



Scrutiny measures & actions full monitoring report Community scrutiny - Quarter 3 2016/17



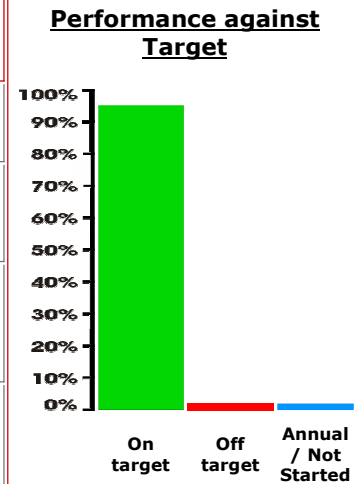
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Organisation - Carmarthenshire County Council

Source document - Improvement Plan 2016/17

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

		Total	On target	Off target	Not reported	Not available	Annual / Not started	% on target	Overall % on target
C. People in Carmarthenshire are healthier	Actions	4	4	0	0	N/A	0	100%	87%
	Measures	11	9	1	0	0	1	82%	
D. People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential	Measures	1	1	0	0	0	0	100%	100%
F. Carmarthenshire's communities and environment are sustainable	Actions	4	4	0	0	N/A	0	100%	100%
G. Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy	Actions	21	21	0	0	N/A	0	100%	100%
	Measures	4	4	0	0	0	0	100%	
Overall Performance	Actions and Measures	45	43	1	0	0	1	96%	



OFF TARGET



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Theme: C. People in Carmarthenshire are healthier
Sub-theme: C4 Reducing inequities in health

Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 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 deliver low cost adaptation works (including equipment) in private dwellings where the Disabled Facilities Grant process is not used PSR/006	Not applicable		Q3: 8 End Of Year: 8	Target: 8 Result: 8	Target: 8 Result: 9	Target: 8 Result: 10 Calculation: 2936 ÷ 282	Target: 8
Comment	Care and Repair manage the delivery of low cost adaptations via partner contractors. This year they have undertaken more of this work in house as part of their handyperson service. This has had an effect on the overall time it has taken to deliver low cost adaptations.						
Remedial Action	As a result Care and Repair have now reviewed their capacity to deliver both aspects of their work to bring performance back in line with future targets.						
Service Head: Robin Staines			Performance status: Off target				

ON TARGET ETC.



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Theme: C. People in Carmarthenshire are healthier							
Sub-theme: C1 Ensuring each child has the best start in life							
Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of children who can swim 25m aged 11 3.4.2.1	Not applicable		New measure	--	--	--	Target: 65.0 Result: 66.4 Calculation: (390 ÷ 587) × 100
Comment	Through establishing closer relationships with schools it is pleasing to see that we have managed to achieve the target set whilst collecting circa £120K of income. (compared to zero income in prior to 2014). However we are finding that schools are being more selective about which children they bring due to costs which will continue to result in declining swimming standards, as has been seen during the last couple of years where the pass rate was at 83%.						
Service Head: Ian Jones				Performance status: On target			
Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Number of attendances at Sporting Opportunities facilitated by Sport & Leisure Officers 3.4.2.8	Not applicable		Q3: 119609 End Of Year: 197899	Target: 18500 Result: 13799	Target: 71500 Result: 77985	Target: 127000 Result: 145174	Target: 208000
Comment	Following the restructure of Sport & Leisure, the increased resource at "early years" age is now reaping benefits with a particular rise in participation at that level, both in schools and in the wider community (libraries, meithrins, etc).						
Remedial Action	N/A						
Service Head: Ian Jones				Performance status: On target			



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Theme: C. People in Carmarthenshire are healthier

Sub-theme: C2 Preventing ill health and encourage healthy living

Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The number of visits to local authority sport and leisure centres during the year where the visitor will be participating in physical activity, per 1,000 population LCS/002b	9382	8231	Q3: 5097 End Of Year: 6905	Target: 1654 Result: 1465	Target: 3485 Result: 3446	Target: 5352 Result: 5511 Calculation: (1020129 ÷ 185123) × 1000	Target: 7251
Comment	Significant quarter 3 increases in attendances have occurred at Carmarthen Leisure Centre (particularly following installation of new gym), Newcastle Emlyn Leisure Centre, St Clears Leisure Centre (over 33k increase cumulatively) together with attendances recorded at eligible facilities which weren't previously collected (34k).						
Remedial Action	N/A						
Service Head: Ian Jones				Performance status: On target			



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ACTIONS - Theme: C. People in Carmarthenshire are healthier		
Sub-theme: C2 Preventing ill health and encourage healthy living		
Action	12045	Target date 31/03/2019
Action promised	We will develop plans for new Llanelli Leisure Centre linked to wellness village and life sciences hub	
Comment	Work-stream has since met and fed back into project board. Next meeting of work-stream group scheduled for 16th Dec where further work will be undertaken to align the specification with aspirations for the health hub	
Service Head: Ian Jones	Performance status: On target	



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Theme: C. People in Carmarthenshire are healthier
Sub-theme: C4 Reducing inequities in health

Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Average number of calendar days between initial contact for an adaptation and receipt of Occupational Therapist assessment across all forms of Tenure 7.3.1.10	Not applicable		Q3: 104 End Of Year: 98	Target: 91 Result: 70	Target: 91 Result: 73	Target: 91 Result: 69 Calculation: 20904 ÷ 301	Target: 91

Service Head: Robin Staines

Performance status: On target

Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 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 deliver a Disabled Facilities Grant PSR/002	189	235	Q3: 235 End Of Year: 232	Target: 220 Result: 163	Target: 220 Result: 165	Target: 220 Result: 168 Calculation: 24474 ÷ 146	Target: 220

Service Head: Robin Staines

Performance status: On target



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Theme: C. People in Carmarthenshire are healthier							
Sub-theme: C5 Improving housing conditions and reducing homelessness							
Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The number of affordable homes delivered as part of the affordable homes plan 2016-21 7.3.2.24	Not applicable		New measure	Target: 10 Result: 12	Target: 40 Result: 51	Target: 100 Result: 129	Target: 160
Service Head: Robin Staines			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The number of new additional properties managed by our internal social lettings agency 7.3.2.25	Not applicable		Q3: 11 End Of Year: 12	Target: 3 Result: 2	Target: 10 Result: 15	Target: 17 Result: 30	Target: 24
Service Head: Robin Staines			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The number of additional affordable housing units provided during the year as a percentage of all additional housing units provided during the year PLA/006b	51	33	End Of Year: 8	--	--	--	Target: 30 Result: 45 Calculation: $(196 \div 436) \times 100$
Comment	The numerator is data from the affordable Housing data collection return for the year ending 31 March 2016. The denominator is data from the Newbuild data collection return for the year ending 31 March 2016 which does not only cover data from Local Authority Building Control (LABC) but also National House-Building Council (NHBC) and other Authorised Inspectors. There has been a large increase in the number of affordable housing units provided during 15/16 and a reduction in the total number of units provided during that year and therefore shows a substantial percentage increase on the previous year.						
Service Head: Llinos Quelch			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of private sector dwellings that had been vacant for more than 6 months at 1 April that were returned to occupation during the year through direct action by the local authority. PSR/004	13.82	6.43	Q3: 3.41 End Of Year: 5.73	Target: 0.75 Result: 1.88	Target: 2.44 Result: 3.41	Target: 3.75 Result: 5.29	Target: 6.00 Calculation: $(141 \div 2665) \times 100$
Service Head: Robin Staines			Performance status: On target				



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ACTIONS - Theme: C. People in Carmarthenshire are healthier			
Sub-theme: C5 Improving housing conditions and reducing homelessness			
Action	11656	Target date	31/12/2016 (original target 31/03/2016)
Action promised	We shall undertake a Health Impact Study to evaluate the affect the Carmarthenshire Home Standards has had on our tenants		
Comment	The fifth tranche of the tenant survey has now been completed, together with a Technical report 2016: Survey 5		
Service Head: Robin Staines		Performance status: On target	
Action	12058	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We shall commission a research in order to improve our understanding of housing need in rural areas.		
Comment	CBA Associates were commissioned in October 2016 to carry out the rural housing needs surveys over the next few years. The commission was the result of a formal tendering process		
Service Head: Robin Staines		Performance status: On target	
Action	12059	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We shall progress with the Private Sector Empty Property Action Plan 2016 which derived from the Community Scrutiny Task & Finish Review and recommendations which is aimed to improve the service in the future.		
Comment	We shall continue to work with the Private Sector Empty Property Action Plan 2016 which derived from the Community Scrutiny Task & Finish Review. The result recommendations, which are aimed to improve that future services are progressing well. The majority of recommendations have been addressed, with the remaining progressing close to completion. A seminar for local members was held at the end of November.		
Service Head: Robin Staines		Performance status: On target	



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Theme: D. People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential							
Sub-theme: D1 Providing the best opportunities for lifelong learning and development for all							
Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The number of visits to Public Libraries during the year, per 1,000 population LCL/001b	5692	4576	Q3: 5239 End Of Year: 7203	Target: 1556 Result: 1765	Target: 3435 Result: 3540	Target: 5291 Result: 5353 Calculation: (990970 ÷ 185123) × 1000	Target: 7274
Service Head: Ian Jones			Performance status: On target				



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ACTIONS - Theme: F. Carmarthenshire's communities and environment are sustainable		
Sub-theme: F3 Supporting opportunities for the building of economically viable and sustainable communities		
Action	12153	Target date
Action promised	We will support opportunities for the building of economically viable and sustainable communities by developing and delivering the Countywide Employment & Skills Plan by developing a marketing & communication plan to support community engagement.	
Comment	<p>Progress for the group is identified within the three sub themes: Employability - Perception of Key Employment Sectors (Pokes) Focus group was held with the Domiciliary Care sector and feed back gained. Infographic sheets were presented.</p> <p>The Pokes Team asked a number of questions, results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the employers said they have difficulty in recruiting suitable staff in the sector • 83% of the organisations said they will increase in size over the next 5 years • 70% of the employers said there are barriers to training in the sector • Females make up the majority of the workforce in Domiciliary Care • 44% said Recruitment is the most significant challenge facing the sector • 100% of the employers said they feel entrants are not work ready <p>Positive results from the Tourism Sector also but awaiting results of the SNAP survey. Feedback from Retail is that staff haven't got mental arithmetic skills, this is a concern for employees.</p> <p>Businesses are willing to do World of Work events, they want regular meetings aim to focus on tackling issues. Need to look where we can actively support and what the businesses need to do.</p> <p>Community Benefit- The full application to the RDP Leader Programme has been submitted for decision in mid January 2017. Application is for a staff resource to lead on maximising and aligning the Community Benefit opportunities, realised through social clauses and investments coming into the County from Local Authority and other Public Service Board partners, to support the needs of Rural Carmarthenshire as identified in the Local Development Strategy and the Economical Development Transformational Document. Marketing and Communications - Communications have jointly developed a strategic plan to ensure the awareness and consistent message will be delivered to highlight the regeneration and economic growth developments and opportunity within both the County and Region. Utilising the Swansea Bay web imap software, infographics, staff bulletins, newsletters and information packs for corporate use, the on-going developments and employment opportunities can be embedded at educational secondary, FE and HE levels.</p>	
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target
Action	12154	Target date
Action promised	We will support opportunities for the building of economically viable and sustainable communities by developing and delivering the Countywide Employment & Skills Plan by linking employability projects (Cynnydd, Workways+, Communities First, C4W, LIFT, Cam Nesa, USG Hub) with relevant opportunities.	
Comment	<p>This quarter, the Employment and Skills Group (ESG) met on 22/11/16, actions have included the results of the Perceptions of Key Employment Sectors, a Digital Survey completed by Un Sirgar users and joint working between the key employability programmes within the county to ensure there is effective joint referral mechanisms.</p> <p>A Mental Health and Employment Support conference was held in partnership with DWP, HDUHB and Communities First on the 8/12/16 in Llanelli Library. Participants from the Health Board, Third Sector organisations, Communities First, Employability programmes and DWP heard presentations from a number of organisations about the support available to participants with mental health issues to secure and sustain employment. Positive feedback was received from the participants including 94% reporting that the event had increased their knowledge about employment support providers. A number of issues and ideas were identified to improve the links between support providers to improve the outcomes for individuals and these will be followed up by the ESG group.</p> <p>The partners in the ESG group are also supporting on the Careers Wales Carmarthenshire Skills and Careers Convention being held on 8 - 9/3/17 in Parc Y Scarlets and a Jobs Fair is being arranged by the ESG partners on 14/3/17 in Ffwrnes Theatre.</p>	
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target
Action	12155	Target date
Action promised	We will support opportunities for the building of economically viable and sustainable communities by developing and delivering the Countywide Employment & Skills Plan by developing an action plan for Community Benefits in partnership with our Procurement Team.	
Comment	<p>The full RDP Leader bid was submitted in December 2016 to: 1. Maximise and align the Community Benefit opportunities, realised through investments coming into the County, from the Local Authority and other Public Service Board partners, to support the needs of rural Carmarthenshire as identified in the LDS. In particular to support the development of non-statutory services to include asset transfer, social enterprise development, transport and childcare. 2. Develop a community benefit / corporate social responsibility (CSR) online toolkit to educate and share best practice. 3. Promote good practice in Corporate Social Responsibility to the business community and identify new opportunities for volunteering. 4. Identify new opportunities for volunteer engagement and development of skills via Community Benefit clauses. 5. Develop a system to gather intelligence about local need to match with Community Benefit opportunities. 6. Coordinate Community Benefit resources available, measure impact and outcomes at strategic level from all community benefit investments. 7. Develop a strategic delivery model for the use of community benefit / CSR investments within Carmarthenshire. 8. Encourage Third Sector organisations and SMEs to collaborative on bids. The applications will be assessed by the RDP grant panel on 27/1/17. In addition, Procurement has been identified as a work stream of the Public Services Board and this work includes looking at Community Benefit clauses across public sector partners.</p> <p>A standard suite of Community Benefits Clauses has been provided to PSB from CCC Procurement. Procurement have also been invited to run a workshop on Community Benefits for 100+ 2nd/3rd tier suppliers on the 9/2/17 at the Construction Contractors Engagement Event in Parc Y Scarlets - over 350 tickets have been issued for the days event.</p> <p>Work is ongoing in calling off the Construction Framework - especially on the 21st Century Schools Programme and the main Contractors for Burry Port and Trimsaran schools and have been seeking support from Workways and Lift in recruiting for support roles on site (Cleaners, Gate Person, admin etc.)</p>	
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target
Action	12156	Target date
Action promised	We will support opportunities for the building of economically viable and sustainable communities by: providing support for the development of external European funding applications; Identifying wider European funding opportunities; developing the Regional Engagement Team for the Swansea Bay City Region	

Comment	<p>To date, a total investment of £7.9m has been secured via EU funds to deliver 6 projects for Carmarthenshire. External Funding Team (EFT) has successfully assisted 14 community led projects to progress to the 2nd stage for funding under the Rural Community Development Fund, the aim of which is to tackle poverty. If final approval is received this will result in additional investment of £1.79m for rural Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>Recent approval has also been granted for the Ireland Wales 'Buccanier project' which aims to increase the innovation capacity within SMEs and social enterprises by collaborating with HE institutions and other public bodies to increase productivity across the Ireland Wales Programme area. The project is being led by Pembrokeshire County Council and the Authority is a key partner. The project is worth over £400k for Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>The EFT is also working closely with the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) in developing an application for funding to develop a cross border tourism project with partners in Ireland. It is hoped that a decision will be made in April this year.</p> <p>The EFT has also been assisting the region in progressing the City Deal proposal for Swansea Bay.</p>
Service Head: Wendy S Walters	Performance status: On target



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Theme: G. Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy

Sub-theme: G1 Developing business growth, retention specialisation (including retaining young people)

Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of undisputed invoices which were paid in 30 days CFH/006	Not applicable		Q3: 95.9 End Of Year: 94.9	Target: 93.5 Result: 88.6	Target: 93.5 Result: 88.7	Target: 93.5 Result: 94.1 Calculation: (67184 ÷ 71398) x 100	Target: 93.5
Comment	The continued roll-out of the Purchase to Pay functionality has stabilised and resulted in the number of invoices paid within 30 days being on target for 16/17.						
Remedial Action	The Purchase to Pay Focus Group with representatives from all departments meet on a monthly basis in order to identify any areas of concern and ensure that the set target will be met by the end of the financial year						
Service Head: Owen Bowen			Performance status: On target				



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Theme: G. Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy
Sub-theme: G2 Maximising job creation for all

Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Jobs created with Regeneration assistance 5.6.3.5	Not applicable		New measure	Target: 15.0 Result: 26.5	Target: 30.0 Result: 68.5	Target: 45.0 Result: 225.0	Target: 299.0
Comment	From Targeted Finance Fund / Social Enterprise Support, Parry Thomas Centre (Construction Jobs), Pareto / Account Management (Carmarthen & Rural, Llanelli / Coastal Belt and Ammanford / Cross Hands), from providing support to former grant project recipients and Beacon Bursary						
Service Head: Wendy S Walters			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Jobs safeguarded with Regeneration assistance 5.6.3.6	Not applicable		New measure	Target: 30.0 Result: 29.0	Target: 60.0 Result: 31.0	Target: 90.0 Result: 130.0	Target: 166.0
Comment	Jobs safeguarded through Business support activity (3 area teams) and Targeted Finance Fund / Social Enterprise support						
Service Head: Wendy S Walters			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2015/16 Comparative Data			2016/17 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Jobs accommodated with Regeneration assistance 5.6.3.7	Not applicable		New measure	Target: 0.0 Result: 0.0	Target: 0.0 Result: 0.0	Target: 0.0 Result: 0.0	Target: 32.0
Service Head: Wendy S Walters			Performance status: On target				



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ACTIONS - Theme: G. Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy			
Sub-theme: G2 Maximising job creation for all			
Action	12157	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will support opportunities to develop business growth, retention & specialisation in Carmarthen & Rural Area through initiatives such as Pareto, Account Management, Youth Enterprise Activity, World of Work and revisiting previous projects that have received grant aid support. (Target Creating 20 jobs and safeguarding 40)		
Comment	15 previous RDP 1 and 2 capital grant applicants have been revisited to monitor progress and discussed support required to grow businesses moving forward. A successful World of Work event held with Dunbia, action plans are being developed and delivered with key employers/Pareto businesses, Business In The community and University of Wales Trinity Saint Davids. From work undertaken to date in this area - 106.5 new jobs have been created, 83 safeguarded and £6.9m of Private Sector Investment has been undertaken. These figures significantly exceed projected targets		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12158	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will support opportunities to develop business growth, retention & specialisation in Ammanford and Cross Hands Growth Zone Area through initiatives such as Pareto, Account Management, Youth Enterprise Activity, World of Work and revisiting previous projects that have received grant aid support. (Target Creating 20 jobs and safeguarding 40)		
Comment	Automotive firm in the area has created 37 jobs to date with more to follow and the planned investment will also safeguard well in excess of the PI target. I have also been advised of the environmental firm having created 8 jobs in December 2016.		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12159	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will support opportunities to develop business growth, retention & specialisation in Llanelli and Coastal Belt Areas through initiatives such as Pareto, Account Management, Youth Enterprise Activity, World of Work and revisiting previous projects that have received grant aid support. (Target Creating 20 jobs and safeguarding 40)		
Comment	Continued engagement and support to the Pareto businesses has taken place throughout the quarter with several potential good projects being supported resulting in job creation and private sector investment. Some other possible key growth projects have also been identified with key employers for the forthcoming year which will contribute to future outputs. Advice and guidance has also been given to several smaller businesses as well as some new business start ups which have successfully set up and thriving. Some potential World of Work events are being planned with businesses in the Engineering sector but further discussions need to take place prior to finalising details. The partnership between CCC, Careers Wales, Coleg Sir Gar and UWTSU continues to work well in designing and deliver entrepreneurship activities to further and higher education, with some business workshops delivered and the Swansea Bay Young Business Dragons competition being held, in which 3 Carmarthenshire schools reached the finals in December.		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12160	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will focus on maximising job creation for all in the Llanelli and Coastal Belt areas by progressing actions on projects as identified in 16/17 plan including: the 'Wellness and Life Science Village'/Delta Lakes project (appointment of team and concept design); The Opportunity Street Llanelli Town Centre Project. (creating 4 jobs)		
Comment	Partner organisations of the Llanelli Wellness and Life Science Village have continued to engage. The definition of various project components has continued to evolve with consultants at Arup producing a draft master-plan for consideration. Supporting documents have also been compiled in relation to ecology, utility provision and ground conditions. This information supportive of the master-plan produced to date and relevant for future planning applications. Details of the project have been defined within a City Deal application which continues to build momentum. On the Opportunity Street project works to 10 and 12 Stepney Street is progressing well and the hand-over of 48 Stepney Street completed in December.		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12161	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will focus on maximising job creation for all in the Carmarthen and Rural areas by progressing with the Launch and fully commit the £2m Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise fund; the £3m Transformational Commercial Property Development Fund and support new tenants of the Parry Thomas Commercial Centre (creating 12 jobs)		
Comment	CREF - Three formal offers of grant have been issued totaling £200k, a further 21 applicants are working up stage 2 applications totaling grant request of £1.3m. A further round of stage one bids have been invited. PDF - 6 applicants have been invited to proceed to detailed application stage. Should all projects be approved at stage 2 the project will result in: 315 jobs being accommodated; 80,000 sq ft floor space created and £5.35m of PSI secured. Parry Thomas Centre - All five units are currently under offer with terms agreed for the four downstairs units.		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12162	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will focus on maximising job creation for all in the Ammanford & Cross Hands Growth Zone areas by providing support to private Sector Developers and Businesses Owners to bring forward key pending private sector led developments (Target to create 200 jobs and accommodate 32 jobs)		
Comment	Whilst there are some more projects emerging for the Cross Hands Growth Zone, these are property led and will naturally fall outside of the timeframe of the PI - these also include the CREF and PDF projects. However work is ongoing to identify other areas of job creation across the county to support this PI until such time as the property projects are further developed.		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12163	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will focus on maximising job creation by progressing actions on projects identified in the County wide Employment & Skills Plan including: delivering the targeted finance fund; providing social enterprise support; working with 40 key account organisations/enterprises (Target of 23 Jobs created and 46 jobs safeguarded)		

<p>Comment</p>	<p>Quarter 3 saw some 6 (23.5) further Jobs Created, 8 (39) Jobs Safeguarded and 756 (1075) individuals into Training/Education and some 77 (247) enquiries were managed by the Bureau. The Bureau continues to successfully deliver a focused Key Account Management (KAM) service for the Third Sector and focuses its efforts with key account clients in line with key priorities in the City Regions Economic Regeneration Strategy, Economic Development Business Plan and A strategic regeneration plan for Carmarthenshire 2015 - 2030 Transformations, supporting an additional 11 (36) organisations. The total cost of community investment to date is £2,320,625 this includes internal and external funding secured for projects in Carmarthenshire. The Bureau has successfully supported 94 Applications to Awards for All securing over £420,000 for projects within the county since April. Supported Bryngwyn Comprehensive School, Llanelli to secure £50,000 from The Wolfson Foundation which will assist with purchasing IT Equipment for their new Construction and Technology Centre.</p> <p>Other areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Saturday took place October 15th this event is a designated day to highlight and showcase social enterprises in the UK. The Bureau encouraged organisations in Carmarthenshire to participate in the national campaign, many had special offers running on the day. The campaign gains more momentum each year and has made good use of social media platforms, it was one of the top 5 topics trending on Twitter. • The Bureau continues to Key Account manage Xcel Bowl and was pleased they were nominated for a prestigious Social Enterprise UK Consumer Facing Social Enterprise award, representatives attended the ceremony on November 28th in London. • Attended the Carmarthenshire Tourism Summit on October 13th at Parc y Scarlets. • Continue to support Corporate Property on the Community Asset Transfer Programme and actively assist communities to support the transfer of Authority-owned land and buildings to local people, for the benefit of the community. • Working closely with a number of partners including CAVS, Wales Coop and Social Business Wales. • The Bureau works closely with colleagues in Policy to deliver our commitments under the Armed Forces Community Covenant.
<p>Service Head: Wendy S Walters</p>	<p>Performance status: On target</p>



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ACTIONS - Theme: G. Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy			
Sub-theme: G3 Developing a knowledge economy & innovation			
Action	12164	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will develop a knowledge economy and innovation through Digital Projects identified in the the County Wide Employment & Skills Plan including: Delivery of Digital Connectivity Rural Towns Project		
Comment	<p>The Leader Digital Exploitation Programme is currently focusing on three main areas of delivery: Digital High Street. Two commercial retail vacant properties within Carmarthen Town have now been installed with Digital shop front window picture vinyl displays that will have a digital augmented reality interaction with people's mobile phones. A further two display opportunities utilising the double sided information tourist notice boards in Guildhall Square and St Peters car park are due to be fitted with vinyl displays with similar Digital Augmented Reality interactions.</p> <p>Skills Development & Community A pilot funding application has been submitted to the RDP Leader funding programme to look at trialling more effective and digitalised support services for council tenants within the CCC Housing Section. The Digital Health Check questionnaire has been redistributed to all third sector organisations aimed at obtaining a reasonable assessment of the Digital Inclusion capability and integrated current use of digital activity within the sector.</p> <p>RDP Leader Digital Engagement Events A number of events have been held to raise the awareness to Digital Activity and its increasing integrated use in daily service activity. Social Media 15/9/16, Over 50's Network (Health and Well Being) - National Botanical Gardens, 8/10/16, Digital Volunteers 25/11/16, 3rd Sector Forum - 8/12/16, Volunteers Digi Lab - 9/12/16 at the Carmarthen Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS).</p> <p>A number of breakfast sessions are planned jointly with Digital Communities Wales and Business Wales primarily focusing upon Economic Benefit from increased uptake in Super fast Broadband within business and shop retail within key town centres.</p>		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12165	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will develop a knowledge economy and innovation through the Workways+ Project identified in the the County Wide Employment & Skills Plan to increase the employability of Economically Inactive and Long Term Unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment		
Comment	<p>Workways+ has been busy during the last few months promoting the project. We have recruited a Team Leader and Employment Liaison Officer. We are now awaiting for adverts to go out for a Support Assistant and Mentor.</p> <p>Up to the end of December we have had a total of 90 participants accessing the project. 16 clients have left with 12 of these gaining full time employment. During the next few months we are concentrating on our other targets of qualifications and volunteering. We hope to recruit fully on our staff structure which will involve having a secondment from CAVS which will support us with our Volunteering outcomes.</p> <p>Training has been sourced for January (First Aid) with a total of around 30 clients accessing the course. Further courses are planned for the next few months.</p>		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12167	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will continue to support the development of the bold and ambitious Swansea Bay City Region (SBCR) City Deal proposal 'Internet Coast'		
Comment	Carmarthenshire Council is now the secretariat for the City Deal and we are driving the plan forward, working with all four local authorities in the region and partners in the private sector industry and the 11 project leads that make up the deal. We hope that we will sign the Swansea Bay City Deal before the next UK Government Budget announcement in March 2017.		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12168	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will develop a knowledge economy and innovation through delivery of the LEADER Project as identified in the the County Wide Employment & Skills Plan		
Comment	To date, 13 projects totalling £645,022.67 have been approved under the Leader programme. These initiatives are designed to test new ways of working around the key themes of supporting and developing the use of the Welsh language, exploiting digital technology, adding value to local identity and natural and cultural resources, and looking at new ways of delivering non-statutory services in rural Carmarthenshire. There are many other project ideas at discussion stage with various organisation relating to renewable energy, electric vehicles and rural volunteering. The Leader team has also commissioned some research to identify the feasibility of developing a pop up shop/shared office proposal for rural market towns in Carmarthenshire. The findings of which will be published in January 2017. As part of the animation function of the LEADER programme, a local food producer workshop is being held in conjunction with Pembrokeshire LAG and Cywain in February 2017.		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	
Action	12169	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will develop a knowledge economy and innovation through the RLP Projects identified in the County Wide Employment & Skills Plan including: delivery of an Employment and Skills training Plan; implementation of Regional Delivery Plan for employment & skills together with supporting the 'Skills pillar' of the Swansea Bay City Region		
Comment	The Skills report for the Tidal Lagoon has been completed and courses identified for inclusion within the next Employment and Skills Plan. Work has also commenced to identify skills requirements for the City Deal projects, this work will be on-going pending announcement of the funding for a Swansea Bay City Deal.		
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target	



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ACTIONS - Theme: G. Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy		
Sub-theme: G4 Ensuring distinctive places & competitive infra structures		
Action	12170	Target date
Action promised	We will focus on ensuring distinctive places & competitive infrastructures in the Carmarthen & Rural areas by progressing actions on projects as identified in 16/17 plan including: Securing funding & Prepare Design for Pendine Attractor Project & Jacksons Lane, Carmarthen; design and traffic order for King St, Carmarthen Pedestrianisation Scheme.	
Comment	Pendine Attractor Project - £1.5m TMF Grant from Welsh Government has been secured, Visit Wales has also confirmed that the project is 1 of 10 projects provisionally selected to be part of the £27m attractor project with potential funding of £3m being notionally allocated. Welsh Government has confirmed a grant of £100k to undertake study and design for flood risk elements of the project. Further funding opportunities are being explored (HLF application submitted) and architect firm Architype have been appointed to lead the project design team and have completed stage 1 design. Discussions on going with land acquisition. Design works are ongoing for Jackson`s Lane Proposals, planning has been submitted for the Kiosk element and stage 2 application has been submitted to Welsh Government for consideration for £128k funding under RCDF. Carmarthen Wetlands Project has also been submitted to Welsh Government for consideration for £128k funding under RCDF.	
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target
Action	12171	Target date
Action promised	We will focus on ensuring distinctive places & competitive infrastructures in Llanelli & Coastal Belt areas by progressing with: Building For The Future Llanelli YMCA Project ; Llanelli Town Centre Loan Fund for refurbishment and new build projects; Burry Port Commercial leisure Site; Pembrey Peninsula Master-Plan.	
Comment	We still await instruction from WG in relation to the proposed funding for the Buildings of the Future project however a draft business case has been submitted for comment prior to Christmas. We anticipate further guidance in the new year. Dialogue has continued with the preferred developer of the town centre loan scheme which was launched in July. The developer is now progressing towards the second stage of the process and is working up proposals to a greater detail. The marketing of Burry Port Harbour's Commercial/Leisure site has been formally initiated with both local and national markets targeted. All interests have been registered with a further engagement planned early January. A press release and advert will also be placed in the Wales edition of Commercial Property Monthly magazine. Colleagues in the forward planning department have been progressing with works to form a master plan for Pembrey Peninsula with a formal workshop scheduled for January. A plan for endorsement is proposed by the end of this financial year.	
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target
Action	12172	Target date
Action promised	We will focus on ensuring distinctive places & competitive infrastructures in the Ammanford & Cross Hands areas by progressing with: Cross Hands East Phase 1 Self Build; Cross Hands East Phase 2 Strategic Infrastructure Project (secure ERDF funding); Former Ammanford Police Station Site (secure developer); Carregamman Car Park Enhancement	
Comment	A site specific Property Development Fund launched to encourage development of key plots on the Cross Hands East site. The Cross Hands East Phase 2 Strategic Infrastructure Project has been included within Welsh Government overall Strategic Sites bid and business plan to WEFO that has now been approved. Developer secured for the Former Ammanford Police Station site and Court House, application submitted for planning permission. PDF application has progressed to Stage 2. It is anticipated that works will commence in Spring 2017 pending Planning consent. Network Rail have agreed to the proposed scheme for Carregamman Car park reconfiguration and DLO will commence works in early February with the aim of completion by Easter 2017.	
Service Head: Wendy S Walters		Performance status: On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: G. Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy			
Sub-theme: G5 Tackling poverty and its impact on the local economy			
Action	12145	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will support local communities to develop projects/activities to address issues of rural poverty highlighted through the rural poverty study 2015		
Comment	Additionally, the External Funding Team has successfully assisted 14 community led projects to submit applications for funding under the Rural Community Development Fund, the aim of which is to tackle rural poverty. These have been successful in progressing through to the 2nd stage of the application process. If final approval is received this will result in additional investment of £1.79m in rural Carmarthenshire.		
Service Head:	Wendy S Walters	Performance status:	On target
Action	12146	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will help additional residents in Carmarthenshire fight fuel poverty in their communities by co-ordinating 'Fuel Clubs' to bulk purchase oil and a reduced price		
Comment	Housing have acquired a grant from the NEA's Warm Homes campaign to further promote fuel clubs and energy advice. Events are planned for the end of January in Pencader and Llanybydder.		
Service Head:	Robin Staines	Performance status:	On target
Action	12150	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will link the Mobile Library service with Un Sir Gar (the Hub) to provide employability and Digital support services across the county - linking in with the Carmarthenshire 'Do It Online' campaign		
Comment	Graphic Design for all mobile and static library literature is completed. The new mobile libraries are being launched next quarter. All static sites will have access points to The Hub, via literature and promotion stands, with an in depth eligibility/signpost booklet at each site. A rota is in the process of being designed, whereby all Hub partners attend and support the Mobile Library from Feb/March 2017.		
Service Head:	Wendy S Walters	Performance status:	On target
Action	12151	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will replicate the 'hub' arrangements in other areas at premises within or close to the Town Centre		
Comment	Work is on-going and officers are currently working towards securing funding to support the project moving forward. Collaboration with key strategic partners is progressing well in relation to future support and potential co-location opportunities. Collaboration discussions with DWP have been positive, with agreement to work in partnership at the new sites going forward. A full plan with DWP is to be designed in the new year.		
Service Head:	Wendy S Walters	Performance status:	On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: G. Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy
Sub-theme: G6 To build a bilingual economy and workforce

Action	12173	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will look to promote the use of the Welsh language and highlight its benefits amongst the businesses of Carmarthenshire		
Comment	Economic Development officers are now discussing the benefits of the trading bilingually with business clients as well as promoting a new Welsh Language in Business resource developed by colleagues in policy. Welsh Language in Business event being planned for Feb 17. Planning meetings taken place between Economic Development Officer with colleague from Policy, Sglein (local bilingual events and training company) and Welsh Government. Event proposed being held in Plas Llanelly House in which we will aim to have at least 50 local businesses of various sizes and representing various sectors in attendance. Finer details of the event currently being worked on. It will be organised in partnership with Sglein and possibly Welsh Government		
Service Head:	Wendy S Walters	Performance status:	On target
Action	12174	Target date	31/03/2017
Action promised	We will require all applicants in receipt of an offer of third party grant funding to have a Welsh Language Policy in Place (Target of 30 businesses)		
Comment	All stage one applicants to the Carmarthenshire Rural Enterprise Fund (33) and South West Wales property Development Fund (27) have submitted Welsh Language Policies with their applications		
Service Head:	Wendy S Walters	Performance status:	On target