to deliver and support local renewable energy projects (NZC-23)		
Comment	'Bwrlwm' is a new project by Ynni Sir Gar that aims to conceptualise and realise how Llandovery can become a vibrant, resilient, and 'green' town – where electricity is generated and used locally. The main outcome of Bwrlwm is to establish an Energy Local Club in the town, linking local renewable energy generators with local users, thereby ensuring a fairer cost for users and generators. The project is funded under the Rural Innovation Fund. Various community energy groups, including Ynni Sir Gar, inputted into the Local Area Energy Plans (LAEPs) recently developed for Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot, and Swansea. This agenda will develop with the creation of a proposed Regional LAEP Steering Group and the support of a Regional Energy Team funded by Welsh Government until 31/01/2026.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16277	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)
Action promised	Increase renewable energy on council owned land and work with partners to support renewable energy schemes across the county. CV60		
Comment	No increase on energy on our land due to the constraints outlined. Currently, the only potential viable site is the exemplar integrated renewable energy generation and use site referred to in Action ID 16537. As outlined in Action 14814, we have identified several potential, comparatively small-scale renewable energy opportunities on our land with the assistance of Welsh Government Energy Service. All sites screened are in areas which are identified as 'constrained' with respect to electricity grid connection. As there are severe constraints across the whole of the Wales network due to reinforcement works required at the transmission level, sites have been prioritised by the presence of a potential power off-taker. We are also using the Carmarthenshire Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) process referred to in Action 16538 to help identify opportunities for joint renewable energy projects with partners.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16278	Target date	01/09/2027 (original target 30/04/2026)
Action promised	Work with Welsh Government to ensure electricity infrastructure is in place to allow us to develop ambitious renewable energy projects to reach net zero. CV67		
Comment	We continue to pursue this matter with Welsh Government and National Grid. We have also flagged this in the Carmarthenshire Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) process referred to in Action 16538 as the development of ambitious renewable energy projects is currently constrained by the limited capacity of the local electricity infrastructure. All 22 Welsh unitary authorities will each have a LAEP in place by mid 2024, and these will help inform the production of a Wales Energy Plan and assist the WG in addressing the electricity infrastructure capacity at the national / UK level. Attending a roundtable event hosted by Arup on 10/07 on regional energy strategic planning (RESP) which is coming into place in 2026. Ofgem's Head of Local Governance and Flexibility Strategy will be attending together with invited representatives from key stakeholders, local government, regulated networks, project developers and government agencies to share evidence-based		

insights, promote collaboration, and explore pathways for sustainable energy planning and delivery.			
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16281	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	In recognition of the Nature Emergency declared by CCC and WG; we will change our management practices with the aim to increase the biodiversity of all council owned land, and recognise the strong interrelationship between climate change, the loss of biodiversity and human wellbeing. Promote the use of CCC land for supporting nature recovery. CV56		
Comment	<p>Offers of Heritage Lottery Fund grant aid for the community woodland planting at Bynea and for the management of Penremawr, Pontyberem have been received, these total £250,900. These projects will enhance the biodiversity of our Pentremawr site and create a new woodland which will enhance biodiversity on our land in Bynea. Both projects also include works to enhance public access in these areas.</p> <p>Welsh Government's Local Places for Nature grant will enable us to develop pocket parks on land managed by Housing, and plant trees across our wider estate. We will complete schemes that will enhance and provide access to nature at some of our adult day care centres. The track across our land that will link the playing fields at Tregib with the Woodland Trust reserve will be completed. The value of the grant aid for these projects this Financial Year is c. £497K.</p> <p>We are working in partnership with Natural Resources Wales and the West Wales Rivers trust to develop projects that will enhance riverside habitat on CCC land in St Clears and at our farm, Bremenda Isaf.</p> <p>Our Strategy for managing its amenity land for Pollinators is progressing through the democratic process and will be presented to Cabinet on 1/7/24. Adoption of this strategy and the nectar and meadow cuts it proposes will enhance our amenity grasslands for pollinators.</p>		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16286	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)
Action promised	Review the current vehicle fleet strategy with a view to utilising the most suitable and low emissions vehicle technology (including electric or other power sources) over the coming years. CV49		
Comment	A fleet strategy framework has been developed. It is proposed to create a fleet management oversight board to provide strategic direction within the service. This will ensure effective operational management of fleet services which meet client service needs and contribute to the Council's net zero target, corporate goals and climate change and nature emergency advisory panel advice (CCNEAP). This will be dependant on infrastructure in our depots.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	16537	Target date	30/04/2026
Action promised	Deliver an exemplar integrated renewable energy generation and use site for Carmarthenshire		
Comment	<p>A potential exemplar integrated renewable energy generation site has been identified. This opportunity is being pursued in tandem with a wider masterplan for the site.</p> <p>The project team has been assembled and are preparing the development brief including preparations to seek pre-planning advice.</p>		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16539	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 30/04/2024)
Action promised	To undertake and support the work of the Nutrient Management Boards for the Tywi, Teifi and Cleddau in addressing the issues of phosphates in Rivers.		
Comment	<p>Four meetings of the three Nutrient Management Boards (NMB) have been held with the inception meeting on the 17th March 2022 (3 Boards) with the latest joint meeting of the 3 boards held on the 27th June 2024. At the meeting of the 16th November the boards approved their terms of reference which included further clarity on their responsibilities.</p> <p>Work has now commenced on the preparation of the Nutrient Management Plans for the three river catchments with the Interim drafts of the plans presented to the joint meeting of the boards held on the 27th June.</p> <p>An interactive website in relation to the river catchments and a GIS platform are currently under development.</p> <p>As part of the NMB structural arrangements two subgroups have been established: Technical Officer Group (TAG), and Stakeholder Group. The meetings of all groups will be ongoing as part of the delivery of the NMBs function. A Programme Manager, Support Officer and specialist Ecologist are in post and managed within CCC albeit operating on a sub-regional basis (reflecting the cross-border nature of the river catchments).</p> <p>In delivering the duties of the NMBs an initial grant offer (pending formal offer letter) of £390k grant has been received from the Welsh Government for 2024/25. This action is ongoing reflecting the continual work associated with the NMBs.</p>		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16541	Target date	30/04/2025
Action promised	Co-ordinate the delivery of the Pollinator Action Plan		
Comment	The draft strategy to manage grassland for pollinators was submitted to and supported by both Scrutiny and CMT. With some final by grounds maintenance, it will go to Pre Cabinet on 1st July. Realistically it will be put into action in 2025.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16563	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)
Action promised	Develop a Circular Economy Strategy and Rural Infrastructure proposal linking in with wider corporate services		
	In quarter 1 of 2024/2025 we have been able to award a grant of up to £5000 each to five circular economy projects in five of the		

Comment	Ten Towns; Newcastle Emlyn, Llanybydder, Kidwelly, Llandeilo and Llandovery. They all submitted a comprehensive bid under the Shared Prosperity Funding for community circular economy projects that was launched in March 2024. The projects run by community groups and organisations have been awarded the grants to develop projects pertaining to reuse, repair and sustainability. We are working closely with Regeneration colleagues and are also supporting a further project that has been awarded a circular economy Welsh Government grant that has been awarded to a further project in Llandovery that are preparing to open a `Library of Things` in the town centre. This project will link in with `Eto` for items and commence the wider support that the `Eto` repair and reuse project can make in communities. These projects will enable communities to start and develop sustainable circular economy projects that they may not have been able to achieve without CCC support and SPF funding and will embed a firm baseline for these groups to develop and enhance the projects in future which we will establish templates and good practice case studies in order to share learning and assist others in similar projects.		
Service Head: Daniel W John	Performance status: On target		
Action	16564	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)
Action promised	Develop and implement the new Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP2)		
Comment	The local flood risk management strategy has been to Corporate Management Team and we are currently awaiting a date for cabinet consideration ahead of planned publication by the end of the summer. The Flood risk management plan, a more operational document is progressing. We have identified 30- high risk areas in the county and we are in the progress of gathering the details of the risks and receptors in each of those areas prior to consultation. We aim to have the plan completed by the new year.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	17436	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Working with CCC's Strategic Land-use review group, identify and progress the planting of woodland on suitable sites, demonstrating the principles of responsible afforestation, and in consultation with local communities. Identify three further areas of woodland to be planted. Subject to grant aid being available. CV63		
Comment	We are progressing the planting of Engine Fields in Bynea, creating a new community woodland, we will plant 4.5ha with broadleaved trees, retain existing trees and hedge and creating new paths. The total area will be 7ha. The community were consulted and welcomed the proposals at the start of the process. An Heritage Lottery Fund Woodland Improvement grant for this work has been offered to CCC (£91,876). Small woodland areas will be planted at Bremenda Isaf Winter 25/26, and this has been discussed with neighbours as part of the wider project and with the tenant. c. 1.5ha. A small field in Abergwili, owned by us will be planting in Winter 25 (1.3ha). This was discussed with neighbours and local member .Proposals for larger schemes are as follows and community consultation is a part of the grant process. With our tenants on land near Laugharne we are developing plans for the planting of 9.8ha of new woodland. These areas will be planted in Winter 25/26. In Penboyer, Llandysul it is proposed that CCC plant 7.8ha of land that is currently tenanted until Sept 25. CCC has also been offered an Heritage Lottery Fund grant (£159,033) to create a new community woodland at Pentremawr, Pontyberem on an ex colliery site, which is already covered with trees. The community are very supportive.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	17445	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Programme manage the development of the Climate Change & Nature Emergency Strategy		
Comment	The Climate Change & Nature Emergency Strategy is currently being developed. Draft to be produced by 31/08/2024.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	17446	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Delivery of actions as set out in Tree and Woodland Strategy		
Comment	We are progressing applications for WG woodland planting grants for several small sites on CCC land and have received HLF grant offers (£250,900 in total) for the management of existing woodland at Pentremawr, Pontyberem and for new woodland planting at Bynea. The TPO review is progressing with 5 TPOs reviewed each quarter. We met with NRW (17/06/24) to discuss the management of the WG woodland estate where this abuts the highway network It was agreed that NRW will progress the updating of their Operational Guidance Note 36 to include trees adjacent to the public highway, and NRW's future restocking plans will consider the issue of roadside trees and buffer zones. It was advised that a roadside buffer of broadleaved trees or open ground would pose less of a risk to the highway than conifers. The Local Authority will raise any concerns over restocking plans during the Forest Resource Plan consultation. CCC's tree safety work is progressing. We have proposed the secondment of an assistant Tree Safety Officer to support this work.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	17447	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	To evidence delivery of the Council's S.6 Biodiversity Duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience.		
Comment	Offers of HLF grant aid for the community woodland planting at Bynea and for the management of Penremawr, Pontyberem have been received, these total £250,900. These projects will enhance the biodiversity of the CCC Pentremawr site and create a new woodland which will enhance biodiversity on CCC land in Bynea. Both projects also include works to enhance public access in these areas. WG's Local Places for Nature grant will enable CCC to develop pocket parks on land manged by Housing, and plant trees across CCC's wider estate. We will complete schemes that will enhance and provide access to nature at some of our adult day care centres. The track across CCC land that will link the playing fields at Tregib with the Woodland Trust reserve will be completed. The value of the grant aid for these projects this FY is c. £497K. We are working in partnership with NRW and the West Wales Rivers trust to develop projects that will enhance riverside habitat on CCC land in St Clears and at the CCC farm, Bremenda Isaf. CCC Strategy for managing its amenity land for Pollinators is progressing through the democratic process and will be presented to Cabinet on 1/7/24. Adoption of this strategy and the nectar and meadow cuts it proposes will enhance our amenity grasslands for pollinators.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		

Action	17448	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Implement the Flood Risk Management Plan - 2		
Comment	This is still in development. We have identified 30 high risk areas across the county and we are in the process of gathering the details of the risks and receptors in each area prior to a consultation exercise. We aim to have this ready by Q4.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	17457	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Develop facilities within Carmarthenshire County Council offices to support Active Travel for visitors, members, and officers. Looking at bike racks, changing rooms, shower facilities etc. [Vision 65]		
Comment	Audit of 11 key sites undertaken to determine current provision, opportunities for new facilities, cross referencing against staff home locations. This work is in support of the better ways of working property work stream, and as such delivery would be via the wider corporate programme. We are exploring any potential external transport funding opportunities which would support the property programme; furthermore we are currently working on proposals for a cycle storage hub at County Hall Carmarthen, we have received listed building approval and gone out to suppliers regarding a new cycle storage area adjacent to the Electric Charging bays		
Service Head: Daniel W John	Performance status: On target		
Action	17467	Target date	01/04/2025
Action promised	Develop a strategy to achieve Net Zero Carbon for in building-use as part of Property Design specifications		
Comment	Ongoing monitoring and analysis of the energy performance to evaluate the effectiveness of energy efficiency measures and low and zero carbon technologies across recent new build and major refurbishment projects. This will assist in the development of a Net Zero Carbon strategy to inform designs and specifications on future projects. Additional newly constructed schools now being monitored to reflect energy data availability (e.g. Pembrey Primary School, Ysgol Y Castell and Ysgol Gorslas). These schools have been built to the Passivhaus standard and apply the fabric first approach to reduce energy demand. In addition, a Decarbonisation project to replace fossil fuel boilers with Air Source Heat Pumps at 6 existing primary schools (Bro Brynach, Cae'r Felin, Llechyfedach, Peniel, Y Dderwen, Y Ddwyllan) was completed May 2024 and data and performance in operation will be used to assess the effectiveness of this technology.		
Service Head: Andrew Tidy	Performance status: On target		
Action	17469	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	To continue to bid for finances via WG to enable further roll out of public access charging points across the county in accordance with our Electric Vehicle Infrastructure strategy, particular focus on the strategic highway network initially, as well as looking at locations across urban & rural areas, as number of electric vehicles increase (CV55)		
Comment	A successful bid was submitted to WG in order to seek funding to support activities in 24/25. £405k has been awarded which will support further development linked to potential super fast charging hubs at Llanelli, Llandeilo and Nantgaredig, new installations at North Dock, Abergwili, Pwll and Bynea and a pilot on street residential charging project.		
Service Head: Daniel W John	Performance status: On target		
Action	17470	Target date	30/09/2027
Action promised	Continue and accelerate the aim of being a Net Zero Carbon Local Authority by 2030 and set up a cross-party working group to move the Net Zero Carbon and Nature Emergency agenda forward. (CV47)		
Comment	The cross-party Climate Change and Nature Emergency Advisory Panel is continuing its deep-dive into the procurement of the Authority's vehicle fleet to optimise the utilisation of ultra-low emission vehicles. This aims to inform the fleet renewal procurement programme that's currently being developed.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	17481	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Increase Local Places for nature Pollinator sites from 35 to 74 during the 2024 season to support the Local Places for Nature Plan		
Comment	In order to satisfy the requirement for grant funding of new equipment to undertake cut and collect Pollinators Sites it was necessary to increase our sites from 35 to 74, This has been achieved by reducing non-native species wild flower planting sites and converting to local places for nature and identifying new sites in collaboration with our clients and Bio Diversity officers, the target programme has been met.		
Service Head: Gary Baxter	Performance status: On target		
Action	17482	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Implement Service Level Agreements to include Land Management to reflect Bio Diversity Suitability for Land Use Biodiversity Cuts in accordance with Grassland Management Policy		
Comment	Grass Land management Strategy has been completed and is due to be presented to Pre-cabinet on the 15th July, the implementation of the suitability of land for Bio-Diversity use will be subject to approval of this document.		
Service Head: Gary Baxter	Performance status: On target		
Action	17483	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	That the Council works with partners to consider further investment in the electric charging points network across the County with a focus on development of the infrastructure as part of the 10 Rural Towns initiative. MFR 29		
Comment	Funding awarded via ULEVTF for 16 ChargePoint installations across the County. Also funding awarded to investigate the feasibility of additional rapid hubs similar to Cross Hands at 3 sites in Nantgaredig, Llanelli and Llandeilo.		
Service Head: Simon Charles	Performance status: On target		
Action	17484	Target date	31/03/2025

Action promised	Develop and implement a NEW Fleet Strategy [including Electric Vehicle Transition Plan]		
Comment	It is proposed to create a fleet management oversight board to provide strategic direction within the service. This will steer the development of the new fleet strategy which will include vehicle use and ULEV transitioning. Associated staff training, workshop facilities, electric infrastructure and use will contribute to this. Timescales will be set to meet the council's 2030 carbon net zero target and the fleet replacement programme will be paramount in meeting these targets.		
Service Head: Richard Waters	Performance status: On target		
Action	17485	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Working with partners to develop a flagship circular economy / renewable energy site for Carmarthenshire		
Comment	As in update for Action ID 16537: A potential exemplar integrated renewable energy generation (and circular economy) site has been identified. This opportunity is being pursued in tandem with a wider masterplan for the site.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	17825	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	We will increase supply of renewable energy within the Council housing stock (CV29)		
Comment	The 2024/25 housing investment programmes (current stock and new build) are inclusive of increasing the supply of renewable technology on our homes. This includes air source heat pumps, rooftop solar panels and battery storage. This ensures that our homes become less reliant on fossil fuels, reduce carbon emissions and provide affordable warmth for tenants.		
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan	Performance status: On target		

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)
Sub-theme: WBO3d - Thematic Priority: Community Safety, Resilience and Cohesion

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of food establishments that meet food hygiene standards PAM/023	Not applicable		Q1: 99.02 End Of Year: 99.13	Target: 95.00 Result: 99.33 Calculation: (2075÷2089) × 100	Target: 95.00	Target: 95.00	Target: 95.00

Service Head: Jonathan Morgan **Performance status:** On target

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of high risk businesses that were liable to a programmed inspection that were inspected, for: iii) Animal Health PPN/001iii	Not applicable		Q1: 15 End Of Year: 96	Target: 10 Result: 12 Calculation: (19÷153) × 100	Target: 30	Target: 50	Target: 100

Comment The high-risk premises inspected in Q1 includes a combination of Marts, Collection Centres and Licensed Breeders, following receipt of license renewal applications. Of the licensed breeders inspected, two were found to have significant non-compliance that resulted in refusal of their renewal applications.

Service Head: Jonathan Morgan **Performance status:** On target

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The average number of calendar days taken to repair all street lamp failures during the year THS/009	Not applicable		Q1: 4.06 End Of Year: 5.01	Target: 7.00 Result: 6.76 Calculation: 1400÷207	Target: 7.00	Target: 7.00	Target: 7.00

Service Head: Daniel W John **Performance status:** On target

ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)			
Sub-theme: WBO3d - Thematic Priority: Community Safety, Resilience and Cohesion			
Action	15495	Target date	31/12/2025 (original target 31/03/2023)
Action promised	To ensure the Council fully considers and responds to the requirements of the Counter Terrorism Protect Duty once published (expected in 2022-23).		
Comment	<p>As previously noted, the draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn's Law, has continued to go through the Parliamentary legislative process and it is unlikely that the new legislation will be introduced before 2025.</p> <p>The Bill will impose requirements in relation to certain premises and events to increase their preparedness for, and protection from, a terrorist attack by requiring them to take proportionate steps, depending on the size and nature of the activities that take place at the premises. A public consultation took place to seek views on the new requirements affecting smaller businesses who will be affected, to make sure that undue burdens are not placed on them, while still protecting the public. The consultation ended in March 2024 and the results are being considered by the Home Office.</p> <p>There is no further update as the timing of the general election has impacted on the progression on the proposed Bill and its future direction and timing will be determined by the successful government.</p> <p>Initial discussions have taken place by Carmarthenshire's multi-agency Protective Security Preparedness Group (PSPG) to consider how to prepare for the basic principles of when the Protect Duty is enacted. Once there is further clarity regarding the proposed legislation the PSPG will meet again to progress preparation by partners to meet the Duty.</p>		
Service Head: Gwyneth Ayers		Performance status: On target	
Action	17456	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Continue to review & assess the need for safer routes & traffic calming measures across Carmarthenshire's towns & villages as part of our road safety initiatives, whilst awaiting the outcome of the WG proposed 20mph speed limit pilot study, prior to a final decision by WG on implementing the full 20mph speed limit initiative across Wales (CV64)		
Comment	<p>Welsh Government's change in Restricted Roads Legislation (20mph) was implemented in September 2023. Monitoring of its impact is ongoing; however, early indications are promising and speeds at survey sites within the 20mph speed limits have shown a marked reduction. Assessment of road traffic collisions will commence when updated Stats19 data is received from the Welsh Government.</p> <p>The Welsh Government have also announced that updated guidance on exceptions to 20mph speed limits will be published in July 2024 this will then allow local authorities to review some its 20mph speed limits.</p>		
Service Head: Richard Waters		Performance status: On target	
Action	17809	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	We will continue to deliver a new risk-based Food Hygiene and Food Standards Delivery programme for 24/25.		
Comment	Risk based inspection programmes for 2024/25 have been assembled for both Food hygiene and Standards and are currently being implemented		
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan		Performance status: On target	
Action	17890	Target date	01/04/2025
Action promised	We will ensure the Council fulfils its duties relating to the current Contest Strategy (counter terrorism) and progresses identified actions including those arising from the Prevent Corporate Risk Assessment		
Comment	<p>Consideration has been given to current risks to the Council relating to counter terrorism. This review has taken in to account the recent Prevent Assurance process which assessed the Council against requirements under the Prevent Duty and also regional documents – the Situational Risk Assessment and Counter Terrorism Local Profile.</p> <p>A draft Risk Assessment has been produced and will be considered for inclusion in the Council's Corporate Risk Assessment in due course. These risks will feed in to the development of a multi-agency partnership plan in the coming months. The partnership plan will be adopted and implemented by the Carmarthenshire CONTEST Board.</p>		
Service Head: Gwyneth Ayers		Performance status: On target	

ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)			
Sub-theme: WBO3e - Service Priority: Leisure & Tourism			
Action	17458	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Deliver the cycle and pedestrian path from Carmarthen to Llandeilo which will be a huge boost to local towns and villages, and tourism throughout the county. [Vision 66]		
Comment	<p>The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Inquiry has now formally closed and we have received positive Minister decision for the CPO and for the scheme to progress. We have now entered a statutory public consultation timeframe of 12 weeks, which commenced on 15th May and expires on the 17th August, at which time, subject to no valid challenges to process being submitted to the High Court (which had to be submitted by 19th June 2024, none notified to CCC), all lands will be vested in The Authority</p> <p>In parallel land negotiations are continuing with a number of holdings at or near completion, multi site construction packages are being prepared in readiness to proceed at numerous locations concurrently to expedite delivery. There is currently a focus on ensuring all pre-commencement planning conditions are discharged to avoid any delay to the construction programme, this deemed to be a critical activity. Legal matters are still a considerable focus to ensure the General Vesting Declaration following CPO is made and lands are secured, sufficient dedicated resource is required for this. The Project Team has limited resilience in terms of staff resource, Legal and Property leads currently on phased retirement, capacity building from consultants undertaken and recruitment of a programme monitoring assistant required (funding available via Levelling Up).</p> <p>As the scheme now enters the next phase of delivery, attention will now also turn to post scheme benefits maximisation. It is intended that the governance board will be expanded to support and facilitate marketing, tourism and economic development activities.</p>		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)

Sub-theme: WBO3f - Service Priority: Waste

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Average number of working days taken to clear fly-tipping incidents PAM/035	Not applicable		Q1: 2.1 End Of Year: 2.3	Target: 4.0 Result: 2.2 Calculation: 1010÷458	Target: 4.0	Target: 4.0	Target: 4.0

Service Head: Daniel W John

Performance status: On target

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Kilograms of local authority municipal waste that is not reused, recycled or composted during the year per person (CV48) PAM/043	Not applicable		Q1: 31 End Of Year: 121	Target: 34 Result: 31 Calculation: 5799220÷190083	Target: 64	Target: 96	Target: 130

Service Head: Daniel W John

Performance status: On target

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of waste sent to landfill WMT/004	Not applicable		Q1: 1.23 End Of Year: 2.01	Target: 6.00 Result: 1.42 Calculation: (298.64÷21063.35) × 100	Target: 6.00	Target: 6.00	Target: 6.00

Service Head: Daniel W John

Performance status: On target

ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)

Sub-theme: WBO3f - Service Priority: Waste

Action	16297	Target date	30/06/2026 (original target 31/03/2025)
Action promised	Utilise a phased approach for the implementation of a new kerbside waste collection system in 2024/25, that is compliant with Welsh Governments' Blueprint collection methodology. This will mean that households will receive a weekly recycling, food and glass collection services from 24/25. CV48		
Comment	<p>To advance the Waste Service Change project, the cabinet report outlining three different options, including their costs, operational and employee impacts, risks, and revenue and capital expenses, has been submitted for approval. Once approval of the report has been achieved, the project will progress to the next phase. The vehicle procurement specifications are completed and pending cabinet approval to release for tender. We continue to engage and collaborate with the Welsh Government and WRAP Cymru to ensure the project's funding and scope are agreed upon, contingent on the report's outcome.</p> <p>However, from recent market research and engagement with vehicle manufacturers we have been advised that vehicle the supply timescales (especially for ULEV vehicles) is greater than initially programmed, initial estimates is that there is presently an 18-month lead in time for electric vehicles. In addition, the infrastructure development required for blueprint collections either at a single location or across our current network will require planning and significant civil works. Both factors mean that the second phase of the Waste Strategy in Carmarthenshire isn't feasible to deliver by Autumn 2025, and are off target to deliver in 24/25. Due to the need to roll out the service by early 2026, the project team has developed a new detailed timeline for Spring 2026.</p>		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status:	On target
Action	16898	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)
Action promised	Deliver the recommendations of the fly tipping task and finish group (CV62)		
Comment	The delivery of the recommendations of the fly tipping task and finish group has now been integrated into the Caru Sir Gar project to allow communication plans to be developed as part of the media support, A designated officer has now been assigned to the Caru Sir Gar project and will develop the communication plan as necessary to ensure the recommendations are delivered accordingly.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status:	On target

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)
Sub-theme: WBO3g - Service Priority: Highways & Transport

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of A roads in poor condition PAM/020	Not applicable		Result: Not available	--	--	--	Target: 3.5 Result: 3.1 Calculation: (14.755÷478.952) × 100
Comment	The steady state result for our A roads evidences effective use of funds and targeted investment using a risk-based evidence led prioritisation model. Prioritising investment in the busier parts of the network reduces investment in our unclassified roads which continue to deteriorate.						

Service Head: Darren King **Performance status:** On target

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of B roads in poor condition PAM/021	Not applicable		Result: Not available	--	--	--	Target: 3.5 Result: 2.9 Calculation: (18.236÷639.311) × 100
Comment	There is a slight level of deterioration of our B roads however this is within the predicted range, evidencing effective use of funds and targeted investment using a risk-based evidence led prioritisation model. Prioritising investment in the busier parts of the network reduces investment in our unclassified roads which continue to deteriorate.						

Service Head: Darren King **Performance status:** On target

Measure Description	2023/24 Comparative Data			2024/25 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of C roads in poor condition (CV85) PAM/022	Not applicable		Result: Not available	--	--	--	Target: 10.0 Result: 9.7 Calculation: (239.377÷2463.051) × 100
Comment	The slight improvement in the result for our C roads evidences effective use of funds and targeted investment using a risk-based evidence led prioritisation model. Prioritising investment in the busier parts of the network reduces investment in our unclassified roads which continue to deteriorate.						

Service Head: Darren King **Performance status:** On target

ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous(Prosperous Communities)
Sub-theme: WBO3g - Service Priority: Highways & Transport

Action	16288	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)
Action promised	Develop Community Transport Strategy to enable access to essential services from rural communities. CV51		
Comment	Strategy development reviewed 16th July 2024. Agreed that CTS would benefit from independent research and analysis of transport needs and community transport providers. Grant funding identified for commissioning consultant to undertake research and analysis. It is anticipated that the research and analysis will be completed by the end of December 2024 and a draft strategy brought forward by the end of March 2025.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status:	On target
Action	16290	Target date	31/03/2026
Action promised	Work with regional partners to look at the feasibility of setting up a publicly owned bus company and the accompanying logistical requirements to serve areas not currently served by existing companies, subject to a change in legislation to allow municipal bus companies to be set up. CV52		
Comment	WG published the Roadmap to Bus Reform in March 2024. This sets out proposals to move away from deregulation of the bus industry and towards Nationally administered bus franchising model. We are continuing to work as part of the CJC and Regional Transport Planning on the TfW and WG proposals for franchising but there remains a significant level of uncertainty as to how this will impact current commercial, subsidised and education bus services.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status:	On target
Action	16291	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)

Action promised	Deliver the cycle and pedestrian path from Carmarthen to Llandeilo which will be a huge boost to local towns and villages, and tourism throughout the county. CV66		
Comment	Significant work has been undertaken in support of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Public Inquiry held in November, The CPO has received ministerial approval with lands due to be vested in the Authority mid August. This along with planning approvals is culmination of many years work. In parallel land negotiations are continuing with a number of holdings at or near completion, multi site construction packages are being prepared in readiness to proceed at numerous locations concurrently to expedite delivery		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	17435	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Lobby Welsh Government for a feasibility study for a passenger railway and cycle route along the Gwendraeth Valley [Vision 54]		
Comment	We have completed a feasibility study to investigate the route, to identify potential pinch points and to determine whether an active travel route can be accommodated alongside the railway line. We continue to work with Gwendraeth Valley Railway Society (as the lease holder of the land) along with local members and residents to investigate what can be done to reopen sections of the line. We have successfully bid for £40k WG Active Travel funding for 24/25 to support the ongoing development of this proposal		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	17442	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Ensure effective services in terms of managing and maintaining key infrastructure assets that include highway, drainage, street scene and local amenity assets. [Vision 62]		
Comment	The service continues to manage and maintain key infrastructure assets that include highway, drainage, street scene and local amenity assets in an effective manner. An effective inspection regime for all highway assets continues to be implemented and effective remedial works programmes are being managed to ensure all highway assets are being maintained effectively by both the DLO operational teams and specialist sub-contractors when required.		
Service Head: Richard Waters		Performance status: On target	
Action	17443	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Continue to develop and deliver improvements for the A484 at Sandy Rd, Llanelli in order to support economic activity, improve local air quality, road safety and sustainable travel options [Vision 62]		
Comment	A scheme designed to alleviate congestion, improve air quality and encourage safe sustainable travel at this location has previously been agreed and consulted upon extensively. As a consequence of the WG Roads Review progress has been delayed. WG awarded £100k in 23/24 to refine the proposals to conform with 4 tests associated with the WG roads review, this work informed a bid submitted to WG for 24/25. £490k has been awarded to progress the scheme. Funding has been secured from developer contributions to introduce phase 1 junction enhancements at Sandy Roundabout which have now been completed.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	17451	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Co-Develop the Regional Transport Plan to inform the development of a sustainable, low carbon transport system that supports economic growth, investment and infrastructure development, and rural accessibility within the County and aligns with Wales Transport Strategy.		
Comment	The Regional Transport Plan is a statutory requirement placed on Corporate Joint Committees and consequentially Local Authorities, shaping policy and investment decisions for south west Wales for the next 5 years. The draft Regional Transport Plan implementation Plan has been completed for consideration by the Corporate Joint Committee, this has subsequently been endorsed by the Corporate Joint Committee and Welsh Gov. The Case for Change stage was presented to Corporate Joint Committee in February 2024 followed by the Implementation Plan both subsequently signed off and commended by WG, subsequently submitted to Welsh Gov. Member briefing sessions are due to be held week commencing 8th July followed by a public and stakeholder consultation which will inform the plan and its accompanying Delivery Plan.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	17455	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Lobby Welsh Government to reopen the Amman Valley railway line to passengers as part of the Swansea Bay Metro [Vision 40]		
Comment	As 1 of 4 regional Local Authorities working in partnership in south west Wales, we have been in detailed ongoing dialogue with Transport for Wales and Welsh Government in the development of a number of rail studies for the region. We have been presenting the case and lobbying for a number of rail infrastructure and service enhancements in Carmarthenshire including the Amman Valley railway line. Studies have determined a short list of approximately 19 priorities for the region and we have been successful in ensuring its inclusion. Whilst delivery will be dependent on a number of factors, not least funding which is a significant challenger nationally, we will continue to lobby for this initiative to progress as part of the emerging METRO programme		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	17461	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Following withdrawal of Welsh Government funding, explore all possible funding options to support a programme of improving the condition of rural roads. [Vision 85] [MFR 33]		
Comment	Continue to prioritise funding to areas of need using a data and risk-based approach. Identify opportunities across budget streams to incorporate maintenance needs where possible. Continue to work collaboratively with County Surveyors Society Wales to promote the need for local roads funding from Welsh Government. Future resilient roads bids to include rural roads rehabilitation bids subject to discussions with WG.		
Service Head: Richard Waters		Performance status: On target	
Action	17475	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Lobby UK Government and the Welsh Government for a fair share of rail investment in west Wales Calling for a direct 1-hour fast train service from Cardiff to Carmarthen This will include the lobbying for and supporting the reopening of other lines localised service and branch lines [Vision 53]		
Comment	Whilst rail investment is not within the direct gift of local Authority influence, we continue to be in regular dialogue at a regional and national level to ensure we continue to press the case for fast frequent rail services to Carmarthen from Cardiff, and the case for capitalising on the potential benefit of reopening existing lines such as the Amman Valley line.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	