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**PWYLLGOR CRAFFU
LLE, CYNALIADWYEDD A NEWID YR HINSAWDD**

31 GORFFENAF 2023

**ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU
LLE, CYNALIADWYEDD A NEWID YR HINSAWDD 2022/23**

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Y Rhesymau:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31ST JULY 2024

PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

The attached report has been prepared in order to comply with Article 6.2 of the County Council's Constitution which states that a scrutiny committee must:

“Prepare an annual report giving an account of the Committee's activities over the previous year.”

The report provides an overview of the workings of the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee during the 2023/24 municipal year.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed: Stephen Murphy

Head of Law, Governance and Civil Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

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

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

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Stephen Murphy

Head of Law, Governance and Civil Services

1. Local Member(s) - N/A

2. Community / Town Council – N/A

3. Relevant Partners - N/A

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDERS AWARE/CONSULTED

N/A

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

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

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:-

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee Reports and Minutes	Online	https://democratiath.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=403

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Chair's Foreword



I am pleased to present the annual report of the Place, Sustainability and Climate Scrutiny Committee for the 2023/24 municipal scrutiny year.

The report demonstrates the large variety of work that scrutiny committee has undertaken during the period between May 2023 to April 2024.

In July 2023, the Committee completed the Task and Finish review on the management of Fly-Tipping. I would like to thank the Committee for all their work on this investigation.

This year the scrutiny committee has helped to shape the revenue budget. Committee Members expressed concern in regard to the maintenance backlog which is deteriorating at a significant rate. I would like to express my appreciation to the Cabinet Members for presenting the Committee with detailed technical and operational information.

I would also like to thank all officers across the remit of this Scrutiny Committee for their input and professionalism in supporting the work of the Committee who provided detailed technical and operational information upon request.

I wish to thank my Vice Chair, Councillor Karen Davies for her invaluable support throughout the year.

On a final note, my sincere thanks to all the committee members for your attendance, professionalism and for providing excellent scrutiny and on behalf of our communities.

I am looking forward, once again to the privilege of Chairing this Committee in the coming year.

Councillor Kevin Madge

Chair of Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee 2023/2024

1. Introduction

The scrutiny function is a key element of the County Council's governance arrangements and decision-making process. Although not a decision-making body, Scrutiny is at its most effective when it grasps the potential to influence and inform decisions made by both the Council and partner bodies affecting the County.

Article 6.2 of the Council's Constitution requires all scrutiny committees to "prepare an annual report giving an account of the Committees activities over the previous year."

This report provides an overview of the work of the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee during the reduced six-month committee cycle for 2023/24 municipal year. It aims to highlight the work of the Committee and reflect on the achievements identifying what worked well and where improvements could be made. This analysis is instrumental in developing scrutiny. In addition, this report may aid to facilitate discussions on items which could be identified for inclusion within future work programmes.

The Committee is chaired by the Councillor Kevin Madge and is made up of 13 Elected Members, one Independent Group place has been vacant for the duration of 2023/24. Support is provided to the Committee by the Democratic Services Team and other Council officers as and when required.

2. Overview of the work of the Committee in 2023/24

2.1 The Role of Scrutiny

The Scrutiny Committee remits were updated by Council following the May 2022 elections and each Scrutiny Committee became responsible for the overview and scrutiny of specific Cabinet Portfolios and their respective services. The Communities, Homes and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the scrutiny of the following three Cabinet portfolios and service areas:

Scrutiny Committee remits were updated by Council following the May 2023 elections and each Scrutiny Committee became responsible for the overview and scrutiny of specific Cabinet Portfolios and their respective services. The following Cabinet Portfolios and their respective service areas relevant to this Committee are as follows:-:

Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability – Councillor Aled Vaughan Owen

Climate Change Strategy	Statutory Nuisance Matters (Noise, pets, Overgrown Gardens)
Decarbonisation	Public Protection
Biodiversity (nature emergency)	Sustainable Development Lead
Licensing Policy	Fly Tipping
Trading Standards	Environmental Enforcement
Unlicensed Waste	Environmental (Wales) Act 2016
Air Quality	Ash Die Back Strategy
Circular Economy	Food Standards
Environmental Health	Emergency Planning
Flooding and Shoreline Management	Public Rights of Way
Coastal Defence	Countryside Access

**Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services –
Cllr Edward Thomas**

Refuse	Passenger and Community Transport
Street Cleansing	Litter Environmental Quality Strategy
Highways and Transport Services	Grass cutting services
Grounds Maintenance	Infrastructure repairs and maintenance
Building Services & Estate Management (excluding housing stock)	Litter and Community Cleansing
Bridges	Regional Transport Policy
Active Travel and Safer Routes	Parks Maintenance
Fleet Management (inc renewal and maintenance)	Regional Collaborations for Transport Highways and Waste
Narberth Crematorium	School Transport
School Transport Appeals	Streetscene
Caretaking and Building Cleaning	Waste Management
Parking Services inc. Policy, Control and Enforcement	Household Waste Recycling Centres
Recycling Services	

The following Cabinet Member presented reports/parts of reports that fall within their portfolio that reside within the Scrutiny Committee's remit.

**Cabinet Member for Resources –
Councillor Alun Lenny**

Finance Strategy and Budget	Capital Programme
Strategic Finance (Corporate Projects)	Savings Delivery
Financial Services	Community Benefits
Commissioning and Procurement	

Community Safety / Crime & Disorder –

One of the key roles of the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee is its capacity as the Council's Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee. The Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee has specific additional Terms of Reference whereby it has additional powers relating to crime and disorder ([6.4 within the Constitution](#)).

The Cabinet Member responsible for Community Safety is Councillor Ann Davies – Rural Affairs, community Cohesion and Planning Policy.

2.2 The Forward Work Plan

Scrutiny plays a key role in promoting accountability in the decision-making process of the Local Authority. It is also useful in ensuring that Council policies reflect current priorities, as well as promoting efficiency and encouraging partnership working with external agencies.

In order for Scrutiny Committees to take on greater ownership of their own Forward Work Plans, a pre-decision method of scrutiny was introduced in September 2022 which allows Scrutiny Committees to decide which reports from the Cabinet Forward Work Plan they wish to come before them. As per normal process, Committees are also able to identify their own topics and Cabinet are still able to invite a Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise a decision which was in the pipeline.

The Committee utilised the Centre for Governance & Scrutiny's Gateway framework to develop its Forward Work Plan for the 2023/24 municipal year which was reviewed on a regular basis. This provided a manageable, flexible, and robust approach to scrutiny and ensured that the areas for review were considered on a priority basis and in a timely manner.

In this regard, the Committee determined that some periodic reports in relation to performance and budget monitoring could be circulated to members outside the formal meeting programme. This process enabled any relevant matters identified by members to be placed on the formal agenda for further consideration, as appropriate. The benefits of such an approach led to an improved level of debate and input during Scrutiny Committee meetings. In the main, meeting agendas were consistent with those outlined in the Forward Work Plan.

2.3 Meetings of the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee

Meetings are scheduled on a 6-8 weekly basis to consider issues and reports included in its FWP. The Committee held 7 formal meetings during the 2023/24 municipal year and all meetings were conducted in accordance with the provisions set out within Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

To complement the work undertaken during formal meetings, the Committee also undertakes other scrutiny functions such as Task and Finish, One Day Scrutiny and site visits to establishments falling within its remit, together with development sessions and workshops.

2.4 Performance Monitoring

[Carmarthenshire Council Annual Report 2022/2023](#) – the Council’s Annual Report 2022/23 produced in accordance with the relevant provisions within the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021. The report focused upon the Well-Being Objectives falling within the Committees remit, namely:

Well-being Objective	Thematic/service Priority	Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member responsible
Well-being Objective 3	Prosperous Communities, Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy safe and prosperous.		
WBO3	Introduction		
WBO3b	Thematic Priority: Decarbonisation & Nature Emergency	Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability	Cllr. Aled Vaughan Owen
WBO3d	Thematic Priority: Community Safety, Resilience and Cohesion	Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, Community Cohesion and Planning Policy	Cllr. Ann Davies
	Food Standards	Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability	Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen
WBO3f	Service Priority: Waste	Cabinet Member for	Cllr Edward Thomas
WBO3g	Service Priority: Highways & Transport	Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	

The structure of the Annual Report was based on the new Council Well-being Objectives (4) as agreed in the Council’s Corporate Strategy for 2022-27. The Annual Report looked at each of the four Well-being Objectives and Core Business Enablers and assessed the progress that had been made during the year. The report provided information on the following basis for each Well-being Objective and Core Business Enabler:

- Overarching judgement
- Why is this important
- Key overarching indicators and measures
- Outcomes we set ourselves
- How well are we doing and how do we know
- Case studies
- Areas for improvement
- Governance.

Outcome:

Whilst no observations were submitted by members to the e-mail, the Annual Report was considered by the Cabinet on 30th October 2023 where its approval was recommended to Council and subsequently adopted at its meeting on 8th November 2023.

2020/21 Performance Reports relevant to this Scrutiny - One of the principal roles of a scrutiny committee is to monitor the performance of services and functions within its remit. The Committee were afforded the opportunity to scrutinise the performance reports by e-mail.

The reports detailed the progress as at the end of Quarter 2 of the deliverables linked to the Corporate Strategy and the Well-being objectives. No queries were received. Quarter 3 report was considered at the meeting in March 2024. In the main, queries raised were in regard to the deterioration of unclassified roads and the signage in relation to the new legislation - 20mph speed limit. Queries raised were responded to by the relevant Cabinet Member supported by officers.

2.5 Revenue and Capital Budgets

Budget Monitoring Reports – were circulated to Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee members by e-mail in line with the Committee’s decision to scrutinise outside of the Committees formal process. However, due to there being a light agenda the Chair agreed to add January and April’s reports to the formal Committee agenda.

The Committee, received quarterly reports on the departmental and corporate revenue and capital budgets in

- July 2023 - in respect of the budgetary position as at February 2023
- October 2023 - in respect of the budgetary position as at 30th June 2023 together with the 2022/23 Outturn report
- November 2023 – in respect of the budgetary position as at 31st August 2023.
- January 2024 - in respect of the budgetary position as at 30th October 2024.
- April 2024 - in respect of the budgetary position as at 30th December 2024

The reports enabled members to monitor the level of spend in each area and the progress made in connection with any capital works.

No observations or queries were submitted by members to reports circulated by e-mail, however Members raised pertinent queries on the reports presented at the meetings in January 2024 and April 2024 respectively where the relevant Cabinet Member supported by officers provided responses.

Consultation - Revenue Budget Strategy 2024/25 to 2026/27 - In January 2024, the Committee as a statutory consultee received the Revenue Budget Strategy 2024/25 to 2026/27 for consideration and comment. The report provided Members with an outlook of the Revenue Budget for 2024/2025 together with indicative figures for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 financial years based on officers’ projections of spending requirements and took account of the provisional settlement issued by Welsh Government on the 20th December 2023.

The Committee raised a number of queries and concerns in regard to the proposed budgets on the following issues:

- The proposal to cease routine mechanical sweeping of rural roads
- Surface dressing
- Change in mechanical sweeping of rural roads from routine to a reactive basis
- Deterioration of the road conditions
- The introduction of car parking charges on free car parks
- The proposal to cease free transportation for 16 to 18 year olds attending school/college

The queries were responded to by the respective Cabinet Members supported by Officers. In addition, during the consideration of the saving proposals, the Committee formally proposed that in regard to the introduction of parking charges at the 9 car parks which were currently free to park, be reviewed by the Cabinet Member on a case-by-case basis.

Outcome:

Following the consideration of the proposals within the report the Committee resolved that the proposals for delivery of efficiency savings as identified in Appendix A(i) be received subject to the comments raised by the Committee being considered as part of the consultation with a focus on the following:-

- Increase the funds made available to highway maintenance;
Outcome
- To reconsider and review the introduction of carpark charges based upon the rationale for individual locality free car parking provision;
Outcome
- to reconsider the proposal to cease free school/college transport for 16 to 18 year olds;
Outcome

The comments, concerns and recommendations raised by the Committee helped to shape the Revenue budget strategy for 2024/25 – 2026/27 which was considered and adopted at full Council on 28th February 2024.

2.7 Pre-Decision Scrutiny Reports

Free Parking – July 2023

The Committee received a report on the Free Parking Review for consideration. The report provided members with comprehensive information and graphical data that considered the impact of two schemes that was currently in operation from both an output and revenue perspective.

Following the consideration of the 5 options detailed within the report Members commended officers for providing comprehensive information and inclusion of 7 years of robust data. However, it was commented that the data did not bear any evidence that free car parking made any difference in footfall within the town centres. In addition,

it was noted that there was recognition of the cost of living crises and that the options provided for consideration were sensitive to the needs of the residents of Carmarthenshire.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on the content of the report making references to the poor air quality areas in Carmarthenshire, the costings, savings and budgeting as well as considering the impact on local businesses.

Outcome

The Committee resolved to recommend Cabinet that options 4 and 5 as detailed in the report be considered.

Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) Annual Statement Report 2023 – November 2023

The Committee received the Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP) Annual Statement Report 2023. In scrutinising the report members raised concerns in respect of:-

- Carmarthenshire's significant surface maintenance backlog which was growing year on year currently estimated at over £63m
- The standstill investment of £8m required against the realisation of the expected capital funding of £0.6m – not sustainable.
- The reactionary method – not cost effective or sustainable
- No capital funding available for 2023/24 for Footways and Cycleways.

Officers responded to the concerns in an open and honest manner, acknowledging that the deterioration in the asset and the consequential maintenance backlog, members were informed that the department faced an increasing volume of reactive maintenance which was placing a significant impact on highways teams diverting them from other essential planned maintenance works. In essence the department was under significant budgetary constraints.

In expressing frustrations with regard to the current budget situation, the Committee proposed that a letter be sent to the Welsh Government Minister outlining the current situation and conveying the budget concerns of the Committee.

Outcome:

Unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to the Welsh Government Minister outlining the current concerns in relation to the situation of the highway network, conveying the budget concerns as raised by the Committee.

A letter was sent to the Minister for Climate Change in January 2024 which highlighted that the Welsh Government supported the County Council in maintaining our highways through the Highways Refurbishment Grant which was invested in highway resurfacing and surface dressing works to proactively address the deterioration of our roads. Sadly, since the end of this funding, our roads in Carmarthenshire are deteriorating at a significant rate.

A response was received in February 2024 from the Deputy Minister for Climate Change:-

“We recognise the importance of maintaining roads and Welsh Government are investing in maintaining the Strategic Road Network. Local Authorities (LA) are responsible for maintaining highways and are funded to do so through the core Revenue Support Grant.

We recognise the pressures on funding within Local Authorities and the Welsh Government provides additional funding to help LAs in adapting the road network to climate change through the Resilient Roads Fund. This year Carmarthenshire Council was awarded £500,000 through the fund towards improving the resilience of Carmarthenshire’s strategic highway network. However, in the current financial climate we have no plans to reintroduce the Highways Refurbishment Grant. In the future the Welsh Government’s support for local transport will be aligned with the new Regional Transport Plans, including the plan being developed by the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee”.

Highway Asset Management Plan - Maintenance Manual Part 4.8 - Highways Adverse Weather & Winter Service Plan – November 2023

The Committee received the Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP) Maintenance Manual for comment specifically on part 4.8 – Highways Adverse Weather and Winter Service Plan prior to being adopted by Cabinet.

Officers responded to queries in relation to landowners’ responsibilities on clearing roadside ditches. Measures had been taken to inform landowners to avoid potential enforcement routes where possible.

Outcome:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO CABINET that the Highway Asset Management Plan – Maintenance Manual Part 4.8 – Highways Adverse Weather and Winter Service Plan be endorsed.

Introduction of Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Llanelli Town Centre – November 2023

The Committee considered a report on the making of a new PSPO for Llanelli Town Centre which sought views on the information contained within the report.

The Committee after consideration of the report were happy with the content of the report and were in support of the introduction of the PSPO in Llanelli for the reasons stated in the report.

Outcome:

The Committee unanimously resolved to recommend to Cabinet that Introduction of Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – Llanelli Town Centre be approved.

Potential Development of In-House Pest Control Agency – March 2024

The Committee received for consideration and comment a report on the potential development of in-house pest control agency. The Committee was asked by the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability, to provide their views on whether officers should prepare a detailed business case as part of the pre-decision process for policy development prior to submission to Cabinet.

Members provided positive feedback in regard to the idea and content of the report. However, it was raised that in developing a business case, the service provided by the Authority needed to be a more responsive holding its own against any commercial provision and agreed that the holistic approach is an important factor.

Outcome:

The Committee unanimously resolved to recommend to Cabinet that a detailed business case for the development of an in-house Pest Control Agency as part of the pre-decision process for policy development be undertaken.

The development of the detailed business case be provided to Scrutiny for consideration.

2.8 Additional Reports and Update Reports

Street Cleansing Strategic Management Plan 2023 – May 2023

In accordance with the Committee's Forward Work Plan, the Street Cleansing Strategic Management Plan 2023 was presented by the Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services. The report presented the way in which the Council would review and improve its cleansing service delivery whilst meeting the legislative requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The Cabinet Member, supported by officers responded to queries in regard to the following:-

- Communications in regard to litter bin receptacles identified for removal
- Public education and awareness
- Staffing costs in respect of the All-Wales Cleanliness Indicator rating

Outcome:

The Committee unanimously resolved to receive the Street Cleansing Strategic Management Plan 2023

Update for the consideration of Additional Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Carmarthenshire Dog Orders –July 2023

The Committee, at its meeting on the 24th November, 2022 recommended to introduce a County wide ban of dog's entering a marked up sports pitch and the introduction a Fixed Penalty Notice for the offence of not having the means of cleaning up after their dog. Following this the Committee received an update report which provided Committee Members with the options available to the Authority based upon legal advice given.

Committee Members were enthusiastic in receiving the update as the subject was an issue that impacted all communities within Carmarthenshire. Members were keen to have sight of the proposed toolkit prior to circulation.

Outcome
In receiving the report, the Committee resolved that the draft standard proforma and toolkit for sports groups / town and community councils as recommended in the report be shared with the Committee for comment – this has been included on the Committee's 2024/25 Forward Work Plan

Waste Strategy Update –October 2023

The Committee at its request received an update report in regard to the Waste Strategy 2021-2025, presented by the Cabinet Member for Waste, Transport and Infrastructure Services. The report provided Members with an update on the waste strategy and the interim service change implementation and the outcome of those changes. It set out an overview of the overarching plan and actions that will be required to deliver blueprint kerbside sort collection methodology.

Members enthusiastic in their approach to improve the management of waste in Carmarthenshire, raised a number of queries which were responded to by the Cabinet Member supported by Officers since the introduction of the interim waste service change on 23rd January 2023.

Outcome
RESOLVED progress made during the interim phase of the Waste Strategy January 2023 be noted

Draft Strategy for Grassland Management for Pollinators – October 2023

The Committee received a report which appended a draft strategy for grassland management for pollinators on the Carmarthenshire County Council estate for 2023. The report supported by the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability highlighted that the Council had set out its ambition as part of the Cabinet Vision Statement to increase the biodiversity of all Council owned land, and recognise the strong interrelationship between climate change, the loss of biodiversity and human wellbeing.

The report sought the committee's comments during the early stages of its development.

A number of comments were raised that the report had recognised the decline in the species and was applauded for including a strategy which included an increase in wildflowers which aimed to make a difference in increasing bees, butterflies and other species.

Members raised a wide range of queries in respect of biodiversity which was responded to accordingly by the officer.

Outcome
The Committee resolved to receive the draft strategy.

Bulky Waste Review–October 2023

The Committee was presented with the review scope of the bulky waste service for preliminary consideration and comment. The aim was to maximise the reuse, repair and recycling potential of bulky waste items, promoting sustainability, reducing the service’s carbon footprint and to advance the Council’s Circular Economy project ‘Eto’ and other similar community-based initiatives.

The Committee raised queries in respect of the data contained within the report which was responded to by officers.

In consideration of the information contained within the report reference was made to large empty spaces such as Debenhams in Carmarthen. It was raised that these spaces could be utilised as a repair centre and that the online Repair Directory could be enhanced to provide more information to the public on what items could be repaired and where.

Outcome
The opportunity afforded officers to note the Committee’s observations on the potential options for the future Bulky Waste Collections Service during the early engagement stage.

Draft Local Toilet Strategy – November 2023

The Committee considered the Draft Local Toilet Strategy where a number of suggestions were made including:-

- Accessing funding through the Brilliant Basic Fund
- Council to support an initiative ‘Boys need Bins’ by the West Wales Prostate Cancer Support Group
- Link up with colleges who carry out City and Guilds qualifications to encourage young people to get involved and develop business plans to manage facilities,
- New electric charging stations to consider the provision of toilets

Officers responded to queries raised and would seek further funding streams taking on board the suggestions raised by Members.

Outcome:

The Committee resolved to plot the Boys need Bins Campaign and that planning department consider placing toilet provisions alongside car charging areas of 5 or more points.

Since the meeting, nine unisex facilities now have sanitary bins available for both male and female. In addition, all out disabled toilet facilities are unisex and sanitary bins are provided. The rolling out of signage across Carmarthen has begun and will soon sign post across Ammanford, Llandeilo, Llandovery and Llanelli Public Conveniences.

In consultation with the Planning Department they responded that this would be something we could consider but we would need to fully assess the implications i.e. who would clean and maintain them.

Carmarthenshire County Council Environment Act Forward Plan (January 2023 - December 2025) –January 2024

The Committee considered the Councils Environment Act Forward Plan for January 2023 to December 2025. The plan included actions which would be delivered and reported on by several service areas.

In the main queries were raised in regard to:

- Council farms
- Sustainable farming
- The use of consultants in respect of working in partnership with West Wales Rivers Trust.

Specialist officers were available to respond to the technical queries.

Flood Risk Management Plan – January 2024

The Committee at its Forward Work Plan development session requested to receive this report which was presented by Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability, provided detailed information in regard to the Council's approach to managing flood risk in Carmarthenshire.

Members raised concerns about the flooding issues should the historic intervention methods remain in place and felt that new innovative methods needed to be explored and introduced to reduce further flooding issues.

Comments were raised regarding the minimal funding available for this area.

Outcome:

The Committee resolved send a letter to Welsh Government outlining the Committee's concerns regarding future funding for flooding to allow innovative approaches for areas with a high risk of flooding.

A letter was sent to the Minister for Climate Change in February 2024 requesting that an increase in funding be considered to enable Local Authorities to explore innovative approaches for land use in high risk of flooding.

A response from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs responded recognising the increasing difficulties Climate Changes issues are bringing to catchments and communities. The letter stating that 'Collective partnership and cross policy approach must be key in bringing wider collaborative resilience in the face of the climate emergency we are all facing, reducing the risk of flooding needs to support future generations across Wales.'

Huw Irranca-Davies AS/MS
Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Newid Hinsawdd a Materion
Gwledig
Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref: HIDCC/05117/24

Cllr. Kevin Madge
Chair
Place Sustainability and Climate Change
KMadge@camarthenshire.gov.uk

11 April 2024

Dear Cllr. Kevin Madge,

Thank you for your letter of 13th February to the Minister for Climate Change regarding flood management funding. As the new Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, flood risk falls within my portfolio.

Given the enormous pressure on public sector resources at this time, this has been one of the most challenging programmes to agree of recent years. Despite this, we have shown we remain committed to investing in our flood and coastal risk management infrastructure. You may be aware that in 2022-23, Welsh Government doubled our revenue funding for local authorities to £225k each, and I am pleased that we have been able to continue offering this higher amount in subsequent years including this year, 2024-25. In terms of the overall 2024-25 Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Programme, we are maintaining record levels of investment and have again made over £75m available to Risk Management Authorities this year to continue to deliver against our Programme for Government commitment to reduce flood risk to over 45,000 properties. A full breakdown of this year's Programme was published on 19 March and is available online at <https://www.gov.wales/flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-programme-2024-2025.html>.

I am grateful to Carmarthenshire County Council, and indeed all our RMAs in Wales, for your ongoing efforts to drive forward flood risk management for our communities. We know it is impossible to prevent all flooding, and my sympathies go out to those affected by the recent storms we experienced this winter – particularly in Ferryside and Llansteffan during Storm Ciaran in November. Nevertheless, I know the impacts of the storms could have been much worse, were it not for existing schemes, warning services and community preparedness arrangements in place.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Shoreline Management and Coastal Adoption in Carmarthenshire – March 2024

The Committee received for consideration and comment a report which provided detailed information regarding the Shoreline Management and Coastal Adoption in Carmarthenshire. Members were mindful of the difficult decisions that had to be made to spend money on defences. Balancing the need for hard-engineering or managed realignment was a difficult decision with circa 2300 residential homes at risk from coastal erosion.

Members of the Committee were keen to learn more about the issues and engineering in regard to the defences surrounding Carmarthenshire's coast and requested to undertake a site visit to include areas that were deemed to be dangerous and awaiting work to be undertaken. This would be arranged in the 2024/25 scrutiny year.

Fleet Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Transition Strategy – April 2024

Following a request by the Committee, an update report providing information in regard to the development of the Fleet Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Transition Strategy. The Council's Fleet mileage made up for 19% of its carbon footprint which was a significant proportion of the overall carbon impact. The report outlined the current situation together with a comprehensive TEEP analysis followed by the challenges which was being faced by the Council.

Members expressed their gratitude for the informative report and it was felt that the strategy would enable opportunity for public service bodies to save a significant amount of money as well as the environmental and practical advantages. Officers explained that they were currently looking to provide a robust, sustainable and affordable transition plan for the Council which would include both the vehicle and the electric vehicle charging infrastructure around the County.

The Committee were committed and provided suggestions in regard to realising further efficiencies e.g. time of use tariff as overnight charging was the most cost effective time.

There were future concerns regarding insurance costs, disposal of lithium batteries and local garages not being equipped to maintain electric vehicles. Officers responded as best of their knowledge and assured members that continuous research was being undertaken and that they were working in partnership with colleges to ensure the future of mechanics in Carmarthenshire were being educated to a high standard in regard to electric vehicles.

Public Rights of Way Asset Assessments – April 2024

The Committee requested further information in regard to Carmarthenshire's Public Rights of Way. A report was presented by the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability who stated exceeded 2500km with circa 3176 individually recorded routes across all 72 Town and Community Councils. The completion of an asset assessment would provide a complete record of the local Authority's PROW assets across the whole network.

Scrutiny Members were keen to ensure that the Council worked in partnership with Town and Community Councils. Officers explained the Town and Community Council maintenance programme, the reason why it ended and would be re-introduced in a different format to encourage volunteers to help maintain PROW's across Carmarthenshire.

2.9 Referrals

The Committee at its meeting in October 2023 accepted a referral made from the Community, Homes and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, June 2023. The referral related to a review of conservation areas under the planning policy remit. Within the context of the planning policy, the Community, Homes and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee also discussed the important issue of energy efficiency measures as they related to listed buildings across Carmarthenshire.

In accepting the referral, the Committee resolved to receive a report providing data and information on the energy efficiency and the generation of energy in relation to the historic housing stock of the County. This was added to the Committee's Forward Work Plan 2024-25.

2.10 Public Engagement and Scrutiny Topic Suggestions

Listening to and giving the public a voice is key to scrutiny's effectiveness. It was important to the Committee to grant the people of Carmarthenshire (and beyond) an opportunity to shape the Forward Work Programme. The Communications department provided active involvement through social media throughout the municipal year picking up on various topics on the Scrutiny's Forward Work Programme.

The Scrutiny function provides the opportunity for public participation in the Authority's activities whereby members of the public can request items to be placed on the Committee's meeting agenda. Carmarthenshire residents, or those who own a business or are employed within the county are also permitted to ask questions at meetings of the Scrutiny Committee.

Whilst the Committee did not receive any suggestions of possible topics from members of the public during 2023/24, the Committee's Forward Work Plan included a range of topics which required public consultation/participation.

In order to promote public awareness of Scrutiny Committees and the ability of the public to put forward topics for discussion, the Forward Work Plans of the Authority's Scrutiny Committees and details of how the public can become involved, are published on the Authority's website:-

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/committees-meetings/scrutiny/#.Xp7Am6aQxMs>

During the municipal year, the Authority's Communications division provided digital marketing support to the Scrutiny function and proactively promoted details of forthcoming items which may be of interest to the public in an attempt to raise public awareness and participation. The public are invited, via a number of different avenues, to get involved in the Scrutiny process and to highlight any issues of concern.

3. Scrutiny Committee Activity

3.1 Scrutiny Investigations (Task and Finish)

The Committee, at its meeting in July 2023 considered the Task and Finish Groups review on the Management of Fly-tipping within Carmarthenshire which had commenced in November 2022. The seven recommendations contained within the report had been formulated by the Group following the consideration of a range of evidence, over a series of meetings held between December 2022 and June 2023.

Information was gathered on the issues in relation to fly tipping on both private and public land and as part of the process to make sure there were clear findings and recommendations. The following areas were identified as areas of focus under a strategic approach:

- Current approach to data systems and recording.
- Approach to education and prevention.
- Management arrangements and joint working.
- Enforcement approach; and at
- Communication and publicity.

Outcome:

The Scrutiny Committee resolved to refer the report to Cabinet where it was considered at its meeting held on 16th October 2024. Cabinet members unanimously resolved to endorse the 7 recommendations. As part of the Investigations protocol, an implementation report would be considered in 12months.

3.2 Member Development and Site Visits

During the 2023/24 municipal year, Committee Members were invited to the following development sessions/seminars facilitated by the Authority:

- 21st June – Housing Repairs
- 7th August – Hywel Dda University Health Board – Consultation on Urgent and Emergency Children and Young People Services at Worthybush and Glangwili Hospitals
- 13th September – Tackling Poverty Support
- 8th November – Treasury Management
- 22nd November – I.T. Digital Strategy and Artificial Intelligence
- 30th November – Geodiscoverer Training
- 6th December – Place and Infrastructure – Service Updates
- 7th December – Geodiscoverer Training
- 8th December – Digital Transformation
- 9th January 2024 – Artificial Intelligence and Digital Strategy
- January – Various Budget Consultations
- 23rd/26th February / 7th March – Introduction to Anti-racism Training
- 6th March – Flooding Responsibility
- 8th May – Corporate Safeguarding

In addition to the above, several budget seminars were held during January as part of the Council's consultation process on the 2022/23 Revenue Budget and the five-year capital programme.

On 30th June 2023, Scrutiny Committee Members undertook a site visit to Canolfan Eto and Nantycaws Recycling Centre.

Members were met by Paul Wakelin, Operations Manager and Sean Gallagher, Managing Director who showed them around the site and discussed the following topics

1. Canolfan eto re-use shop and workshop
2. Paint re-use facility
3. Household Waste Recycling Centre
4. Waste Processing facility
5. Composting facility - Merlin's Magic
6. Biodiversity - Merlin's Mel
7. Renewable energy production
8. Future aspirations for site

A special thanks to Cwm Environmental for their time and making the visit very informative.



4. Impact – How has Scrutiny made a difference this year?

The majority of decisions made by the Authority are made by the Cabinet. Scrutiny offers the other 65 non-executive Councillors an opportunity to influence those decisions and act as a “critical friend”. Pre-decision Scrutiny is particularly influential in this regard as it provides Scrutiny Committees with the opportunity to consider and comment upon policies and emerging issues before they are considered by Cabinet. Scrutiny also assists in ensuring that Council policies reflect current priorities, as well as promoting efficiency and encouraging effective partnership working with external bodies.

Scrutiny plays a key role in improving the services used by the people and children of Carmarthenshire. The scrutiny function is also useful in ensuring that Council policies reflect current priorities, as well as promoting efficiency and encouraging effective partnership working with external bodies. The involvement of local residents, community organisations and partners is an important part of the scrutiny process and Councillors are committed to responding to the views and concerns of residents.

Pre-decision Scrutiny affords all Scrutiny Committees the opportunity of providing input before the reports are considered by Cabinet and this is the voice of the people.

During the 2023/24 municipal year, the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee has made a positive impact in a number of ways, including:

- Monitoring of budgets and performance within its remit
- Receiving updates on key areas such as Waste
- Shaping the development of new Strategies
- By undertaking its gatekeeping role in monitoring the work of the Cabinet

5. Challenges

The Committee has made significant progress during the municipal year and will continue to concentrate on topics where members’ input will result in positive outcomes to drive forward service improvement. To ensure that the best use is being made of meeting time, the Committee is keen to continue implementing the principles of the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny in order to achieve a streamlined and focused scrutiny process.

In order to enhance the Authority’s Scrutiny function, members will continue to attend development sessions, seek officers’ advice where appropriate and make full use of informal pre-meeting discussion.

Similar to the previous year, circulating reports for scrutiny by e-mail was not successful and did not have the same level of engagement and quality scrutiny as a formal meeting. With this in mind the Chair and the Committee have agreed to limit the reports circulated by e-mail and monitor the Forward Work Plan effectively by managing the formal agenda.

6. Committee's Future Work

The future work of the Committee will be considered regularly as part of the Forward Work Programme and will continue to be monitored during the course of the year.

As part of the development of the forward work programme, the Gateway Framework will aid Committee members to develop a Forward Work Programme to enable focused Scrutiny to take place ensuring that there is a more equitable distribution of reports, that statutory responsibilities are focussed and are properly aligned with the council's strategic priorities.

The Committee will continue to seek topics for discussion from Town and Community Councils annually more information on how to submit a topic for consideration and ask questions at a Scrutiny meeting is available on our Scrutiny webpage:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/committees-meetings/scrutiny/#.Xp7Am6aQxMs>

7. Support for the Scrutiny Function

Support for Carmarthenshire County Council's Scrutiny function is provided by the Democratic Services Unit, based within the Administration and Law Division of the Chief Executive's Department. Support for the scrutiny function includes:-

- formulating and despatching agendas for Scrutiny Committee meetings in accordance with the Forward Work Plans;
- providing support and constitutional advice to the Scrutiny Committees and to members of those Committees as well as producing minutes of their meetings and ensuring any issues arising from those meetings are actioned;
- giving support and advice in relation to the functions of the Council's Scrutiny Committees to members of the Council and its officers;
- managing the strategic development of Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire by engaging in national and regional Scrutiny networks and initiatives, supporting the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Forum and meetings of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny with the Cabinet;
- advising and supporting the implementation of the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021, as and when guidance is published;
- managing the co-ordination and development of the Scrutiny Committees' Forward Work Plans in conjunction with Scrutiny Committee members;
- managing and co-ordinating Scrutiny review work, including the administration of scrutiny Task and Finish Groups, assisting in writing reports in conjunction with the Groups and assisting in the implementation and monitoring of completed reviews.
- Assisting with the Scrutiny Member Development Programme.

For more information on Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire including forward work programmes, task and finish reports and annual reports, visit the County Council's website at: www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/scrutiny

To contact the Democratic Services Unit, please call 01267 224028 or e-mail scrutiny@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

8. Committee Member Attendance

A total of 7 meetings were held by virtual means between May 2023 and April 2024. Attendance by members of the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee during the 2023/24 year is shown in the table below.

The meeting on 11th March 2024 was adjourned due to technical difficulties and was reconvened on 22nd March 2024 – this has been classed as one meeting.

Scrutiny Committee Member	No. of meetings attended	%
Cllr. Sue Allen	7	100
Cllr. Peter Cooper	3	43
Cllr. Arwel Davies	7	100
Cllr. Karen Davies	6	86
Cllr. Colin Evans	6	86
Cllr. Shelly Godfrey-Coles	7	100
Cllr. Tina Higgins	6	86
Cllr. Gary Jones	1	14
Cllr. John James	5	71
Cllr Neil Lewis	6	86
Cllr. Kevin Madge	6	86
Cllr. Dorian Phillips	7	100
Cllr. Gareth Thomas	7	100

Substitutes	No. of meetings attended
Cllr. Deryk Cundy	1
Cllr. Alex Evans	1
Cllr. Hefin Jones	1
Cllr. Michelle Donoghue	1
Cllr. Dai Thomas	1

Cabinet Member	No. of meetings attended
Cllr. Ann Davies	4
Cllr. Alun Lenny	2
Cllr. Edward Thomas	7
Cllr. Aled Vaughan-Owen	6

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**PWYLLGOR CRAFFU
LLE, CYNALIADWYEDD A NEWID HINSAWDD**

31 GORFFENAF 2024

<p>ADRODDIAD PERFFORMIAD CWARTER 4 - 2023/24 (01/04/23-31/03/24) YN BRIODOL I'R PWYLLGOR CRAFFU HWN</p>
<p>Y Pwrpas: Archwilio'r adroddiad at ddibenion monitro.</p>
<p>GOFYNNIR I'R PWYLLGOR CRAFFU: Adolygu ac asesu'r wybodaeth sydd yn yr adroddiad a darparu unrhyw argymhellion, sylwadau neu gyngor i'r Aelod Cabinet a/neu'r Cyfarwyddwr.</p>
<p>Y Rhesymau:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mae dyletswydd gyffredinol ar awdurdodau i wneud trefniadau o ran monitro perfformiad. Mae angen i ni ddangos i ddinasyddion, aelodau a rheoleiddwyr sut mae perfformiad yn cael ei reoli a sut mae ymyriadau priodol yn cael eu rhoi ar waith.

YR AELOD O'R CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:-		
Cynghorydd Aled Vaughan Owen Cynghorydd Edward Thomas	Aelod Cabinet dros Newid Hinsawdd, Datgarboneiddio a Chynaliadwyedd Aelod Cabinet dros Wasanaethau Trafnidiaeth, Gwastraff a Seilwaith	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31 JULY 2024

END OF YEAR - PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023/24 (01/04/23-31/03/24) RELEVANT TO THIS SCRUTINY

This report shows the progress as at the end of 2023/24 of our deliverables (Actions and Measures) linked to the Corporate Strategy and our Well-being Objectives.

Corporate Strategy 2022-2027

WBO 1 **Enabling our children and young people to have the best possible start in life (Start Well)**

WBO1a Thematic Priority: Healthy Lives – prevention /early intervention

WBO1b Service Priority: Early years

WBO1c Service Priority: Education

WBO 2 **Enabling our residents to live and age well (Live & Age Well)**

WBO2a Thematic Priority: Tackling Poverty

WBO2b Service Priority: Housing

WBO2c Service Priority: Social Care

WBO 3 **Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Communities)**

WBO3a Thematic Priority: Economic Recovery and Growth

WBO3b Thematic Priority: Decarbonisation & Nature Emergency

WBO3c Thematic Priority: Welsh Language & Culture

WBO3d Thematic Priority: Community Safety, Resilience and Cohesion

WBO3e Service Priority: Leisure & Tourism

WBO3f Service Priority: Waste

WBO3g Service Priority: Highways & Transport

WBO 4	To further modernise and develop as a resilient and efficient Council (Our Council)
WBO4a	Organisational Transformation - Overarching
WBO4b	Organisational Transformation - Efficiencies and Value for Money
WBO4c	Organisational Transformation - Income & Commercialisation
WBO4d	Organisational Transformation - Workplace
WBO4e	Organisational Transformation - Workforce
WBO4f	Organisational Transformation - Service Design & Improvement
WBO4g	Organisational Transformation - Customers & Digital Transformation
WBO4h	Organisational Transformation - Decarbonisation and Biodiversity
WBO4i	Organisational Transformation - Schools
5	Core Business Enablers
5a	Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
5b	Marketing & Media including customer services
5c	Legal
5d	Planning
5e	Finance
5f	Procurement
5g	Internal Audit
5h	People Management
5i	Democratic Services
5j	Policy & Performance
5k	Electoral Services & Civil Registration
5l	Estates & Asset Management
5m	Risk Management
5n	Business Support
DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES

IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed:

Jonathan Morgan	Head of Homes and Safer Communities
Ainsley Williams	Director of Place and Infrastructure
Jason G Jones	Property Maintenance Manager
Rhodri D Griffiths	Head of Place and Sustainability
Daniel John	Head of Environmental Infrastructure
Jackie Edwards	Business Improvement Manager

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires public bodies *to take all reasonable steps to meet their Well-being Objectives*.

The **Local Government and Elections Wales Act 2021** places specific duties for the Council:

Duty	Response
Duty to keep performance under review	We will maintain quarterly performance monitoring throughout the year. This report addresses this duty.
Duty to report on performance – based on self-assessment approach	We are addressing this duty in our Annual Report on our progress on our Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives and as part of our monitoring arrangements. We must self-assess the extent to which we are meeting our ' <i>performance requirements</i> ': <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. exercising our functions effectively. 2. using our resources economically, efficiently and effectively. 3. governance is effective for securing the above.
Duty to arrange a panel performance assessment	This duty came into force from May 2022. We must arrange for a panel to undertake an assessment, at least once during the period between two consecutive ordinary elections of councillors to the council, of the extent to which the council is meeting the performance requirements.
Duty to respond to a panel performance assessment report	

2. Legal

In our published Well-being Statement, we are committed to monitor our Well-being Objective action plans.

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

YES

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

Title of Document

Locations that the papers are available for public inspection

Corporate Strategy 2022-2027
*Developing Carmarthenshire Together: One
Council, One Vision, One Voice*

[corporate-strategy-2022-27.pdf \(gov.wales\)](#)

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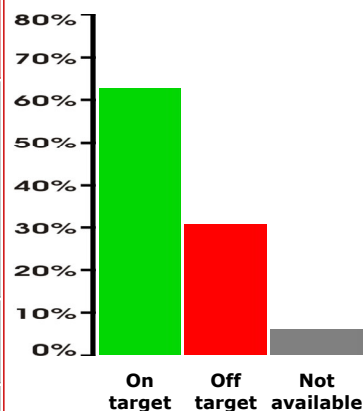
Scrutiny measures & actions full monitoring report Place, Sustainability & Climate Change scrutiny - at End of Year 2023/24

Filtered by:
Organisation - Carmarthenshire County Council
Source document - Corporate Strategy 2023/24


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
WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous (Prosperous Communités)	Actions	49	39	10	0	N/A	0	80%	66%
	Measures	25	10	10	0	5	0	40%	
5. Core Business Enablers	Actions	2	2	0	0	N/A	0	100%	29%
	Measures	5	0	5	0	0	0	0%	
Overall Performance	Actions and Measures	81	51	25	0	5	0	63%	

Performance against Target



OFF TARGET



Theme: 5. Core Business Enablers Sub-theme: 5d - Planning							
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
% of planning consultations in relation to Highways Liaison responded to within 21 days THS/018	Not applicable		New measure	Target: 100.0 Result: 95.4	Target: 100.0 Result: 95.2	Target: 100.0 Result: 96.8	Target: 100.0 Result: 97.3 Calculation: (767÷788) × 100
Comment	192 responses within the consultation period and 2 were recorded as outside the period. Issues during the upgrade of Information@work to NEC, prevented access to any planning files for two days, which was longer than anticipated, thus resulted in late responses for consultations. However, the quarter 4 standalone result achieved 99.0%.						
Remedial Action	We will continue to build on a high performance demonstrated this year.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: Off target				


Theme: 5. Core Business Enablers Sub-theme: 5i - Democratic Services							
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
% of Democratic Services Unit (DSU) requests received by Environment Department, responded to within 7 days ENV/DSU	Not applicable		End Of Year: 86.6	Target: 100.0 Result: 87.9	Target: 100.0 Result: 88.1	Target: 100.0 Result: 89.2	Target: 100.0 Result: 91.6 Calculation: (1576÷1721) × 100
Comment	We have achieved 92% return rate for DSU within 7days.						
Remedial Action	We will continue to remind all officers of outstanding DSU and the target dates. We have assisted with the implementation of the Cllr portal to reduce the number of service requests via DSU.						
Service Head: Jackie Edwards			Performance status: Off target				

Theme: 5. Core Business Enablers Sub-theme: 5j - Policy & Performance							
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
% of Environment Department stage 1 complaints responded to within 10 days of allocation to Investigating Officer. Comp/003/ENV	Not applicable		End Of Year: 47.8	Target: 100.0 Result: 59.7	Target: 100.0 Result: 69.8	Target: 100.0 Result: 64.7	Target: 100.0 Result: 57.1 Calculation: (739÷1294) × 100
Comment	<p>As a department we do receive a high number of complaints due to the number of contacts with residents via our services.</p> <p>We have established regular meetings with the corporate complaints management team to seek improvements for all to increase our results.</p> <p>This has included providing training for Stage 1 Investigating Officers to provide clarity on what is required.</p> <p>We have experienced significant delays from the corporate complaints team sending the initial complaint onto us.</p> <p>For 23/24 this has seen:</p> <p>344 being sent to department 2days after receipt</p> <p>299 being sent to department 3days after receipt.</p> <p>167 being sent to department 4days after receipt.</p> <p>106 being sent to department 5days after receipt.</p> <p>76 being sent to department 6days after receipt.</p> <p>This creates significant challenges for our services managers and often leave them unable to meet the</p>						

	10 days response deadline due to the delay in receipt.						
Remedial Action	We will continue to work with the corporate complaints management team to request further training, improved distribution and identify process efficiencies. We will continue to send weekly reminders to all service managers and heads of service of the complaints outstanding.						
Service Head: Jackie Edwards			Performance status: Off target				☹️
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
% of Environment Department stage 2 complaints responded to within 20 days of allocation to Investigating Officer. Comp/004/ENV	Not applicable		End Of Year: 35.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 0.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 16.7	Target: 100.0 Result: 12.5	Target: 100.0 Result: 8.7 Calculation: (2÷23) × 100
Comment	The nature of the investigations for Stage 2 complaints are complex. It often takes several days to identify an investigating officer due to their current workload. The investigations themselves can take months to ensure a thorough investigation whilst completing their role. The average number of days to complete a Stage 2 within our department is 59 days.						
Remedial Action	We will continue to remind all Investigating officers of their outstanding complaints every week. We are also requesting additional training to be delivered by the corporate complaints management team to support investigating officers and provide clarity on the corporate standards of the investigation and to provide a clear pathway.						
Service Head: Jackie Edwards			Performance status: Off target				☹️
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
% of Environment Department FOIA requests, closed within 20 days ENV/FoIA	Not applicable		End Of Year: 83.7	Target: 100.0 Result: 73.3	Target: 100.0 Result: 78.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 82.2	Target: 100.0 Result: 84.6 Calculation: (187÷221) × 100
Comment	We have received 221 FOIA requests during 23/24. We responded to 187 within the required timescale of 20 days.						
Remedial Action	We will continue to remind officers weekly of outstanding FOIA's.						
Service Head: Jackie Edwards			Performance status: Off target				☹️

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous (Prosperous Communities)							
Sub-theme: WBO3b - Thematic Priority: Decarbonisation & Nature Emergency							
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 94.0	Target: 94.5 Result: 96.1	Target: 94.5 Result: 95.4	Target: 94.5 Result: 93.4	Target: 94.5 Result: 92.1 Calculation: (421÷457) × 100
Comment	Since April 2023, the Bi-monthly LEAMS surveys have consistently shown a decline in the cleansing standards within the county. A dramatic impact is shown from October to February - evidence from the survey's undertaken indicates litter from refuse sacks have had an impact on the LEQ. This also aligns with the adverse weather the authority has experienced resulting in bags being blown around and torn resulting in the contents spilling out onto the streets. For this reason we have recorded a higher number of C and D Grades during the surveys.						
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 form key targets with the LEQ Strategic group to review the current situation.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: Off target				☹️
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
				Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	

	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	1	2	3	End of Year
% of flood and coastal erosion risk management asset inspections (T98) completed PLA/032	Not applicable		New measure	--	--	--	Target: 100.0 Result: 82.4 Calculation: (974÷1182) × 100
Comment	Works have not progressed this year in a manner we would like, primary due to resource issues. The 3 officers who would have managed and delivered this piece of work have all left the Authority this year. Two new technicians have been appointed but are yet to be trained to deliver these inspections. The assistant engineer post remains vacant due to the recruitment freeze and while a new coastal adaption officer post was created, we failed to recruit to that post.						
Remedial Action	Training of the new staff is planned for May and a second round of recruitment will commence asap						
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths			Performance status: Off target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 72.7	Target: 77.0 Result: 71.8	Target: 77.0 Result: 72.5	Target: 77.0 Result: 72.4	Target: 77.0 Result: 71.6 Calculation: (981.5÷1371) × 100
Comment	Evidence from the Bi-monthly Local Environmental Audit and Management System (LEAMS) survey's for the year have shown a decrease in the standards of Local Environmental Quality (LEQ), in particular to the months of October / December and February, evidence from the surveys have shown that Refuse spillage have had an impact on the levels of litter found in the streets, this may have been contributed with the adverse weather experienced during this period. This has resulted in the measure being off target.						
Remedial Action	Data from the LEAMS surveys are shared with key services following each survey. The issues identified in the reports will be taken forward to the LEQ Strategic group to seek an improvement on the measures.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: 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	16286	Target date				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. Further first principles analysis is required to ensure fleet operations facilitates effective front end service provision and contributes to the Councils Net Zero carbon targets. A study is underway to better understand service demand, depot efficiency, future ULEV capacity aligning with future vehicle procurement plans. Framework for the fleet strategy will pay cognisance to the Carmarthenshire Council, Climate Change and Nature Emergency Advisory Panel (CCNEAP)						
Remedial Action	Outcome of ongoing studies to feed into the CCNEAP in order to obtain meaningful feedback and direction						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: Off target				
Action	16297	Target date				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	The second phase of the Waste Service Change project has made progress towards achieving an operational, financial, and environmentally efficient model in achieving the Welsh Governments blueprint collection model. To achieve this collection methodology, vehicle acquisition, waste commodity procurement, further recruitment and grid capacity expansion are necessary. Over the last financial year, the key focus has been on conducting an analysis to compare the utilisation of our current operational depots with the potential establishment of a centralised operational base for waste services, as part of the second phase of the waste service transformation. This evaluation has encompassed future operational requirements, including an assessment of fleet composition changes, recruitment needs, and grid capacity for Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs).						

During the analysis, a review of the current infrastructure at our current depots revealed limitations, necessitating further investigation into the feasibility of a centralised depot model.

A proposed centralised depot at Nantycaws is under consideration, which could accommodate the entire collection fleet, support operational efficiency, and potentially incorporate renewable energy production. Initial scoping and design work have been undertaken, with our internal design team and Eunomia via WRAP Cymru have provided initial designs and cost estimates for a centralised depot. Additionally, ecological and traffic assessments have been conducted at the centralised potential site to ensure environmental sustainability and operational feasibility.

Engagement with Trade Unions and staff have been ongoing in relation to the proposed changes. We undertook a comprehensive staff engagement workshop where we conducted a survey among the refuse front-line crew across the four depots, Cillefwr, Trostre, Glanamman and Heol Stanlyd. 120 surveys were completed, which accounted 65% of our total frontline workforce, including Supervisors and Assistant Managers. 70% of the crew surveyed over the 4 depots, expressed their preference not to be stationed at a centralised depot with 30% indicating their willingness.

Further consultation, and meetings will be undertaken in the next financial year on a 121 basis, with all staff, to understand the reasons behind not wanting to re-locate, this will aid the decision-making process and what measure CCC are able to put in place to assist.

With WRAP Cymru's support, the routing team has utilised EasyRoute software to map out the proposed blueprint collection routes across the entire county of Carmarthenshire. This was preceded by conducting access risk assessments on all roads within the County and validating the feasibility of routes through test drives with demo vehicles. Incorporating current waste composition data together with the routing exercise, has facilitated the required number of new kerbside sort vehicles for implementation.

Comment Discussions with the procurement team have identified suitable frameworks for vehicle procurement, and we are now at the final stages of the preparation of the vehicle specifications in readiness to commence the vehicle procurement exercise at the beginning of May 2024.

Project governance has been approved to provide structure and decision-making processes. Monthly communication with Welsh Government and WRAP Cymru have been ongoing to ensure adherence to timelines, highlight risks, problem solve and guidance on project implementation.

A cabinet report has been prepared and submitted outlining the analysis of operating the second phase of the waste strategy from a centralised depot or form our current depots. The report outlines the costs, operational and employee impacts, risks and costs of both options. The outcome of the report will approve the direction of travel and the project can then move onto the next phase.

Due to the magnitude of this project, the number of factors that need to be considered, and awaiting cabinet approval, it is likely that the target date will not be met. The vehicle industry is continuing to recover from the impact of the COVID epidemic, and due to the significant number of vehicles needed for roll out, and extensive market research and engagement with manufacturers have revealed extended supply timescales, particularly for ULEV (Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles) models. Initial estimates indicate an 18-month lead time for electric vehicles.

Additionally, infrastructure development for blueprint collections, whether centralised or across the current network, necessitates planning and substantial civil works. Substantial time has been allocated to complete a comprehensive transport assessment to evaluate access into the site, and the impact the proposed site would have on the A48, this work has been essential in readiness for PAC requirements.

These factors, together with the magnitude of the project, have delayed the delivery of the second phase of the Waste Strategy in Carmarthenshire unfeasible by the end of the target date.

Remedial Action There is a project governance in place to assist with the decision making progress, with workstreams in place ready to commence once approval is received from Cabinet.
There is a project plan and timeline in place to operate from both options to ensure there is no further delays.
We are in liaison with WRAP Cymru for support and guidance as we move forward with the project, who have extensive knowledge and guidance to provide Carmarthenshire County Council with the move to the blueprint Collection methodology.
Quarterly Programme Board meetings will re-commence once approval is received from Cabinet, this will act as an internal scrutiny board to assist and guide the project as we work towards project milestones.

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

Action	16331	Target date	31/03/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)
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Action promised To support the service in the creation and delivery of a climate change and nature emergency communications plan. (CV47)

Comment Marketing and media team will develop a communications plan in parallel with the development of the new climate change approach being developed by the service.

Remedial Action 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.

Service Head: Deina Hockenhill **Performance status:** Off target 

Action	16563	Target date	31/03/2024
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Action promised Develop a Circular Economy Strategy and Rural Infrastructure proposal linking in with wider corporate services

Continuous engagement work with Ten Town representatives and groups in providing opportunity via collaborative meetings in a

Comment	theme pertinent to circular economy topics has been undertaken throughout the year. A collective training opportunity with Repair café Wales was provided giving information, guidance and knowledge to those wishing to establish a facility in their own rural settings. An event was held at Sero, Carmarthen in March and invites extended to 10 town circular economy representatives/ groups in order to share best practice and opportunity to discuss project ideas and experiences around repair cafes, library of things and new to you projects. A funding opportunity via the shared prosperity fund for Ten Town groups to access seed corn funding for a circular economy project idea of up to £5000 in value has been launched in March and successful applicants will be awarded the funding in early April to commence new projects in the communities. These approaches has identified trends, themes and existing group activities which has allowed the communities to become enablers to promote circular economy in the locality and become a template for the wider strategy, allowing a long term plan to be embedded for Carmarthenshire to benefit from a sustainable, low carbon, circular economy (CE) focused project that can be managed within existing organisations/ volunteer groups and infrastructure to thrive within communities. Allowing the authority to support and guide aligning with corporate objectives and establishing a future blueprint Circular Economy strategy. Further work is to be timetables which meets the authority and communities aspirations for CE projects in the coming months which will assist with the development of the overall strategy.
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Remedial Action	This work will continue to progress and the data and insight established from the base work undertaken during 2023/ 2024 will enable a comprehensive strategy to be developed in 2024/2025.
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Service Head: Daniel W John	Performance status: Off target	
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Action	16564	Target date	31/03/2024
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Action promised	Develop and implement the new Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP2)
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Comment	There was a slight delay with the public consultation prior to Christmas due to budget consultations. Post Christmas, resources issues in both Flood Defence and Marking and Media resulted in further delays. A 6-week consultation is underway, post which there will be a review and a final draft developed. Post this, the document will go back to CMT in June 2024.
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Remedial Action	A new project timeline is in place and dates set in the Forward Work Plan accordingly. Resources are in place to manage the outcomes from the public consultation and finalise the documents. The current CMT date for final approval is the 13 June 2024 and Pre-Cabinet and Cabinet post that.
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Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: Off target	
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Action	16898	Target date	31/03/2024
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Action promised	Deliver the recommendations of the fly tipping task and finish group (CV62)
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Comment	Cabinet approval has been recieved. We are working on the delivery of the recommendations. We have consolidated the reporting of fly tipping to ensure accurate data. We have been utilising social media to promote instances of fly tipping and our enforcement activity with a full local environment communications plan which will include fly tipping.
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Remedial Action	The working group will continue to deliver the remaining actions to ensure a co-ordinated and effective approach to tackling fly tipping.
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Service Head: Daniel W John	Performance status: Off target	
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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	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		New measure	Target: 10.00 Result: 15.38	Target: 30.00 Result: 33.46	Target: 55.00 Result: 53.85	Target: 100.00 Result: 94.62 Calculation: (246÷260) × 100

Comment	Delivery of the planned programmed work to meet current FSA expectations remains challenging, not only in terms of the number of interventions needed but also the timeliness (28 days of due date). To mitigate this challenge, we have regularly reported our progress to the FSA Informing them of our risk-based approach to interventions that we consider proportionate to meet the highest risk demands in the current climate. We are working towards trying to re-align with the Code of Practice during 24/25 but believe we should maintain our risk-based model of interventions as the main priority. Performance has also been impacted by other demands on the team, not least a significant listeria outbreak, a high-profile health and safety issue as well as preparation for the pending implementation of Special Procedure legislation. This does at times, require the reactive deployment of staff to alternative duties at short notice. This will be at the expense of food hygiene/standards interventions.
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Remedial Action	We plan to continue with the above risk based approach, appreciating that not all FSA (Wales) expectations will be met, during 24/25. All outstanding programmed inspections due in 23/24 will now be deferred to 24/25, with a view to completion during the first quarter.
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Service Head: Jonathan Morgan	Performance status: Off target	
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Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year

	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		New measure	Target: 3.00 Result: 18.80	Target: 30.00 Result: 47.01	Target: 60.00 Result: 62.39	Target: 100.00 Result: 92.31 Calculation: (108÷117) × 100
Comment	Delivery of the planned programmed work to meet current FSA expectations remains challenging, not only in terms of the number of interventions needed but also the timeliness (28 days of due date). To mitigate this challenge, we have regularly reported our progress to the FSA informing them of our risk-based approach to interventions that we consider proportionate to meet the highest risk demands in the current climate. We are working towards trying to re-align with the Code of Practice during 24/25 but believe we should maintain our risk-based model of interventions as the main priority. Performance has also been impacted by other demands on the team, not least a significant listeria outbreak, a high-profile health and safety issue as well as preparation for the pending implementation of Special Procedure legislation. This does at times, require the reactive deployment of staff to alternative duties at short notice. This will be at the expense of food hygiene/standards interventions.						
Remedial Action	We plan to continue with the above risk based approach, appreciating that not all FSA (Wales) expectations will be met, during 24/25. All outstanding programmed inspections due in 23/24 will now be deferred to 24/25, with a view to completion during the first quarter.						
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan			Performance status: Off target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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: i) Trading Standards PPN/001i	Not applicable		End Of Year: 100	Target: 10 Result: 27	Target: 30 Result: 39	Target: 50 Result: 44	Target: 100 Result: 49 Calculation: (82÷169) × 100
Comment	In the second half of the year, an increase in reactive high-risk criminal investigations and high-profile proactive work to tackle the sale of illicit vapes and the underage sale of vapes has required resources to be redirected from routine inspections.						
Remedial Action	The high-risk premises liable for inspection were re-risk rated by nature of business, history of compliance and intelligence received so to ensure the highest-risk premises among them (e.g., petroleum storage premises, explosive storage premises, and those with the highest number of consumer complaints) were visited. All outstanding premises will be prioritised in the first quarter of 2024-25.						
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan			Performance status: Off target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 99	Target: 10 Result: 15	Target: 30 Result: 43	Target: 50 Result: 60	Target: 100 Result: 96 Calculation: (154÷161) × 100
Comment	Resources have needed to be redirected to the investigation of high-profile complex criminal investigations, and the late submission of applications from licensees has resulted in a delay in 7 inspections overall.						
Remedial Action	These outstanding inspections will be completed during April 2024.						
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan			Performance status: Off target				


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


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).		
	The draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn's Law, continues to go through the Parliamentary legislative process. On 2 May 2023, the draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn's Law, was		


Comment	<p>published for pre-legislative scrutiny by the Home Affairs Select Committee. The draft bill proposes introducing a new Protect duty for those responsible for certain publicly accessible premises and events to take measures to review and mitigate against terrorist activity. The Home Affairs Select Committee published their report on 27 July expressing concerns relating to the regulator and the draft Bill's proportionality, especially in relation to its impact on smaller premises as it is not evidenced that the proposal would reduce the risk of terrorism for small venues. The report advised that proposals on the regulator should be developed in the next two months and the draft Bill be amended.</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. However, it is unlikely that the new legislation will be introduced before 2025.</p>
Remedial Action	The PSPG will meet again to progress discussions once there is clarity regarding the proposed legislation
Service Head: Jason Jones	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	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 99.1	Target: 100.0 Result: 100.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 100.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 98.3	Target: 100.0 Result: 98.7 Calculation: (148÷150) x 100
Comment	We achieved a result of 98.7% for 23/24. We narrowly missed the target by 2-applications.						
Remedial Action	We will continue to build on a high performance demonstrated this year. Also, we have changed to admin process to ensure the completed date is when the engineer signs off the consent, not when support services email or post the consent to the applicant.						
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: Off target						

Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
% of Recycling contaminated (CV48) WMT/007	Not applicable		End Of Year: 31.5	Target: 25.0 Result: 31.6	Target: 25.0 Result: 32.0	Target: 25.0 Result: 31.9	Target: 25.0 Result: 32.2 Calculation: (5726.73÷17798.94) x 100
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						

Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of local authority collected municipal waste Prepared for reuse WMT/010i	Not applicable		End Of Year: 0.47	Target: 0.75 Result: 0.51	Target: 0.75 Result: 0.53	Target: 0.75 Result: 0.54	Target: 0.75 Result: 0.54 Calculation: (420.26÷78303.28) x 100
Comment	Increased public engagement through on site discussions with HWRC visitors by the recycling advisors on site to promote the donation station usage and conveying the project objectives of 'Eto'. In order for residents to understand fully the ethos of donating items to 'Eto' and learning of what happens to those						

	items through the repair and reuse workshops or upcycling opportunities that can be found at the Eto village shop.
Remedial Action	An additional donation station is now located at the Eto village so that residents can donate whilst visiting the Eto village creating ease and accessibility to donating materials whilst visiting on site. An Eto working group has been established to review and plan for future project development in order to progress and enhance the repair, reuse and upcycling opportunities and to increase the reuse tonnage in future.
Service Head: Daniel W John	Performance status: Off 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	31/12/2025 (original target 31/03/2024)
Action promised	Develop Community Transport Strategy to enable access to essential services from rural communities. CV51		
Comment	Since April 2023, officers in Passenger Transport Unit have been researching background information and reviewing Community Transport Strategies published by other local authorities. Officers are currently drafting a Community Transport Strategy to be shared and agreed with key stakeholders. The success of our strategy relies upon collaborative working and Community Transport providers who will be given the opportunity to be involved and contribute to the development and implementation of the success of this strategy. Positive discussions have taken place with the Community Transport Association, Royal Voluntary Service, Community Transport providers and local authorities regarding future transport provision. Further discussions will take place in the forthcoming months with stakeholders to firm up the strategy. The Council aims to bring forward for discussion and adoption in 2024/25.		
Remedial Action	TIMETABLE: April - June 2024: Data gathering, service research and needs assessment Jul '24 - Produce draft Community Transport Strategy for consultation Aug/Sept '24 - Stakeholders Consultations Oct '24 - Review and revise CTS Nov '24 - CMT Dec '24 - Pre-Cabinet Jan/Feb '25 - Cabinet Mar '25 - CTS adopted		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: Off 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. There remains a significant level of uncertainty as to how this will impact current commercial, subsidised and education bus services.		
Remedial Action	We are in regular dialogue with WG, Transport for Wales and neighbouring authorities to gain a better understanding of this emerging and far reaching proposal; until such time as we obtain clarity of detail we are unable to explore this concept with any certainty in respect of future operational or legislative landscapes.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: Off target 	
Action	16291	Target date	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 Public Inquiry held in November. The Inquiry has now formally closed and we are currently awaiting the Minister decision which will be critical to scheme progress. 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.		
Remedial Action	UK Government have agreed an extension for Levelling Up spend to 31st March 2025 to allow time for the CPO process		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: Off target 	

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ACTIONS - Theme: 5. Core Business Enablers			
Sub-theme: 5a - Information and Communication Technology (ICT)			
Action	16559	Target date	31/10/2023
Action promised	Implement updated Highway Management System to deliver a risk-based inspection and repair policy		
Comment	The existing highway management system has been updated to implement the risk based approach for inspection and repair. Updated inspection software has been rolled out to all highway inspectors. Training on the new risk-based standards and software system for highway inspectors has been carried out and all inspectors have passed the initial external assessment. Further competency testing and assessment will be carried out later this year. New Android tablets are being used for mobile inspections. The management of the new repair regime is a critical part of the process and a new Maintenance Planner role has been created in the highways division to coordinate and improve programming of repairs in line with our new policy. As of 12th October we are working to our new risk-based policy and Risk management have been advised.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	

ACTIONS - Theme: 5. Core Business Enablers			
Sub-theme: 5n - Business Support			
Action	17087	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Improve engagement and communication with Town & Community Councils by scheduling & co-ordinating events CV113		
Comment	Following the first series of engagement sessions, feedback has been sought from attendees on the areas they would like to see covered at future sessions, the main ask being enforcement and Local Development Plans which will be covered at sessions later this year. Presentation have been given at the liaison forum and briefing notes and information pages provided on the planning function and the role of town and community councils within this.		
Service Head: Jackie Edwards		Performance status: On target	

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous (Prosperous Communities)							
Sub-theme: WBO3b - Thematic Priority: Decarbonisation & Nature Emergency							
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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	Not applicable		End Of Year: 2.8	Target: 4.0	Target: 4.0	Target: 4.0	Target: 4.0
PAM/035				Result: 2.1	Result: 2.2	Result: 2.2	Result: 2.3
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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: WBO3b - Thematic Priority: Decarbonisation & Nature Emergency			
Action	16263	Target date	31/03/2027
Action promised	Work with Dyfed Pension Fund to continue the journey on reducing its carbon intensity and encourage the Dyfed Pension Fund to work with and learn from other pension funds with a view to further disinvestment in fossil fuels and non-ethical investments. (CV57)		
Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new investment into private credit approved as part of strategic asset allocation agreed to be funded from UK equities based on further reducing carbon intensity - Blackrock SAIF which includes renewables investments now fully committed - Pension newsletter reported a 30% reduction in carbon intensity over the previous 3 year period - 5% allocation (~ £150m) to WPP Sustainable Active Equity Fund made during the year 		
Service Head: Randal Hemingway		Performance status: On target	
Action	16264	Target date	31/03/2027
Action promised	Consider the powers available in relation to local tourism levies and the impact of their introduction locally. (CV76)		
Comment	Officers continue to track progress of legislation. Draft SLA in relation to WRA has been received and considered. Action will continue over coming years		
Service Head: Randal Hemingway		Performance status: On target	
Action	16277	Target date	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	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. An initial grid connection application has been submitted for one of the sites. Total costs and timescales for grid connection won't be known until a formal connection offer is issued. 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	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 end March 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.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16279	Target date	31/03/2026
Action promised	Increase renewable energy on council houses and other buildings to reduce domestic bills and help meet climate change targets. CV50		
Comment	Our commitment remains to bring all homes to an EPC band C as quickly as possible. We are continuing to improve the fabric of our homes by installing insulation to the walls and roofs of our homes and fitting solar panels / hybrid heat pumps to homes.		
Service Head: Jonathan Fearn		Performance status: On target	
Action	16280	Target date	31/03/2024
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	A cross-party Climate Change & Nature Emergency Advisory Panel has been established. The Advisory Panel is currently undertaking a 'deep dive' into the Council's fleet vehicles which will feed into our new Decarbonisation / NZC Plan to be published in 2024.		
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	The following projects will all deliver benefits for biodiversity on CCC owned land: Over the winter a small area of new woodland has been planted at Cae Person in Llanddarog (0.51ha, cost £4500 ex vat) , and the primary school in St Clears and the local community completed the planting of 300 trees (cost £500 ex vat) at the St Clears Wetland site. CCC has had EOIs for Woodland Improvement Grants for Engine Fields in Bynea and Pentremawr Colliery, nr. Pontyberem were accepted and we have now submitted full applications for both these sites which will be determined in c.June2024. Outdoor Recreation is delivering a Woodland Improvement Grant at Ynys Dawela in Brynaman. CCC's Local Places for Nature project has benefited from the appointment of a project officer in Sept 2023. A total of 2110 trees and shrubs across 11 sites, from Pencader to Llanelli were planted this winter with community involvement (cost £25750 inc. labour where required) . 100% of all these costs have been covered with grant aid. CCC's management of its amenity grassland for pollinators is progressing. Local Places for Nature financed the purchase of additional equipment (£103920) which will be use in the 2024 cutting season. Grounds Maintenance will be re-negotiating their SLAs with their clients to facilitate adoption of less frequent cutting across much of CCC's estate. £30750 spent on the tree planting projects set out above, plus £103920 on grass cutting equipment		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16282	Target date	31/03/2024 (original target 31/07/2023)
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	100% of the work that could be completed in 23/24 has been completed. Grant applications for woodland planting grants and woodland improvement grants (TWIG) have been made in line with application windows. Two EOIs for the TWIG grant have been accepted and details plans submitted. One small area of planting in Llangadog completed in March 24 , plus a community planting project in St Clears on CCC land. This work will continue in 24/25		
Service Head: Rhodri		Performance status: On target	

Griffiths			
Action	16284	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	To continue to bid for finances via Welsh Government to enable further roll out of public access charging points across the county in accordance with our Electric Vehicle Infrastructure strategy, with a particular focus on the strategic highway network initially, as well as looking at locations across urban and rural areas. CV55		
Comment	A bid was submitted to WG under in order to seek funding to support activities in 24/25. £405k has been provisionally awarded which will support further development work to support 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	16285	Target date	31/03/2024
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. CV65		
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.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	16394	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	We will embed Net Zero Carbon into our procurement activity		
Comment	<p>We continue to work with departments to incorporate ways to reduce the carbon impact of the procured goods, works or services. We complete a Sustainable Risk Assessment (SRA) for all tenders over the value of £25k (in accordance with our Contract Procedure Rules) which helps identify opportunities to embed actions into the tender to improve sustainability. Based on services received from Eunomia the team embed carbon specific questions into tenders as appropriate. We ask suppliers to work with the Council in achieving the Welsh Government's sustainable development strategies & our carbon reduction targets.</p> <p>During 2023/2024 a total of 21 Sustainable Risk Assessments were carried out which included tenders such as Community Based Services, VAWDAS, Gully & Sweeper Waste, Property Works Framework, Cleaning Services, Celtic Routes, Housing Management Systems, Flood Alert Systems & SWWRCF 2024 Framework. 5 SRA's were carried out in Qtr 4.</p>		
Service Head: Helen Pugh		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	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.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16538	Target date	30/04/2024
Action promised	Develop a draft local area energy plan for Carmarthenshire		
Comment	<p>Welsh Government have funded the development of Local Area Energy Plans (LAEPs) for every local authority in Wales. This follows several local authorities being pilot locations.</p> <p>The South-West Wales Region's LAEPs are being delivered by City Science for Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, and Carmarthenshire (Pembrokeshire produced a LAEP in 2022 as a condition of funding for their Milford Haven: Energy Kingdom project).</p> <p>Local Area Energy Planning is a detailed, comprehensive process designed to identify the most effective pathway(s) to decarbonising the local energy system by 2050. The process is led by Local Government and developed collaboratively with defined stakeholders.</p> <p>Welsh Government have also funded, for 24 months ending 31/01/2026, the appointment of a Regional Energy Team. Whilst these three posts are employed by Carmarthenshire, as the lead for the SW Wales Region, they are a regional resource for the four local authorities.</p> <p>The Carmarthenshire LAEP will be finalised on 08/04/2024, and is scheduled for reporting to Cabinet meeting on 29/04/2024.</p>		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16539	Target date	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>Three meetings of the three Nutrient Management Boards (NMB) have been held with the inception meeting on the 17th March 2022 (3 Boards) and a further meeting on the 13th December 2022 (3 Boards) and a joint meeting on the three boards on the 16th November 2023.</p> <p>At the meeting of the 16th November the boards approved their terms of reference which included further clarity on their responsibilities. Work has now commenced on the preparation of the Nutrient Management Plans for the three river catchments.</p> <p>As part of the NMB structural arrangements two subgroups have been established: Technical Officer Group (TAG), and Stakeholder Group. The first meeting of the TAG was held on the 7th July 2023 with a further held on the 17th January 2024. The Stakeholder Group met on the 31st May 2023, 8 November 2023 and 31 January 2024.</p>		

	<p>The meetings of all groups will be ongoing as part of the delivery of the NMBs function. A Programme Manager and Support Officer are in post with both managed within CCC albeit operating on a sub-regional basis (reflecting the cross-border nature of the river catchments). In delivering the duties of the NMBs £168,389.60 grant support for 22/23 was received from the Welsh Government with a further £540,600 grant secured for 23/24.</p> <p>This action is ongoing reflecting the continual work associated with the NMBs.</p>		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	16540	Target date	30/04/2024
Action promised	To continue to progress strategic Carmarthenshire response to phosphate and nutrient pollution issues in protected waters		
Comment	<p>As part of the response to the challenges faced by phosphate levels in protected river catchments in Carmarthenshire, we were the first authority in Wales to prepare and implement a Phosphate Calculator and to publish mitigation guidance for developers. This has now been adapted for use within the sub region to reflect the cross-border nature of the river catchments. The Carmarthenshire calculator is forming the basis for an all-Wales version currently being finalised.</p> <p>Carmarthenshire was also the first authority to set up a Nutrient Management Board (NMB) for the Afon Tywi with its inception meeting on the 17th March 2022. We are also members of the Cleddau and Teifi Boards. It should be noted the NMBs will provide the context for solution finding and seek to deliver mitigation proposals as part of a catchment-based approach. The NMBs approved their Terms of Reference at a joint meeting of the boards on the 16th November 2023 with work now progressing on the preparation of Nutrient Management Plans for the 3 river catchments.</p> <p>In terms of Carmarthenshire focused response for the reporting period an Action Plan have been prepared as evidence base to support the delivery of growth ambitions in the protected catchments, identifying mitigation opportunities and other mechanisms to support nutrient neutrality. This is supported by a Nutrient Management Strategy for Carmarthenshire which will include an understanding of the relationships to other corporate priorities. Both will seek to reflect the latest evidence and information including the published source apportionment data for the Afon Tywi and Afon Teifi.</p> <p>The Council is seeking to respond proactively and positively to the data emerging as a result of the ongoing Review of Permits for Waste Water Treatment Works including taking a headroom based approach where capacity exists within the works to grant planning permission and reduce the number of applications on hold. We are also working with Dwr Cymru Welsh Water on their programmed improvements to treatment works and the influence this will have on the potential for planning applications and developments to proceed.</p> <p>The work in relation to this indicator will remain ongoing.</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 has been delayed at CMT (now going in June 2024) awaiting financial modelling work being undertaken by grounds maintenance, . Two further Grillo Cut and Collect machines and trailers have been purchased through WG Local Places for Nature grant funding.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	16542	Target date	31/03/2024 (original target 31/07/2023)
Action promised	Publication of the Tree & Woodland Strategy		
Comment	All work planned for 23/24 was completed. Strategy present to CMT. Strategy now with Pre Cabinet waiting for WG decision on its Sustainable Farming Scheme. PIMs action to evidence delivery of the Strategy have been developed and will be reported on in 24/25		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	16543	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	To ensure delivery of the Council's S.6 Biodiversity Duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience.		
Comment	100% of work planned for this year was completed and reported to P and S Scrutiny in Jan 24. CCC's Environment Act Forward Plan runs from Jan 23 to Dec 25 further work will be progressed in accordance with the plan up to Dec 25.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
Action	16548	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Develop a strategy to achieve Net Zero Carbon as part of property design specifications		
	<p>Work has been concluded at Property Design to refine our specifications to achieve Net Zero Carbon (NZC) in use on non-housing projects for 23/24.</p> <p>The development of the strategy is however an iterative action, and our specifications towards NZC itself must continue to be monitored and updated as we develop a lean approach to achieving net zero carbon in use on future projects. Post Occupancy</p>		

Comment	Evaluation of newly completed assets will be undertaken to help inform this work. The strategy will continue to hinge on adoption of Passivhaus methodologies we have built up over a significant period together with green and renewable energy solutions.		
Comment	Please be advised that this PIMS action is due to be superseded in 2024/25. This follows a Property Design review of the action for 2023/2024. The new proposed action will focus on `developing a strategy to achieve Net Zero Carbon for in building-use as part of Property Design specifications`.		
Service Head: Jason Jones	Performance status: On target		
Action	16550	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	The service will adapt and develop Carmarthenshire infrastructure to support the Wales Transport strategy to decarbonise transport.		
Comment	We continue to work with Communities, regional and national partners to develop programmes that support the decarbonisation aims set out in Wales Transport Strategy. We have been successful in applying for funding to support a number of programmes this year including £490k for Public transport infrastructure and Sandy Rd improvements, £2.615m Active travel, £329k Electric Vehicle infrastructure programmes, and £1.174m for Safe Routes in the Community, work is well underway in respect of moving forward with the funded programme.		
Service Head: Daniel W John	Performance status: On target		
Action	16562	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Improve the way we manage waste in Carmarthenshire, increasing the waste reused, recycled or composted. Delivering against national beyond recycling strategy.		
Comment	An increase in the volume and tonnage of recycled material collected via the kerbside recycling scheme introduction as a result of the 2023 waste service change has taken place. Further opportunity to recycle dry mixed recycling through weekly collection, provision of boxes for kerbside glass collections and hygiene and nappy waste fortnightly collections have all contributed to a reduction in residual tonnages and less black bags waste emanating from domestic properties. The garden waste subscription service is also contributing to the overall recycling figures. The recycling tonnages submitted to Natural resource Wales (NRW) for three quarters of the year 2023/2024 have indicated an average of 70% recycling across the board and 4000 ton reduction in black bag waste, which is significantly improved from 2022/2023 results. This demonstrates a positive shift in the waste management avenues available to residents of the County which contributes positively to Carmarthenshire`s recycling performance in line with the Welsh Government strategy `Beyond Recycling` through increasing possibilities of reducing, reusing and recycling domestic waste and follows the waste hierarchy principals for a more sustainable approach to waste management.		
Service Head: Daniel W John	Performance status: On target		
Action	17169	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	We will increase supply of renewable energy within the Council housing stock (CV29)		
Comment	In 2023/24 we have secured over £2M of optimised retrofit grant funding from Welsh Government to improve the energy performance of our housing stock. This will enable us to install energy efficient measures on over 230 homes. Through this programme we are upgrading the fabric performance of our homes and installing renewable technology which can create and store energy. This includes undertaking a deep retrofit on 18 homes, replacing 133 gas boilers with hybrid heat pumps and improving the fabric performance of a further 80 homes. Our aim is to ensure that all of our homes achieve a minimum of band C energy performance rating (EPC) as quickly as possible through a fabric first approach. The 2024/25 HRA business plan (approved by Council on the 24th January 2023) is also committed to installing rooftop solar PV panels as part of our roofing programmes and developing a business case outlining the investment required and the benefits of installing a wider programme of solar PV to our tenants homes and installing community electrical vehicle charging points.		
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	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 99.07	Target: 95.00 Result: 99.02	Target: 95.00 Result: 99.05	Target: 95.00 Result: 99.10	Target: 95.00 Result: 99.13 Calculation: (2054 ÷ 2072) × 100
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan				Performance status: On target			
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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 / Above line Animal Feed establishments that were due a programmed Feed intervention	Not applicable		New measure	--	--	--	Target: 100.00 Result:

during the year PP/FEED/003								100.00 Calculation: (16÷16) × 100
Comment	There were 16 inspections due in 2023/24 however we inspected 37 farms.							
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan				Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results				
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year	
The number of fraud incidence identified by Trading Standards PPN/003	Not applicable		End Of Year: 223	Target: 50 Result: 22	Target: 100 Result: Not available	Target: 150 Result: 219	Target: 200 Result: 327	
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan				Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 5.39	Target: 7.00 Result: 4.06	Target: 7.00 Result: 3.37	Target: 7.00 Result: 3.66	Target: 7.00 Result: 5.01 Calculation: 7741÷1546	
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	16287	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Continue to review and assess the need for safer routes and traffic calming measures across Carmarthenshire's towns and villages as part of our road safety initiatives, whilst awaiting the outcome of the Welsh Government proposed 20mph speed limit pilot study, prior to a their final decision on implementing this initiative across Wales. CV64		
Comment	WG 20mph legislation has been implemented. There is a survey framework in place which has captured `before` data and this will be compared to further surveys to provide an understanding of the impacts `after` implementation. Liaison also being undertaken with DPP regarding enforcement and education initiatives.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	16416	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	We will ensure that the Council works with Dyfed Powys Police to address rural crime issues affecting the county and to monitor any trends in terms of community cohesion issues. MFR-45		
Comment	We will incorporate any rural crime issues as part of the Safer Communities Partnership`s workplan.		
Service Head: Jason Jones		Performance status: On target	
Action	16781	Target date	31/03/2024 (original target 31/03/2023)
Action promised	We will deliver a new risk-based Food Hygiene and Food Standards programme for 23/24		
Comment	Respective high risk food hygiene and food standards programmes continue to be delivered in line with Statutory Code of Practice requirements. We have introduced a risk based approach to programme programmed inspections and any overdue work, with the exception of new businesses and other multidisciplinary reactive work. We will continue with the risk based approach into 24/25 as outlined as part of the FSA twice yearly "temperature checks"		
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan		Performance status: On target	
Action	16878	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Continued development of Highways Asset Management Plan Maintenance Policies. Including Grass Cutting policy, Gully Cleaning policy and Weed Spraying policy (CV62)		
Comment	The new HAMP policies relating to management of adverse weather events / weather warnings and our winter service plans were accepted by Cabinet on 4th March 2024 and adopted.		
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	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 65.25	Target: 67.00 Result: 72.96	Target: 67.00 Result: 71.70	Target: 67.00 Result: 70.23	Target: 67.00 Result: 70.49 Calculation: (55195.44 ÷ 78303.28) × 100
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 144	Target: 35 Result: 31	Target: 72 Result: 59	Target: 107 Result: 90	Target: 143 Result: 121 Calculation: 22881090 ÷ 189117
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 4.89	Target: 10.00 Result: 1.23	Target: 10.00 Result: 1.91	Target: 10.00 Result: 1.99	Target: 10.00 Result: 2.01 Calculation: (1572.61 ÷ 78303.28) × 100
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of local authority collected municipal waste Recycled WMT/010ii	Not applicable		End Of Year: 45.43	Target: 46.00 Result: 48.62	Target: 46.00 Result: 47.08	Target: 46.00 Result: 46.91	Target: 46.00 Result: 48.39 Calculation: (37894.07 ÷ 78303.28) × 100
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of municipal waste Collected as source segregated biowastes and composted or treated biologically in another way WMT/010iii	Not applicable		End Of Year: 19.35	Target: 20.00 Result: 23.84	Target: 20.00 Result: 24.09	Target: 20.00 Result: 22.77	Target: 20.00 Result: 21.56 Calculation: (16881.11 ÷ 78303.28) × 100
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year

% of 'Upheld' Missed Collections across all kerbside collections WMT/021	Not applicable	New measure	--	--	--	Target: 0.1 Result: Not available	
Comment	The proposal for 23/24 was to have all domestic collection vehicles using in-cab technology in order to record all collection data, from non-presentation of waste to contaminated waste being presented. The delay in the roll out of the Alloy system has again delayed the data capture in order to report on the number of reported missed collections be upheld. Currently all reported missed collections need to have resource allocated to collect due to insignificant data available on the original collection. Alloy Management system has started to be introduced to services on a priority basis. Implementation for Domestic Waste collection is scheduled for July/August 2024.						
Remedial Action	Please see comment.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: Result not available				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
% retention of existing garden waste customers WMT/025	Not applicable		New measure	--	--	--	Target: 95.0 Result: Not available
Comment	End of 2023 collection season, the service had 11,856 customers on the Maulander system compared to 10,108 at the end of 2022 collection season, the system also shows only 1,330 new sign ups to the service during the 2023 season. That leaves 418 customers unaccounted for, also 997 customers cancelled during the season due to increase cost of the service, moving homes, deaths etc. The current Maulander data is inaccurate to produce a calculation on retention of customers. For the 2024 collection season with the introduction of Alloy, it will be possible to provide more accurate data.						
Remedial Action	Please see comment.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: Result not available				

ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous (Prosperous Communities)			
Sub-theme: WBO3f - Service Priority: Waste			
Action	16565	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Investigate alternative route cleansing strategy and develop network hierarchy to allow cleansing to align with needs and demand and not zonal cleansing		
Comment	Caru Cymru are yet to provide details of the revised Code of Practice for Litter and Refuse, however the internal Route Rationalization element of this work is currently being undertaken by external contractors, Routes network information is being gathered in Route Hierarchy format to allow the development of Service Delivery standards. The development of service delivery standards is a key element to formalising the Cleansing Maintenance manual for all operation service delivery.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	16908	Target date	31/03/2024 (original target 31/12/2023)
Action promised	We will update our Public Convenience Strategy and procure the new public convenience operation and management contract.		
Comment	A revised Public Convenience Strategy has been developed following public engagement feedback. The draft revised strategy is awaiting approval. A Section 151 submission is currently awaiting approval to enable the service to continue with the current public convenience contractor for a temporary period of 12 months.		
Service Head: Ainsley Williams		Performance status: On target	
Action	17038	Target date	31/03/2025
Action promised	Lead on the communications and customer service of the new Waste service changes (CV48)		
Comment	Work is progressing well. A new communications officer has been appointed and a draft communications plan is in place. Monthly meetings are held with the service team. This work will continue in 2024/2025		
Service Head: Deina Hockenhull		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	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 3.1	--	--	--	Target: 3.5

								Result: Not available
Comment	No surveys were completed in 2023/24, however, the surveys were completed in early part of 2024/25 and will be available in qtr.1							
Remedial Action	Enter results in 2024/25 Q1.							
Service Head: Darren King				Performance status: Result not available				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 2.4	--	--	--	Target: 3.5 Result: Not available	
Comment	No surveys were completed in 2023/24, however, the surveys were completed in early part of 2024/25 and will be available in qtr.1							
Remedial Action	Enter results in Q1 2024/25							
Service Head: Darren King				Performance status: Result not available				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 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		End Of Year: 10.1	--	--	--	Target: 10.0 Result: Not available	
Comment	No surveys were completed in 2023/24, however, the surveys were completed in early part of 2024/25 and will be available in qtr.1							
Remedial Action	Enter results in Q1 2024/25.							
Service Head: Darren King				Performance status: Result not available				

ACTIONS - Theme: WB03.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous (Prosperous Communities)			
Sub-theme: WB03g - Service Priority: Highways & Transport			
Action	16292	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Lobby Welsh Government to reopen the Amman Valley railway line to passengers as part of the Swansea Bay Metro. CV40		
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	16293	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Lobby Welsh Government for a feasibility study for a passenger railway and cycle route along the Gwendraeth Valley. CV54		
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	16294	Target date	31/03/2024
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. CV53		
Comment	The programme of rail priorities has been submitted to the region and the Wales Government. The Council has set out its priorities for improved journey times through to West Wales at a CJC Transport Workshop on 26th June 2023 at the National Botanical Gardens.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	16295	Target date	31/03/2024

Action promised	Engage with and lobby Welsh Government on their commitment to construct a bypass for Llandeilo. CV59		
Comment	Officers have been working hard to engage with WG counterparts to press the case for the Llandeilo Bypass, to obtain clarity on commitment and to secure the publication of the Options appraisal study (WelTAG). We have recently received a Ministerial Statement confirming publication of the WelTAG study and a commitment to delivery of the Bypass (along with local improvements) with an indicative provisional construction commencement date of Spring 2028. We will continue to engage closely with WG to support the scheme as it progresses.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On target	
Action	16296	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Following withdrawal of Welsh Government funding, explore all possible funding options to support a programme of improving the condition of rural roads. CV85		
Comment	Following presentation of the HAMP Annual report to Scrutiny on 23rd November it was agreed that a letter would be sent to Welsh Government to highlight the deterioration of our highways and the impact on our network following the withdrawal of the Welsh Government Road refurbishment grant. The letter was sent to the Deputy Minister for Climate Change Welsh Government in January 2024 by Cllr Karen Davies. The response received in February 2024 indicates that roads refurbishment grant is not going to be reintroduced and that additional funding was being provided by the Resilient Roads Fund. Historically this fund has targetted on emergency storm and climate damage, not road condition. Future Carmarthenshire RRF bids shall include for roads refurbishment. The deputy minister reminded local authorities that roads maintenance was funded by the revenue support grant.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On target	
Action	16556	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Contribute to the development the Regional Transport Plan for South West Wales that will inform transport policy and investment decisions that align with the 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 and subsequently submitted to Welsh Gov. Whilst some temporary external support has been commissioned to support the 4 Local Authorities, there are still significant resourcing challenges, and whilst a regional post was due to be advertised in October to assist, recruitment has not yet occurred, as a consequence the scale and nature of the plan will still make a considerable draw on Local Authority Transport Planning resources.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On target	
Action	16557	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Work with regional and national partners to develop the south west Wales METRO in order provide an integrated transport system that supports carbon reduction, economic activity and social inclusion across the whole region		
Comment	Feasibility studies have been completed on Transport Modelling, Transport Hub Business Case, Bus Business Case, Active Travel Infrastructure Development, Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Strategy. Regional Transport Group is now reviewing outputs and recommendations, which in turn will inform the next steps in the process. Carmarthenshire are endorsing an approach whereby tangible concepts plans and future outputs are identified to inform the long terms METRO ambitions. Officers are engaging with WG and Transport for Wales who are leading on the Metro work . This is a long term project that will require investment. Cognisance will need to be made to National Bus reform and challenging funding landscape.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On target	
Action	16558	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Deliver a prioritised 3-year capital maintenance programme of highway bridge strengthening and replacement schemes. Prioritising delivery of schemes with the resources available to ensure highway bridges and structures assessed as sub-standard		
Comment	Since 1st April 2023 we have strengthened/upgraded 4 highway structures; Glanrhyd bailey bridge (Cilycwm) replacement; B4306 Pont y Pentre (Llannon) bridge replacement, C2146 Tan y Berllan bridge (Ffairfach)deck replacement; and C2214 Bridgend Inn (Pontamman)upgrade works. U2243 Mynydd Y Garreg Bridge replacement is partially complete with significant delays encountered due to high water levels and flooding. Work has been suspended and is planned to recommence mid April. This year we will upgrade 4 structures as planned with the 5th due to be completed in Q1 2024-25.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On target	
Action	16880	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Introduce and deliver a programme of coring utility trenches to improve standard of reinstatement by utility works as the consequence on the fabric of the highway (CV62)		
Comment	Specialist sub-contractor engaged and undertaking scheduled coring programme. Coring results are being continually analysed and actioned by Street Works Team.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On target	
Action	16884	Target date	31/03/2024
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 (CV62)		
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; In the meantime, funding has been secured from developer contributions to introduce phase 1 junction enhancements at Sandy Roundabout which are due for completion in April 2024.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On target	

NO TARGET SET

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities & environment to be healthy, safe & prosperous (Prosperous Communities)							
Sub-theme: WBO3g - Service Priority: Highways & Transport							
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads 5.5.2.21	21	47	End Of Year: 83	--	--	--	Target: NO TARGET Result: 138
Comment	During 2023, unfortunately 138 people were killed or seriously injured (KSI) on Carmarthenshire roads, this is the second highest figure in Wales after Powys with 153 and is a 66% increase on the 2022 figures. There was a 59% increase in the number of motorcyclists KSI from 17 in 2022 to 27 in 2023, and the highest increase was for those 16-24 year olds with 76% from 17 in 2022 to 30 in 2023, this is the highest number in Wales. The Council is committed to making the County's roads safer through strengthened partnership working to raise awareness, educate and train all types of road users in order to improve skills and behaviour.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: N/A				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on roads 5.5.2.22	5	10	End Of Year: 17	--	--	--	Target: NO TARGET Result: 27
Comment	During 2023, unfortunately, 27 motorcyclists there were killed or seriously injured during 2023, this is a 59% increase on the previous year figure of 17. The Council is committed to making the County's roads safer through strengthened partnership working to raise awareness, educate and train all types of road users in order to improve skills and behaviour.						
Remedial Action			Please see comment.				
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: N/A				
Measure Description	2022/23 Comparative Data			2023/24 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Number of young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured on roads 5.5.2.23	4	9	End Of Year: 17	--	--	--	Target: NO TARGET Result: 30
Comment	During 2023, unfortunately 30 young people aged 16-24 were killed or seriously injured (KSI) on Carmarthenshire roads, this is an increase of 76% on the previous year of 17, this is the highest number in Wales. The Council is committed to making the County's roads safer through strengthened partnership working to raise awareness, educate and train all types of road users in order to improve skills and behaviour.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: N/A				

**PWYLLGOR CRAFFU
LLE, CYNALIADWYEDD A NEWID HINSAWDD
31 GORFFENNAF 2024**

**DIWEDDARIAD AR GYFER YSTYRIED GORCHYMYN DIOGELU
MANNAU AGORED CYHOEDDUS YCHWANEGOL AR GYFER
GORCHMYNION CŴN SIR GAERFYRDDIN.**

Y Pwrpas:

Rhoi diweddariad ar y dull o ymdrin â Gorchmynion Diogelu Mannau Agored Cyhoeddus yn seiliedig ar y dystiolaeth sydd ar gael ynghylch baw cŵn ar gaeau chwaraeon.

GOFYNNIR I'R PWYLLGOR CRAFFU:-

Ystyried gwybodaeth a chymesuredd y dull arfaethedig o ymdrin â Gorchmynion Diogelu Mannau Agored Cyhoeddus ar gyfer baw cŵn ar gaeau chwaraeon.

Adolygu'r opsiwn a argymhellir i fynd i'r afael â materion Ymddygiad Gwrthgymdeithasol sy'n Gysylltiedig â Chŵn.

- Darparu templed tystiolaeth (pecyn cymorth PSPO) i ddisgrifio natur a maint y broblem mewn lleoliadau penodol i gefnogi gorchmynion ychwanegol a allai fod yn briodol.
- Ystyried cyflwyno Hysbysiad Cosb Benodedig am y drosedd o beidio â gallu glanhau ar ôl eich ci mewn manau cyhoeddus.

Y Rheswm/Y Rhesymau

Argymhellwyd yng nghyfarfod Craffu Lle, Cynaliadwyedd a Newid Hinsawdd ar 24 Tachwedd 2022 i gyflwyno gwaharddiad ledled y Sir o gŵn yn mynd i gae chwaraeon wedi'i farcio a chyflwyno Hysbysiad Cosb Benodedig am y drosedd o beidio â gallu glanhau ar ôl eich ci. Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn rhoi diweddariad i'r aelodau a'r opsiynau sydd ar gael i'r awdurdod yn seiliedig ar gyngor cyfreithiol.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31ST JULY 2024

UPDATE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) FOR CARMARTHENSHIRE DOG ORDERS

1 SUMMARY REPORT.

- 1.1 On the 24th November 2022 the Scrutiny Committee recommended the introduction of an additional Countywide Public Spaces Protection Order to ban dogs from a defined sports pitches located within the county and the introduction of a fixed penalty notice for the offence of not having the means of cleaning up after their dog.
- 1.2 A review has been undertaken to gather the existing data of the problems and extent of dog related anti – social behaviour to support the introduction of an exclusion order of dogs from Marked sports pitches, the data gathered shows the number of complaints received in 2023 – 24 was just 183, and no complaints were received of dog related ASB occurring on playing fields or sports pitches.
- 1.3 A review was also undertaken of the previous consultations to see how many respondents raised the issue. It shows that a number of respondents have raised the issue over the years, although the number of responses which do so is quite low. It should be noted that this historical evidence is a number of years old and therefore of limited value (See appendix A).
- 1.4 Current data held by Carmarthenshire County Council.

The table below show the number of Fixed Penalty Notices and prosecutions taken by the authority since the introduction of the Public Spaces Protection Order 2016.

Table A : No of FPN's and Prosecutions taken by Carmarthenshire County Council.

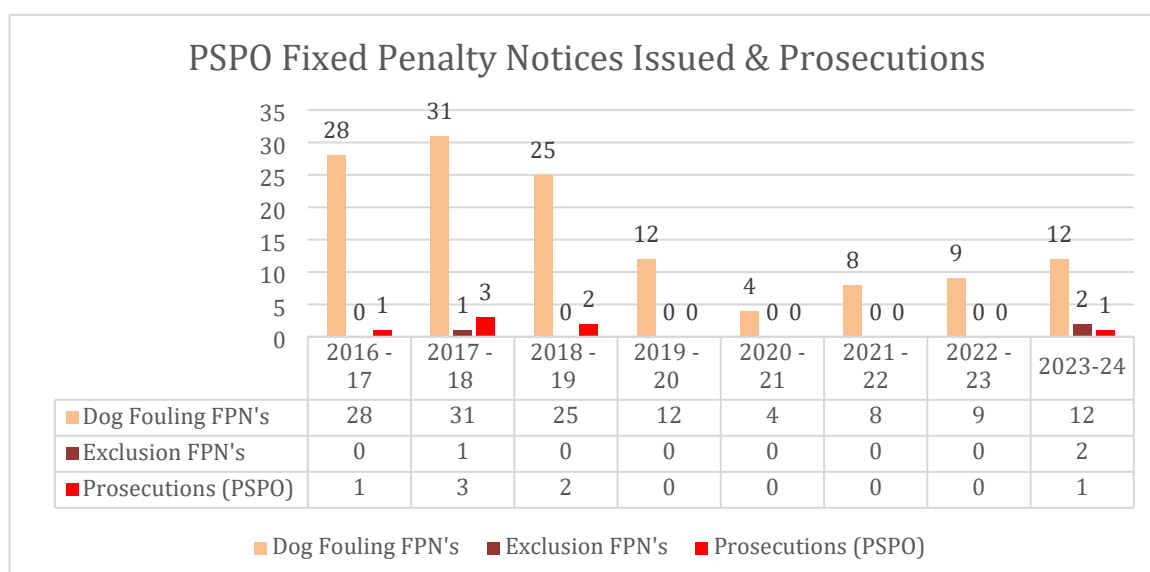
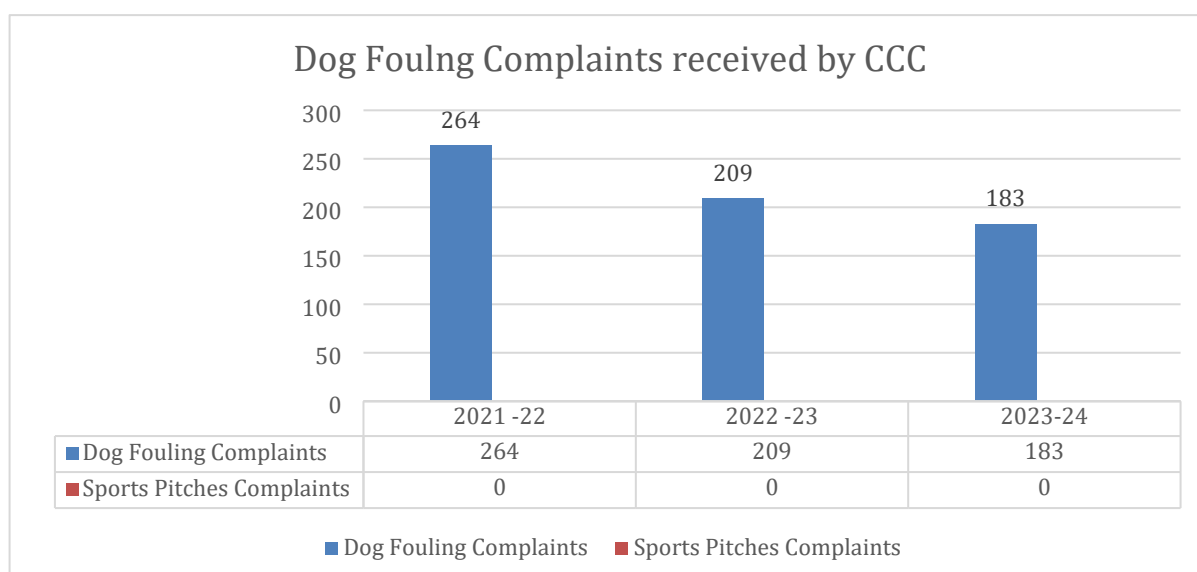


Table B: Number of complaints received by CCC for the 2021 and 2024 period.



N.B. No warning letter / community protection notices have been issued by the authority for dog related anti-social behaviour issues.

- 1.5 Legal Advice has stated that any PSPO needs to be evidence based, and a proportionate response to the problems which are occurring. From a legal perspective it is deemed that we currently have insufficient evidence at present to sufficiently demonstrate that the introduction of a County Wide PSPO to address this problem is disproportionate.

- 1.6 Also, at present the authority does not have sufficient data on all community owned playing fields / sports pitches currently used in the county of Carmarthenshire. Further work will be required to identify these assets working with communities to identify areas that are maintained privately but are accessible to the public.
- 1.7 Based on the current available evidence available our recommendation are as follows:-
- To engage with communities and sports groups to facilitate further evidence gathering through the provision of a PSPO toolkit.
 - Maintain the use of existing powers to address the current problems.
 - Working with the community to develop site specific PSPO's based on evidence and proportionality to address the issue, once the evidence is gathered and provided by the Town / community Councils or sports group.
- 1.8 A PSPO toolkit has been developed for sports groups / town and community councils etc to support their action plan of gathering evidence of dog related ASB activities taking place on marked sports pitches, the toolkit will ensure a consistent approach in gathering evidence to support any enhanced orders that are appropriate to tackle the problem at specific sites.
- 1.9 The PSPO Toolkit will allow sports Groups / Town and Community Councils to records incidents in a consistent manner as part of the evidence gathering electronically (epicollect system) or using paper audit sheets.
- 1.10 The Local Environmental Quality Team will provide guidance and support to all the Sports Groups / Town & Community Councils who want to undertake the evidence gathering exercise.
- 1.11 It is recommended that the evidence gathering exercise should be conducted for a minimum period of eight weeks.
- 1.12 The PSPO toolkit will include the following information.

Appendix B – PSPO Evidence gathering Toolkit guidance.

Appendix C – FAQ – Evidence gathering for PSPO's

Appendix D – Summary of PSPO Application process.

2. SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS

1. Roll out the dog fouling PSPO toolkit to the Community Council / sports groups to gather evidence within an agreed timeframe to evidence the extent of the problems within a specific area, the evidence gathered will support or negate the requirement for site specific PSPO's.

2. Encourage sports Groups / stakeholders to provide greater intelligence to evidence the extent of the dog related anti-social behaviour to aid the enforcement team to undertake targeted action, whilst developing an enhanced PSPOs based on the evidence gathered.
3. Consider the merits of the Introduction a new Fixed Penalty Notice for the offence not having the means of cleaning up after their dog in public spaces.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

**No
Appendices A-D**

IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed: Dan John Head of Environmental Infrastructure

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

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

2. Legal

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

8. Biodiversity and Climate Change

Cleaner public spaces can encourage more people to use them for recreational activities like walking, cycling, or spending time in nature. This can indirectly support biodiversity by reducing pressure on more remote natural areas.

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED

YES

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

THERE ARE NONE

2016 Public Consultation responses.

Dogs fouling qualitative responses. 4 comments received in relation to sports pitches / playing fields

Clwb Rygbi Pantyffynnon	Cleaning up doesn't remove the problem, there are traces still left on our playing fields. dogs should always be on a lead in a public place
Ysgol Bro Banw	As a school we have reported issues of dog fouling on our playing fields on several occasions. Small signage has been posted but this has not resolved the issue. As a school we welcome any sort of restriction placed upon dog owners to ensure the health and well-being of our pupils.
Anonymous	dogs should not be allowed on playing areas full stop
Furnace United RFC	Please add that no dogs should be allowed on private leased sporting venue used by adults and children.
Anonymous	I coached a local junior rugby team, I had to turn up early to clean the dog mess off the pitch, during daylight owners respect tend to clean up, during the nighttime I have seen owners that just release their dogs by the gate and do not bother even following the dog into the park. Dogs should be on a lead at all times in public parks not only in childrens play areas. On a Sunday morning during a game with young children all around a dog owner with 2 German Shepherds works into the park with both dogs off

Exclusion of dogs from enclosed children's play areas :- 15 comments made in relation to Playing fields / sports pitches

Cefneithin welfare association	And all playing fields. We use the local park and there are more and more people bringing their dogs to the park and leaving them off the lead.
Laugharne Festival Committee (Cors Playing Field)	Dogs are already excluded from our playing field.
	Providing that the children area is fenced off. By dogs should be allowed in the park/ playing fields to run around.
	Totally agree, dogs should be prohibiting dogs from children's playgrounds and sports fields. Who want faeces
	And all playing fields.
	Dog owners also take their dogs to the local park in Dafen, let them off their leads and the

	dogs run over the grass playing field area, foul and go running over to other dogs who are on leads and being controlled. This needs to be stopped, they should not be allowed to run around grass areas which are then used by local clubs for sports training.
	Dog walkers do not need to take dogs on playing fields where sport is played. Council owned land or private rugby footy fields
	Especially school playing fields where dogs fouling is regularly not cleaned up and disgusting
	Hopefully this will apply to playing fields - rugby/football pitches. Children partake in events played on these grounds and they should be able to play without parents fearing they'll step into dog mess!! The health hazards of such incidents are widely known and reported!
	I suggest that this should include playing fields- rugby, soccer and cricket - which are not enclosed.
	I would add all playing areas to this proposal. Football, Rugby and other sport areas.
	reside in abergwili where residents walk their dogs frequently near the rugby fields. despite signs prohibiting entry they still allow dogs to enter freely and defecate. this poses extreme dangers for children playing in fields.
	My nephew lives in a village just outside Carmarthen, in the village there is a child playground, football field & cricket pitch. When I visit i can see dog owners from the village walking around this play areas & allowing their dogs to foul & not cleaning it up.
	Also, any rugby football pitch or unenclosed play area with swings and similar.
	Any exclusion order should prohibit dogs from all play area. Eg. Park grassed areas, football fields

Other comments – 4 comments made on playing Fields / Sports Pitches

	Dogs should also be prohibited from sports areas.
	I believe all playing fields within parks should be included also
	I believe all playing fields within parks should be included also.
	Why not add sports fields?

2019 PSPO renewal – 3 Comments on sport pitches / Playing fields

County Councillor Ammanford	Public playing areas need to have a restriction on dogs. Many local sports clubs have raised the point of having to delay games because of time taken to remove dog and other animal faeces off the grass. This is a major danger to health and needs to be addressed.
Llandybie Community Council	The PSPO has been very welcome, and its renewal carries the full support of Llandybie Community Council. We have had the full support of the local County Council team, and we as a Council would highly recommend greater investment into this area. Our sports pitches are a real issue, and whilst we realise the recent issues with implementing a blanket ban of dogs on sports field in Cardiff, it really is something we should pursue. Unfortunately, nothing will happen until a fatality occurs.
Quarter Bach Community Council	The appearance of dog poo has increased significantly in the area, especially in sports places in our habitat

2022 PSPO Renewal – two comments

Llandybie Community Council	At last evening's Full Council meeting of Llandybie Community Council it was agreed that full support be given to the renewal of the current Public Spaces Protection Order , but that additionally, an extra criteria be added for the further protection of individuals , namely that - all dogs be banned from playing fields which are set out for sporting activity i.e. sports pitches
Whitland Memorial Hall	All county council owned play areas, play grounds, playing fields, even if leased, should be subject to the order.

2022 Engagement survey (NB Expected to receive higher responses from this survey)

Burry Port AFC	We as a Club would like a total ban on dog walking on all Sports Pitches
Llanyndeyrn CC	continuous problems with dog owners allowing their canine to run free on playgrounds & recreation grounds. local problematic hot spots are : Pontiets Rugby Fields & Children's Park.

	Gwynfryn school play area & sports field, Carwe recreation grounds. pavements & footpaths around Ffoslas housing estates Carwe
Llandybie CC	Dogs to be banned from using any sports pitches. this has already been noted in the consultation response previously made by the Council
Pontyets RFC	Dogs should not be allowed on any areas where adults or children are likely to come into physical/bodily contact with dog mess. In our case this means the playing surfaces and surrounding areas of the two pitches.
CCC Councillor	Dogs on sport and playing fields. Penllwyn Park Playing Field - dogs fouling on the pitch.
Llansteffan CC	Controlling dogs on a lead on the Villages playing field. I understand that this is difficult to control but there is a risk of children becoming very ill if they happen to come across dog poo when playing.
County Councillor	Controlling dogs on a lead on the Villages playing field. I understand that this is difficult to control but there is a risk of children becoming very ill if they happen to come across dog poo when playing.
Pontyberem Park Association	football, Rugby pitches, It is impossible to inspect these pitches prior to any match. The area is too vast and we do pick up many dog pieces but it is still a problem
ST Ishmaels	We would like to have the option to introduce a dogs on leads only on the Rugby Field in Ferryside. We would like to have the option to introduce dog free zones on the beach in Ferryside / St Ishmael at least during the summer months.

Public Spaces Protection Orders – Evidence Gathering Toolkit (Dog Related Anti-Social Behaviour)



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Dog Fouling / Dog related Anti- Social Behaviour Tool Kit.

Statement of Intention

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) were introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. Public Spaces Protection Orders are Intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specific area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing condition on the use of that area which apply to everyone.

Current PSPO's (Dog Orders) within Carmarthenshire.

- Cleaning up after your dog
- Dogs on Lead by Direction
- Dog Exclusions from Enclosed Children's play area.

Overview and Threshold

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) are intended to deal with a nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the quality of life for local people. They seek to impose conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. Local authorities have the power to make PSPO's but can be enforced by both the police and / or Local authority officers.

The Terms of the PSPO (restrictions and / or requirements) are set by the council. These can be blanket or site specific (restrictions and / or requirements) are set by the council. These restrictions or requirements can also be used to target against certain behaviours by certain groups at certain times. A PSPO can restrict access to public spaces (including certain types of highways) where that route is being used to commit anti-social behaviour.

The local authority can make the order if satisfied on reasonable grounds that: -

- Activities carried out in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life on those in the locality Or.
- It is likely that the activities will be carried out in a public place within that area, and they will have that effect; AND
- The effect or likely effect of the activities is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature; is or is likely to be such as to make those activities unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

The council can make a PSPO on any public spaces within its own area. The definition of public spaces includes any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission, for example a shopping centre or park area.

Procedure for initiating a Public Spaces Protection Order

The case for placing conditions of use on a public space must be balanced and evidence based. This includes placing additional restrictions on an area, whether it be already covered by a PSPO currently or not.

Environmental or anti-social behaviour issues should be investigated and resolved through normal case work and partnership process including referring to support agencies, warnings, mediation restorative justices or other legal interventions such as Community protection warnings / notices and fixed penalty notices. Most cases where a PSPO is considered will be discussed and progressed

through a tasking arrangement with relevant agencies and a range of interventions should be considered and used where appropriate to address the issue before a PSPO is progressed.

Where previous interventions have failed to address the problem and the case officer feels a PSPO is necessary and proportionate, s/he will discuss the proposal for consideration of a PSPO with partner agencies.

Evidence Gathering.

The evidence will be gathered by the affected parties i.e. Town / community council / Sport Groups, the minimum period of the exercise will be an eight-week period, this will ensure that the evidence gathered shows that it's a continuing nature. The evidence gathering is the responsibility of the affected organisations / stakeholder. The authority will assist only by providing the means of recording the evidence in a consistent manner.

Once the evidence gathering process has been completed, the information will be reviewed by the core members of the project group.

- Officers from the Environmental Infrastructure division.
- Legal Services

Additional services will be invited to join discussions around the new requests for PSPO's depending on the type of land and proposed restrictions under consideration.

Examples include.

- Town and Community Councils
- Various Council services
- Private Landowners
- Neighbourhood Policing teams

The project group will evaluate the initial evidence available to support the case for a PSPO and take a view on whether to pursue the idea of a PSPO or look at other methods.

The project group will commission detailed analysis to enable them to determine if a PSPO is necessary and proportionate. Evidence to support a PSPO is likely to include some of the following although this is not exhaustive:

- Police crimes and incidents
- Reports to relevant council departments
- Diary sheets and / or witness incidents
- Photographs / CCTV Footage
- Other interventions used to address the problem.

The project group will apply a two-tier test to determine if a PSPO is justified:

1. Has the legal threshold for applying a PSPO has been met?
2. Are there other interventions that could be used to resolve the issues that haven't been tried?

If both parts of the test are satisfied, the case officer will discuss further and prepare a report for approval for committee / cabinet members.

Once consent has been given to proceed the project group will then draw up draft conditions and a communication and consultation plan.

Consultation.

It is a statutory requirement for the council to consult with partners and other affected parties before making a PSPO. The consultation process will be coordinated by the case officer and supported by the project group. They will ensure that community representatives, relevant community groups, residents, elected members and other stakeholders are consulted as appropriate. Consultation will predominately be done through an on-line survey but any residents and community groups in the affected areas can receive a paper copy of the survey if necessary.

Consultation responses will be considered by the project group and legal team to assess:

- Whether to proceed with the PSPO in the light of responses
- Whether to amend the draft conditions in light of responses

The project groups recommendation will be shared with the senior leadership team. If they agree with the decision made, the group's recommendation will be shared with the councils' cabinet members for their consideration and approval.

Legal Process

Council legal team will be informed and consulted at necessary stages throughout the process to ensure government guidance and legislation is followed accordingly.

Publication

PSPO must be published in accordance with government statutory regulations. The case officer will oversee the publication of the PSPO and work with the project group and the council's communications team to ensure it is published: -

- On CCC Corporate web page
- In local press
- Via social media
- On signage, erected in the necessary area.

Enforcement

Enforcing a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) typically involves the following steps:-

Designation – The local authority identifies specific areas where a PSPO is needed to address anti-social behaviour or other issues affecting public spaces.

Consultation – Authorities consult with the community, stakeholders, and relevant agencies to gather an assess the need for a PSPO.

Drafting – The PSPO is drafted, specifying prohibited activities or conditions within a designated area. This could include dog controls or other behaviours causing harm.

Approval – The PSPO is formally approved by the local authority, and public notice is given to inform residents and users of the affected area.

Implementation – Signs displaying the PSPO regulations are installed in the designated area, and information campaigns may be conducted to raise awareness.

Enforcement – Enforcement is carried out by authorised officers, such as designated local authority officers. They may issue warnings, fixed penalty notices (FPN's) or take legal against those violating the PSPO. Patrols will be undertaken based on intelligence provided by stakeholders / partners of breaches of the PSPO.

Review – Periodic reviews to assess the effectiveness of the PSPO, adjustment may be made based on the changing circumstances or community needs.

Undertaking the evidence gathering to support a PSPO application.

The following step-by-step guide has been developed to assist any persons or groups within a community wishing to gather evidence of dog related anti-social behaviour including tackling dog fouling problems in a specific area.

Aim

The aim of the surveys is for local communities / sports associations to record how bad the problem of dog fouling / dog related anti-social behaviour is in a particular area. The collection of this data is important to form as evidence to support any additional Public Spaces Protection Orders that are required. The collection of evidence will be made by the complainant / asset holder, CCC will provide advice only the process of gathering the evidence.

How

identify who will take part/volunteers to carry out the surveys and recording of the evidence found.

register your interest with us by emailing: Prideinyourpatch@carmarthenshire.gov.uk at least two weeks in advance of your proposed start date.

The purpose of registering your interest is to ensure that we can meet the needs of your survey. This should include the following information:

nominated person as a point of contact and their details (address, phone number and email)

proposed start and finish dates (Minimum of four weeks)

locations to be targeted (street names, parks, open spaces etc.)

Await confirmation that we can support your survey, acknowledgment will be sent within five working days.

Once you receive confirmation to commence the survey / audit.

- Surveys should only be conducted on land that the public have access too.
- The area should be free of all dog faeces prior to the survey (blank Canvas)
- Audits should be undertaken on a weekly basis (keep to the same specific day of the week),
- A record must be kept of date / time of survey / location and the amount found on the form.
- Dog fouling should be removed within 12hrs following the survey (to avoid duplicate recordings).
- For Sports Pitches pre match inspections can be used as a record of incidents, Carmarthenshire County Council has devised an electronic form ([Epicollect5 - Dog Fouling at Sports Pitches Carmarthenshire](#)) that can be used to record dog fouling incidents during pre-inspections of pitches during match days and training evenings, alternatively for the

organisations that are unable to access the electronic forms, hard copy audit forms can be used see ***Appendix 1 PSPO Evidence form & Appendix 2 PSPO Summary form.***

- For aggressive dog incidents, these incidents should be reported to Dyfed Powys Police, however a record should be kept of the number of incidents that involve aggressive dogs at a particular area.
- Organisations / sports groups will need to consider alternative arrangements for dog owners to have access to areas of land to exercise their dogs of lead for welfare reasons.

Example record Template.

Survey Date

Survey Time

Location details

Survey Number

Surveyors' details

Club / Organisations details

Survey conducted prior too – Training Session / Match Game / Grounds Maintenance work (Applies to sports pitches only)

Number of bagged dog fouling found.

Number of loose dog fouling found.

Other Animal Faeces found (Other than dog).

Photos of incidents of dog fouling at the time of the survey.

Comments

For Aggressive Dog Incidents.

Date of Incident

Time of Incident

Location of Incident

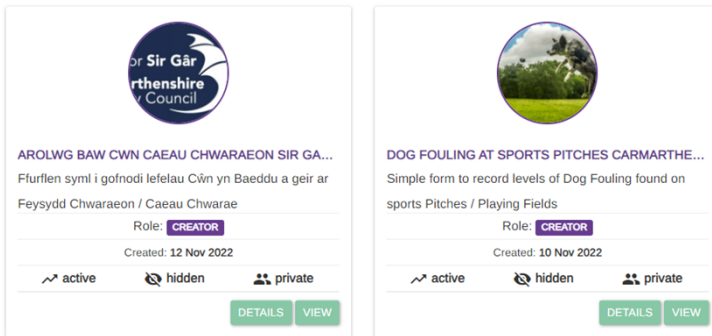
Number of dogs involved in incident.

Police Incident Number

Comments

Once the audit is completed the council will review and analyse the data collected.

Screenshot of Electronic Evidence Gathering report.



Day to day enforcement activities of dog related anti-social behaviour.

To assist the enforcement team in undertaking targeted enforcement activities, the council would urge stakeholders affected by dog related anti-social behaviour to gather as much intelligence as possible, times and frequency of incidents any details of the dog and owner and report them directly to the authority on [Report dog fouling - Your details - Section 1 - My Account \(gov.wales\)](#)

The information provided will assist the enforcement team to identify the local hotspot areas and arrange for targeted enforcement activities to take place.

FAQ for evidence gathering of dog related anti- social behaviour tool kit (Sports Pitches).

What is a Public Spaces Protection Order.

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) were introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. Public Spaces Protection Orders are Intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specific area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing condition on the use of that area which apply to everyone.

Overview and Threshold.

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) are intended to deal with a nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the quality of life for local people. They seek to impose conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. Local authorities have the power to make PSPO's but can be enforced by both the police and / or Local authority officers.

The Terms of the PSPO (restrictions and / or requirements) are set by the council. These can be blanket or site specific (restrictions and / or requirements) are set by the council. These restrictions or requirements can also be used to target against certain behaviours by certain groups at certain times. A PSPO can restrict access to public spaces (including certain types of highways) where that route is being used to commit anti-social behaviour.

The local authority can make the order if satisfied on reasonable grounds that: -

- Activities carried out in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life on those in the locality Or.
- It is likely that the activities will be carried out in a public place within that area, and they will have that effect; AND
- The effect or likely effect of the activities is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature; is or is likely to be such as to make those activities unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

The council can make a PSPO on any public spaces within its own area. The definition of public spaces includes any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission, for example a shopping centre or park area.

What are the current PSPO's in place to deal with dog related anti-social behaviour.

Cleaning up after your dog.

Dog's on Lead by Direction (by an authorised officer).

Dog Exclusions from Enclosed Children's play area.

Gathering of evidence to support an application.

Asset holders / users will be required to gather the evidence to support their application in seeking to introduce a PSPO at sites affected by dog related ASB. CCC will provide support in the form of the processes and templates and recording mechanisms to ensure the evidence gathered supports the legal threshold have been met.

Collating evidence that illustrates the detrimental impact of particular activities will be important and is the responsibility of the community group/asset owner.

Will these be site specific or a blanket order.

The sites will be site specific, based on the evidence gathered.

What is the legal threshold.

- Activities carried out in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life on those in the locality Or.
- It is likely that the activities will be carried out in a public place within that area, and they will have that effect; AND
- The effect or likely effect of the activities is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature; is or is likely to be such as to make those activities unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

Evaluation of the evidence gathered.

Once the evidence gathering process has been completed, the information will be reviewed by the core members of the project group within the authority.

Additional services will be invited to join discussions around the new requests for PSPO's depending on the type of land and proposed restrictions under consideration, these may include Town & Community Councils and Neighbourhood policing teams.

The authority will also evaluate other evidence provided such as reports received with specific departments, witness incidents / police crimes and incidents, this is not exhaustive.

What happens if the evidence provide doesn't satisfy the legal threshold.

The authority will work with stakeholders to look at alternative course of action available to the asset holder / user.

What happens if the evidence provided satisfies the legal threshold.

The authority will draft conditions sought and undertake the statutory consultation with residents / users of the area (Online).

What happens following the consultation?

If residents / users in majority are opposed to the suggested PSPO, the authority will look at alternative course of action to support the partner.

If residents / users in majority are in agreement with the suggested PSPO the authority will draft a report for approval of proposed PSPO, the final order will be published on the authority's web page.

How will the affected areas be sign posted.

Advisory signs will be placed at entrances to designated areas under these orders, on-line maps will be published on the authority's web pages showing the designated areas.

Does the council have other options / powers for dog control issues?

The council can also use Community Protection Notices (CPNs) to deal with Dog Control Issues. A Community Protection Notice is a legal notice that imposes conditions on the behaviour of an individual who is causing anti-social behaviour. They are intended to deal with ongoing problems or nuisances which negatively affect the community's quality of life, by targeting the individual(s) responsible for it.

Community Protection Notices will be used to deal with any other problems on a case by case basis, enabling us to impose conditions on the behaviour of irresponsible dog owners without affecting other dog owners who do behave responsibly.

How long does the order last for ?

The order will last for a period of three years, but it may be extended by the council in due course. There is a statutory consultation process that we have to follow if we decide to vary this order, to extend it, or to make any additional orders.

How will Carmarthenshire enforce the PSPO?

Authorised officers from Carmarthenshire County council will enforce the orders, patrols will be undertaken based on intelligence provided by partners that the orders are being breached within specific areas,

Who else can enforce the orders?

PSPO's can be enforced by officers who are authorised to do so by the council. This can include a person who is not an employee of the council, such as employees of a contractor or a partner agency.

Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) can also enforce the order.

Cwestiynau Cyffredin ar gyfer casglu tystiolaeth o gŵn sy'n gysylltiedig â pheccyn offeryn ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol (Caeau Chwaraeon).

Beth yw Gorchymyn Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus?

Cyflwynwyd Gorchymynion Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus (PSPO) o dan Ddeddf Troseddau a Phlisma Ymddygiad Gwrthgymdeithasol 2014. Bwriad Gorchymynion Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus yw delio â niwsans neu broblem benodol mewn ardal benodol sy'n niweidiol i ansawdd bywyd y gymuned leol, drwy osod amod ar y defnydd o'r ardal honno sy'n berthnasol i bawb.

Trosolwg a Throsi.

Bwriad Gorchymynion Diogelu Mannau Cyhoeddus (PSPO) yw delio â niwsans neu broblem mewn ardal benodol sy'n niweidiol i ansawdd bywyd pobl leol. Maent yn ceisio gosod amodau ar ddefnyddio'r ardal honno sy'n berthnasol i bawb. Mae gan awdurdodau lleol y pŵer i wneud y gall bur PSPO gael ei orfodi gan yr heddlu a / neu swyddogion awdurdodau lleol.

Mae telerau'r cyfyngiadau PSPO a/neu ofynion) yn cael eu gosod gan y cyngor. Gall y rhain fod yn flanced neu'n benodol i'r safle (cyfyngiadau a/neu ofynion) yn cael eu gosod gan y cyngor. Gellir defnyddio'r cyfyngiadau neu'r gofynion hyn hefyd i dargedu ymddygiad penodol gan grwpiau penodol ar adegau penodol. Gall PSPO gyfyngu mynediad i fannau cyhoeddus (gan gynnwys rhai mathau o briffyrdd) lle mae'r llwybr hwnnw'n cael ei ddefnyddio i gyflawni ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol.

Gall yr awdurdod lleol wneud y gorchymyn os yw'n fodlon ar sail resymol bod: -

- Mae gweithgareddau a wneir mewn man cyhoeddus o fewn ardal yr awdurdod wedi cael effaith andwyol ar ansawdd bywyd y rhai yn yr ardal leol neu
- Mae'n debygol y bydd y gweithgareddau'n cael eu cynnal mewn man cyhoeddus o fewn yr ardal honno, a byddant yn cael yr effaith honno; A
- Mae effaith neu effaith debygol y gweithgareddau yn debygol o fod o natur barhaus neu barhaus; (c) yn neu'n debygol o fod yn fath o wneud y gweithgareddau hynny'n afresymol ac yn cyfiawnhau'r cyfyngiadau a osodir gan yr hysbysiad.

Gall y cyngor wneud PSPO ar unrhyw fannau cyhoeddus yn ei ardal ei hun. Mae'r diffiniad o fannau cyhoeddus yn cynnwys unrhyw le y mae gan y cyhoedd neu unrhyw ran o'r cyhoedd fynediad iddo, ar daliad neu fel arall, fel hawl neu drwy gael caniatâd datganedig neu ymhlyg, er enghraifft canolfan siopa neu ardal parc.

Beth yw'r PSPO cyfredol ar waith i ddelio ag ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol sy'n gysylltiedig â chŵn.

Glanhau ar ôl eich ci.

Cŵn ar Arweiniad trwy Gyfarwyddyd (gan swyddog awdurdodedig).

Gwaharddiadau cŵn o ardal chwarae plant amgaeedig.

Casglu tystiolaeth i gefnogi cais.

Bydd gofyn i ddeiliaid / defnyddwyr asedau gasglu'r dystiolaeth i gefnogi eu cais wrth geisio cyflwyno GDMC mewn safleoedd sy'n cael eu heffeithio gan ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol sy'n gysylltiedig â chŵn. Bydd CCC yn darparu cymorth ar ffurf y prosesau a'r templedi a mecanweithiau cofnodi i sicrhau bod y dystiolaeth a gasglwyd yn cefnogi'r trothwy cyfreithiol wedi'u bodloni.

Bydd casglu tystiolaeth sy'n dangos effaith niweidiol gweithgareddau penodol yn bwysig.

A fydd y rhain yn benodol i'r safle neu'n orchymyn blanced.

Bydd y safleoedd yn benodol i'r safle, yn seiliedig ar y dystiolaeth a gasglwyd.

Beth yw'r trothwy cyfreithiol?

- Mae gweithgareddau a wneir mewn man cyhoeddus o fewn ardal yr awdurdod wedi cael effaith andwyol ar ansawdd bywyd y rhai yn yr ardal leol neu
- Mae'n debygol y bydd y gweithgareddau'n cael eu cynnal mewn man cyhoeddus o fewn yr ardal honno, a byddant yn cael yr effaith honno; A
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Gwerthuso'r dystiolaeth a gasglwyd.

Unwaith y bydd y broses o gasglu tystiolaeth wedi'i chwblhau, bydd y wybodaeth yn cael ei hadolygu gan aelodau craidd grŵp y prosiect o fewn yr awdurdod.

Gwahoddir gwasanaethau ychwanegol i ymuno â thrafodaethau ynghylch y ceisiadau newydd am GDMCA yn dibynnu ar y math o dir a'r cyfyngiadau arfaethedig sy'n cael eu hystyried, gall y rhain gynnwys Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned a thimau plismona Cymdogaeth.

Bydd yr awdurdod hefyd yn gwerthuso tystiolaeth arall a ddarperir megis adroddiadau a dderbyniwyd gydag adrannau penodol, digwyddiadau tystion / troseddau a digwyddiadau'r heddlu, nid yw hyn yn gynhwysfawr.

Beth sy'n digwydd os nad yw'r dystiolaeth yn bodloni'r trothwy cyfreithiol?

Bydd yr awdurdod yn gweithio gyda rhanddeiliaid i edrych ar gamau gweithredu amgen sydd ar gael i ddeiliad yr ased / defnyddiwr.

Beth sy'n digwydd os yw'r dystiolaeth a ddarperir yn bodloni'r trothwy cyfreithiol?

Bydd yr awdurdod yn drafftio'r amodau y gofynnir amdanynt ac yn cynnal yr ymgynghoriad statudol gyda phreswylwyr / defnyddwyr yr ardal (Ar-lein).

Beth sy'n digwydd ar ôl yr ymgynghoriad?

Os yw preswylwyr / defnyddwyr yn y mwyafrif yn gwrthwynebu'r PSPO a awgrymir, bydd yr awdurdod yn edrych ar gamau gweithredu amgen i gefnogi'r partner.

Os yw trigolion / defnyddwyr mewn mwyafrif yn cytuno â'r GDMC a awgrymir, bydd yr awdurdod yn drafftio adroddiad ar gyfer cymeradwyo GDMC arfaethedig, bydd y gorchymyn terfynol yn cael ei gyhoeddi ar dudalen we'r awdurdod.

Sut fydd yr ardaloedd sydd wedi'u heffeithio yn cael eu harwyddo?

Bydd arwyddion ymgynghorol yn cael eu gosod wrth fynedfeydd i ardaloedd dynodedig o dan y gorchmynion hyn, bydd mapiau ar-lein yn cael eu cyhoeddi ar dudalennau gwe yr awdurdod sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd dynodedig.

A oes gan y cyngor opsiynau / pwerau eraill ar gyfer materion rheoli cŵn?

Gall y cyngor hefyd ddefnyddio Hysbysiadau Gwarchod Cymunedol (CPNs) i ddelio â materion rheoli cŵn. Mae Hysbysiad Amddiffyn Cymunedol yn hysbysiad cyfreithiol sy'n gosod amodau ar ymddygiad unigolyn sy'n achosi ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol. Eu bwriad yw delio â phroblemau neu niwsansau parhaus sy'n effeithio'n negyddol ar ansawdd bywyd y gymuned, trwy dargedu'r unigolyn/unigolion sy'n gyfrifol amdano.

Bydd Hysbysiadau Gwarchod Cymunedol yn cael eu defnyddio i ddelio ag unrhyw broblemau eraill fesul achos, gan ein galluogi i osod amodau ar ymddygiad perchnogion cŵn anghyfrifol heb effeithio ar berchnogion cŵn eraill sy'n ymddwyn yn gyfrifol.

Pa mor hir mae'r gorchymyn yn para?

Bydd y gorchymyn yn para am gyfnod o dair blynedd, ond gall y cyngor ei ymestyn maes o law. Mae proses ymgynghori statudol y mae'n rhaid i ni ei dilyn os penderfynwn amrywio'r gorchymyn hwn, ei ymestyn, neu wneud unrhyw orchmynion ychwanegol.

Sut fydd Sir Gaerfyrddin yn gorfodi'r PSPO?

Bydd swyddogion awdurdodedig o Gyngor Sir Caerfyrddin yn gorfodi'r gorchmynion, bydd patrolau'n cael eu cynnal yn seiliedig ar wybodaeth a ddarperir gan bartneriaid bod y gorchmynion yn cael eu torri o fewn ardaloedd penodol,

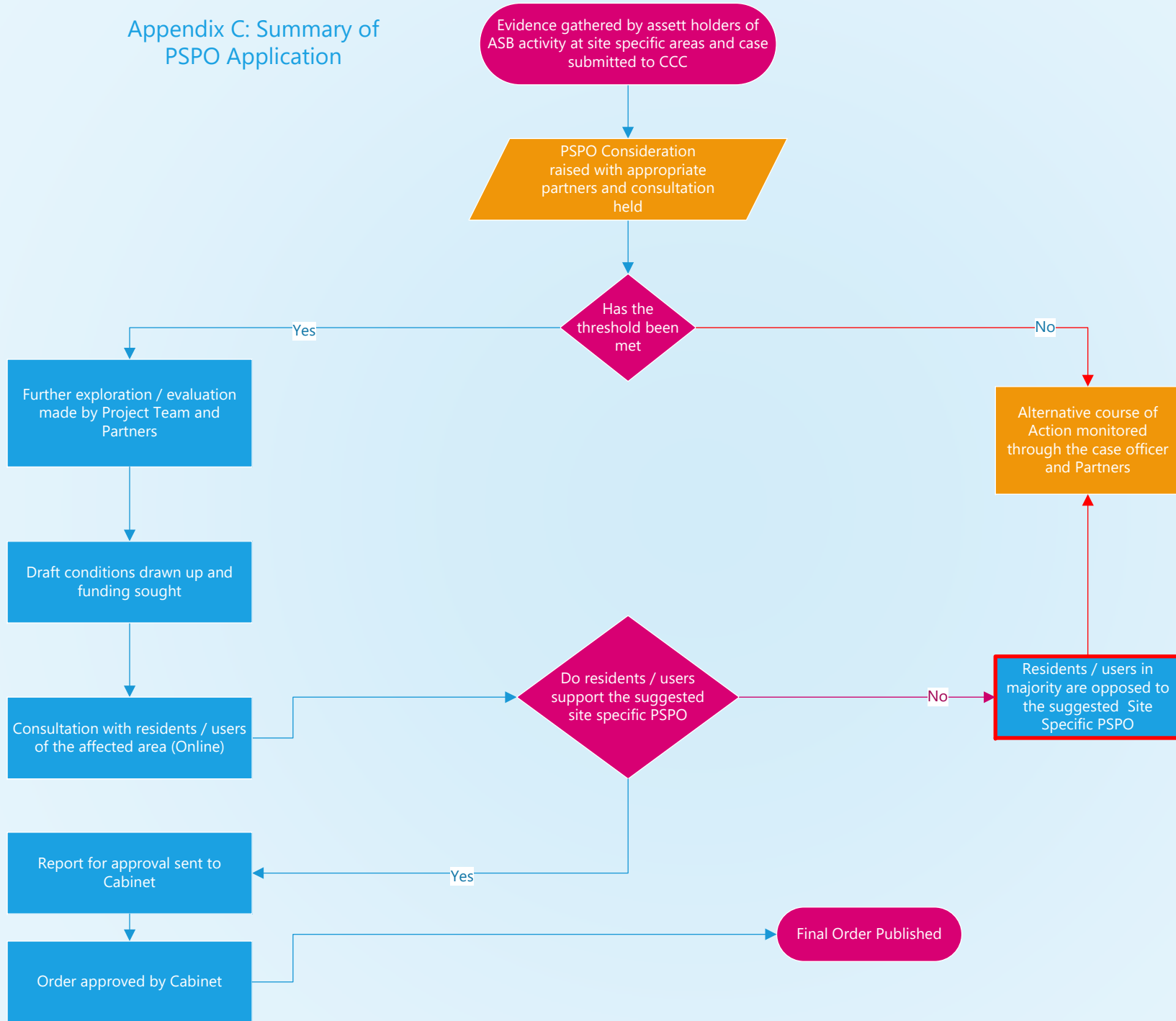
Pwy arall sy'n gallu gorfodi'r gorchmynion?

Gall swyddogion sydd wedi eu hawdurdodi i wneud hynny gan y cyngor. Gall hyn gynnwys person nad yw'n gyflogai i'r cyngor, fel gweithwyr contractwr neu asiantaeth bartner.

Gall Swyddogion Heddlu a Swyddogion Cymorth Cymunedol yr Heddlu (SCCH) orfodi'r gorchymyn hefyd.

Mae'r dudalen hon yn wag yn fwriadol

Appendix C: Summary of PSPO Application



Mae'r dudalen hon yn wag yn fwiadol

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31 GORFFENNAF 2024

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Y Pwrpas:

Rhoi diweddariad i'r Aelodau ar ddatblygiad ein Strategaeth Farchogaeth sydd ar ddod gan gynnwys cyfres o gamau gweithredu arfaethedig y gellid eu cynnwys yn y ddogfen derfynol.

Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

Rhoi sylwadau ar ddatblygu Strategaeth Farchogaeth Sir Gaerfyrddin

Y Rhesymau:

Llunio barn y Pwyllgor Craffu ar gamau gweithredu posibl i wella'r ddarpariaeth farchogaeth yn Sir Gaerfyrddin cyn cyhoeddi'r strategaeth.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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CARMARTHENSHIRE EQUESTRIAN STRATEGY

1. Introduction

1.1 One of the key policies in the current Carmarthenshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) is to develop an Equestrian Strategy. The service is current developing this Strategy to ensure it is fit for purpose and deliverable with an associated Action Plan. This will need to be developed in conjunction with numerous service managers across the Authority as the provision and possible of enhancement of equestrian access in the County is not limited to a single service area.

2. Vision

2.1 The principle aim of the Equestrian Strategy is to 'promote and develop and accessible network for equestrian use' (Policy 6, Action 17, Carmarthenshire ROWIP 2019-2029)

2.2 We will strive to recognise the needs of the equestrian community and seize opportunities for equestrian access development where we have powers and resource to do so.

2.3 We will maximise value from available resources and will endeavour to seek funding opportunities to support equestrian access.

2.4 The Equestrian Strategy will seek to set out a realistic strategic delivery programme to achieve these aims.

3. Current Situation

Equestrianism

3.1 According to the BETA National Equestrian Survey 2023, the number of people participating regularly in equestrian activities in the UK has reached 1.82 million. This figure has increased from 1.8 million in 2019 and 1.3 million in 2015.

3.2 According to the Wales Outdoor Recreation Study (WORS) 2016-17, horse riding was an activity enjoyed by 3% of the adults in Wales who took part.

3.3 Participation data for this strategy was gathered in 2021 through our online consultation, this was combined with membership data from the British Horse Society (BHS). Available data at the time suggested that in 2021 there were 1,326 (0.7%) horse and rider combinations in the County taking part in equestrian activities.

3.4 Available data informing this strategy provides an illustration of the potential demand for equestrian access opportunities. Operational findings in Carmarthenshire continue to demonstrate a pastime which has a considerable level of interest and demand for provision.

CCC Managed Equestrian Access

Public Rights of Way

3.5 Carmarthenshire's PROW network, (excluding Bannau Brycheiniog), offers a total of 166.06km of bridleways, which horse riders are legally entitled to use. The network also has 82.9km of Restricted Byway and Byway Open to All Traffic (combined) that both horse riders and horse drawn vehicles are legally entitled to use.

Route Type	Number of Routes	Length (km)
Footpath	2956	2282.0
Bridleway	138	166.06
Byway Open to All Traffic	88	81.3
Restricted Byway	1	1.6
Totals	3183	2530.96

3.6 The figures above show that 10% of the total length of PROW network in Carmarthenshire provides any equestrian access opportunity and in the case of carriage driving, 3.2% of the total network can be lawfully accessed.

Highways

3.7 Carmarthenshire has the second longest network of public roads in Wales. Equestrians are legally entitled to freely use all classes of public road in the County (excluding motorways). The County's network of minor unclassified roads (UCRs) see fairly low vehicular traffic flow and are therefore most suitable for equestrian use; there are total of 1658km of UCRs across Carmarthenshire (approximately 45% of the total network).

Country Parks

3.8 A Byway, 2.7km in length, travels into Pembrey Country Park providing statutory access to ride a horse or carriage drive through the park to mean high water at Cefn Sidan beach. Horse riders are permitted to then ride from the BOAT onto a designated section of the beach, owned by Carmarthenshire County Council. Carriage driving is not permitted on the beach. Llyn Llech Owain Country Park and Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park offer permissive off-road horse-riding opportunities that are free to use. Currently permissive bridleways within Llyn Llech Owain and Mynydd Mawr extend to approximately 3km.

Cycle Paths

3.9 Shared use Cycle Paths add 2.4km of permissive access to horse riders.

Equestrian Provision outside of CCC Control

3.10 Welsh Government Forestry Estate

The Welsh Government Woodland Estate (WGWE) is managed by Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

A significant proportion of the estate has been designated permissive access for equestrians. The WGWE forestry estate extends to some 7167 hectares which is accessible to horse riders in Carmarthenshire. There is open access for carriage driving in Crychan Forest and NRW operate a permission system for the remainder of the WGWE.

Both horse-riders and carriage drivers can make use of parts of the woodland estate across Carmarthenshire under the terms of a Concordat between Natural Resources Wales and the British Horse Society (BHS). There are however, some WGWE sites excluded from the permissive access agreement, Pembrey forest is one such site. Equestrian access at this site is allowed but requires users to purchase an annual permit.

Permissive equestrian access provided across the WGWE is managed and controlled by Natural Resources Wales, certain locations may be closed off for safety reasons or during certain times of the year due to forestry operations.

3.11 Riding Centres

For non-horse owners, opportunities to ride or carriage drive are reliant on riding centres that offer the necessary facilities for a fee.

Carmarthenshire is well served by riding centres located across the County offering lessons and riding experiences (Beach/Forest/Mountain rides) for all ages.

Carmarthenshire's riding centres offer their services to people of all abilities from complete beginners to advanced equestrians, many also offer riding for the disabled (RDA) opportunities. Most riding centres across the UK are privately owned and run. Carmarthenshire County Council is not involved in the operational planning or delivery of equestrian opportunities through the County's riding centre facilities.

3.12 Training and Competition Venues

Carmarthenshire has several venues which offer opportunities in numerous competitive disciplines. These venues run organised competition and training events, normally for a participation, entry or membership fee. Use of these types of competition facility also require competitors to have their own public liability insurance.

Most competition venues across the UK are privately owned and run. Carmarthenshire County Council is not involved in the operational planning or delivery of equestrian opportunities at these types of venues.

3.13 Private Hire Venues

There are several private hire venues in Carmarthenshire which offer facilities to hire for most equestrian disciplines, for a fee. Use of these facilities will normally require participants to have their own public liability insurance.

These venues offer a range of facilities, predominantly based on all-weather surfaces to allow use all year round. Venues for private hire provide parking for horse transport so visitors can travel their horse(s) and make use of facilities regardless of location.

These venues are privately owned and run, Carmarthenshire County Council is not involved in the operational planning or delivery of equestrian opportunities at these types of venues.

Commitment to develop an Equestrian Strategy

3.14 The current Carmarthenshire ROWIP sets out policies and actions for managing the public rights of way network for the 10 years (2019 – 2029), considering public need, relevant legislation and available resources.

3.15 During the ROWIP consultation phase, the Local Access Forum (LAF) members felt that it was important for the local authority to commit to producing an Equestrian Strategy to recognise the access opportunities and challenges for equestrians across Carmarthenshire.

3.16 Forum members felt that the proposed strategy should identify where equestrian access is most needed and how it could be best developed and enhanced whilst working in harmony with other policies and strategies such as Transport Plans and the Hub of Wales Cycling Strategy.

3.17 Policy 6, Action 17 within the ROWIP is therefore, to develop an Equestrian Strategy for Carmarthenshire that is designed to 'promote and develop and accessible network for equestrian use'.

4. Consultation

4.1 Nothing of this type has been developed before in Carmarthenshire or anywhere in Wales and as a result very little existing data is available to build an accurate picture of the equestrian industry in Carmarthenshire.

4.2 To inform and shape the strategy, data specific to Carmarthenshire's equestrian population and available facilities was required.

4.3 Working with the British Horse Society (BHS) a comprehensive public survey questionnaire was developed, aimed at equestrians, equestrian businesses, clubs and organisations and elected representatives.

4.4 The survey was launched online 21 June 2021 and ran until 25 July 2021. The survey was administered electronically via the Council's online consultation page on the website. Moreover, it was distributed directly to organisations and clubs.

4.5 A total of 502 responses were received from various sections of the equestrian community. Most respondents who took part in the consultation were individuals (95%). Additionally, 17 businesses, 6 organisations/groups, 1 Town and community council and 1 local elected member completed the online survey.

4.6 Following completion of the survey extensive data analysis was required to interpret the data gathered.

5. Current Position

5.1 The strategy is currently in draft form with the final chapter of strategic Actions that will comprise the Delivery Plan yet to be finalised.

5.2 The full data analysis has been added to the draft strategy, following on from the introductory chapters already drafted which provide background information, legislative and policy context, and details of existing equestrian provision.

6. Next Steps

6.1 Following receipt of comments and recommendations from Scrutiny Committee and implementation of any appropriate changes, the Countryside Access Manager will work with relevant CCC service managers to examine and finalise the proposed set of strategic actions that have been compiled to achieve the goals of the Strategy as outlined in the ROWIP.

6.2 Once this stage is completed the final draft document will be provided to the Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum (LAF) and the BHS for comment. The target date for achieving this stage of strategy development is September 2024

6.3 Subject to implementation of any appropriate changes or amendments to finalise the strategy, it will be taken through the approvals process by the end of this calendar year.

6.4 The suite of potential actions for consideration are outlined below.

Proposed Action	Benefit to Equestrian Access	Risk/Challenge
Interactive Equine Access map	Map would provide a clear, one-stop resource to identify access opportunities for equestrian residents, tourists etc.	Cost to develop Resources required to keep mapping up to date.
Scope the potential for additional access option on CCC Land	A potentially considerable increase in local authority managed equestrian access opportunities.	Suitability of existing infrastructure. Impact on land management Conflict between users Resistance from existing Users

Create an Equine User Group	Opportunity for equestrian stakeholders to contribute towards prioritising maintenance and planning enhancement across the equestrian access network, according to available resources.	Further staff commitment to appoint and coordinate an additional stakeholder group Managing expectations of group members
Develop volunteer equestrian maintenance resource	A volunteer workforce, not limited by the limited PROW maintenance budget, with a vested interest in keeping the equestrian access network open and available.	Staff resource required to manage and coordinate volunteer workforce
Develop PROW/Road network rating system for equestrian use	Using available data against a rating system that takes account of suitability and cost, lengths of the PROW and/or road network with the potential for providing increased equestrian access opportunities can be logged and rated for further investigation.	Cost to develop. Potential conflicts between Rating outcomes and PROW & Highway Network Hierarchies. Resources required to implement and maintain enhancements.
Prioritising the investigation of unrecorded Higher Rights across the PROW network, leading to Orders to amend the legal record where appropriate.	Where evidence is discovered to suggest equestrian rights exists on PROWs currently recorded as footpaths, the Modification Order process has the potential to see amendments to the Definitive Map and Statement, increasing the number of bridleways and/or restricted byways.	Increase burden on Order making staff within Countryside Access team. Resource implications for increasing specification of PROW assets from footpath to bridleway compliance.
Take account of potential future legislative change proposed under the WG Access Reform Bill when planning any PROW maintenance and improvement schemes.	Where the potential for future equestrian access has been considered in all PROW schemes, the enactment of proposed access reform legislation could be delivered more promptly to the benefit of both equestrian users and cyclists.	Increased infrastructure costs Access Reform bill not lead to legislative change.

7. Challenges

7.1 Developing and delivering an Equestrian Strategy for Carmarthenshire presents several challenges the principal ones are outlined below.

7.2 Developing a strategic document that is both ambitious and deliverable – the strategy should be the catalyst that drives some positive outcomes for equestrian access in Carmarthenshire however, budget constraints can and will hinder the improvement/enhancement proposals that can reasonably be delivered.

7.3 Managing expectations throughout strategy development – stakeholders and enthusiasts have a proven record for pushing the Authority to deliver more equestrian access opportunities and to maintain and enhance access to the highest standards. Whilst we want to develop a strategy that has the full support of the equestrian community, it cannot be a wish list of future provision ideals so managing expectations and justifying the limitations of the strategy will be key.

7.4 Unknown future budget constraints – the current economic climate, which shows no signs imminent recovery, puts pressure on all Local Authority budgets. Statutory duties must take precedent and therefore the ambitions of a strategy that might include actions not supported by statute may not ultimately be deliverable if future budgetary constraints prevent it.

7.5 Access Reform in Wales - The Welsh Government wants to provide for wider access to the countryside for the purposes of recreation and simplify and harmonise procedures for designating and recording public access. One of the proposed reforms would see the extension of rights to ride a cycle

or horse to public footpaths. This proposal would obviously have an enormous impact on the current provision of equestrian access in Carmarthenshire, potentially opening hundreds of kilometres of PROWs presently closed to equestrians. The strategy must therefore deliver under current statute whilst also taking account of this possible future change to the fundamental arrangement of access to PROWs as they currently stand.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed: **Dan John** **Head of Environmental Infrastructure**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
None	Yes	Yes	None	YES	Yes	YES	YES

1. Legal

Dependant on the final actions developed within the Equestrian Strategy the legal implications of the strategy might have an impact on current enforcement practices on CCC public highway networks.

There may also be a need for Legal Orders to be processed if alterations to the network are negotiated for the benefit of equestrian users, identification of this need would be on a case-by-case basis taking account of the change being proportionate and affordable.

2. Finance

The strategy as a whole is being developed with available financial resources in mind. Any actions developed in the final stages of the strategy must be proportionate and demonstrate best value.

Outcomes need fall within existing budgets for all affected services or be clearly identified as aspirational and needing additional funding in order to deliver.

3. Risk Management Issues

Any improvements or enhancements to CCC equestrian provision identified in the strategy will be subject to any appropriate design standards and to robust risk assessment to safeguard the public.

4. Staffing Implications

Safeguarding existing equestrian access will be taken forward with existing staff resources. The resource implications of any improvements will be considered as part of the feasibility of any proposed actions.

5. Physical Assets

The County has an extensive road and PROW network in varying condition. A hierarchical risk-based approach is taken to maintenance of the Highway and PROW asset to achieve best value with limited available budgets.

Historically, Country and Woodland Park assets, managed by the Outdoor Recreation Service (ORS), do not offer any equestrian access or have any designated bridleways. The ORS provides permissive, and clearly designated and signed, off-road horse-riding opportunities in Llyn Llech Owain Country Park and Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park.

Asserting and safeguarding access rights and opportunities will need to be the central focus of the strategy and any improvements where they are brought forward will need to accord to relevant design standards, robust risk assessments and would be subject to appropriate consultation.

6. Biodiversity & Climate Change

With a limited and fragmented PROW network, much of the path network open to equestrian users can only be accessed by users if they transport their horse(s) to an appropriate location.

If the equestrian strategy can deliver positive changes that can provide some additional equestrian routes or some off road or recognised quiet road connectivity between existing routes, we might see a small reduction in large, high emission vehicles on the road.

This would contribute in a small way to Net-Zero targets.

Most of Carmarthenshire's existing equestrian access opportunities exist in areas of open countryside or along green corridors, rich in biodiversity.

In the development of strategic actions, the equestrian strategy must take account of conservation policy and guidance alongside relevant conservation and environmental legislation.

This will ensure any potential equestrian access developments and/or enhancements do not cause damage to habitats which support local biodiversity. Properly considered actions could potentially deliver habitat and biodiversity improvements in conjunction with access.

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED	YES
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31 GORFFENAF 2023

**STRATEGAETH WASTRAFF SIR GAERFYRDDIN –
CYNLLUN GWEITHREDU GLASBRINT**

Y Pwrpas:

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn ymwneud â chraffu ar y gyfres o gamau gweithredu, ystyriaethau a phenderfyniadau sy'n ofynnol i drosglwyddo i fethodoleg gasglu glasbrint ailgylchu Llywodraeth Cymru.

Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

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- **Gweithio sifftiau gweithredol - Ystyried newidiadau i fodel gweithio gweithredol.**
- **Amllder casglu gwastraff gweddilliol – Gweithredu casglu bob pedair wythnos; byddai hyn yn cynyddu ailgylchu ac yn lleihau gwastraff gweddilliol ymhellach.**
- **Ffrydiau casglu deunydd ailgylchu – Cyfluniad glasbrint llawn.**
- **Cychwyn caffael cerbydau – Cytuno i fwrw ymlaen â chaffael cerbydau ym mis Gorffennaf 2024 yn seiliedig ar y gofynion a nodir yn yr adroddiad.**
- **Defnyddio Cerbydau Allyriadau Isel lawn - Gweithredu 9 Cerbyd Adfer Adnoddau ULEV (tua 25% o'r fflyd wastraff).
Amserlen gweithredu – Mehefin 2026**

Y Rhesymau:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
31ST JULY 2024

**CARMARTHENSHIRE WASTE STRATEGY –
BLUEPRINT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

The first phase of the County Council’s Waste Strategy was introduced in January 2023 and, thanks to the efforts of Carmarthenshire residents, the county now recycles over 70% of its waste.

Local authorities are obligated to meet the Welsh Government’s 70% recycling target for 2024/2025. County councils that fail to meet their statutory obligation can be fined £200 for each tonne or £164,000 per 1% below the statutory target.

The current recycling system has narrowly met the 70% target for 2023/2024. To achieve the anticipated 80% target by 2030, address contamination issues and provide a cost-effective service, the Council must implement the second phase of the Waste Strategy. This phase will introduce a new collection system to increase recycling rates, reduce waste, and align with Welsh Government objectives. Analysis shows that significant recyclables are still being discarded, emphasising the need for improved public education and expanded kerbside collection options.

To progress the second phase of the service change, there are critical decisions that need to be made to guide the direction of travel to achieve the blueprint collection methodology in Carmarthenshire:

- Service Infrastructure and location – Centralised Depot or Current Depots
- Vehicle procurement
- Utilisation of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (based on cost & operational capabilities)
- Consideration of alternative operational working patterns
- Decision on residual waste collection frequency – (three weekly / four weekly).
- Decision on waste collection streams to be collected as part of the blueprint collection methodology.

The detailed report attached presents the rationale, considerations and suite of actions required to facilitate waste service change to align with other Welsh authorities and promotes Carmarthenshire's commitment to environmental responsibility.

Detailed Report attached?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed: **DJohn** **Head of Environmental Infrastructure**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	YES	YES	YES	YES

2. Legal

With HR staffing implications there may be a legal challenge to our proposals in addition to legal requirement for land purchase negotiations.

Finance

To assist with the authority's change to the Blueprint-compliant collection service, and the wider creation of the infrastructure associated with sustainability, the authority has successfully received funding from Welsh Government of up to £15,546,000. There is an additional capital requirement to be met by CCC circa. £4.9m best case. With revenue savings of £2.4m per year.

The Council is obligated to meet a 70% recycling target for 2024/2025, with fines imposed for non-compliance. If the Authority does not meet the statutory obligation, there will be fines as per WG policy of £200/ ton which may equate to £164,000 per 1% below the statutory target.

5. Risk Management Issues

The project has meticulously developed a comprehensive risk register, ensuring a robust framework for risk management to identify, assess, prioritise, and manage potential risks or uncertainties that could affect the successful completion of the project. As part of this at present there are five main risks.

In addition the WG grant funding has been predicated on a centralised depot development to operate the blueprint collections and with spend finalised by 2026. Delayed decision making or not operating from a centralised depot poses a risk:

- that the allocated £15million is lost and the blueprint collection methodology becomes unaffordable with CCC allocated Capital funding.
- roll out date of the service change is delayed, as to operate from our current depots, there would be a requirement to submit a new application to Welsh Government for funding. The application would need to follow the approval process, which in turn would delay the roll out date, and the outcome or allocated funding would be unknown until the application process is completed. Which in turn delays the progress of the waste service change, as to reduce the risk on the authority, infrastructure associated works

and vehicle procurement would be unable to commence until the outcome and allocated funding is approved by Welsh Government.

6. Physical Assets

There will be a need to invest in physical infrastructure through either our current depots or new depots in addition to the purchase of a new fleet of recycling collection vehicles.

7. Staffing Implications

An employee's work location and working pattern forms part of their terms and conditions of employment. In order to make a change to an employee's terms and conditions there is a need to consult, with a view to reaching an agreement on making a change. There will be HR risks if agreement cannot be reached, and this will be set out in a full separate report which may be legally privileged.

Additional risk from 4 day working would be the potential impact on the wider council workforce and the desire to adopt such practices Authority wide. This can be mitigated through the specific business case developed for the Waste Operational service and the cost and carbon benefit it derives.

8. Biodiversity and Climate Change

The adoption of 9 ULEV vehicles will have a positive impact on our net zero carbon ambitions. Full Carbon Life Cycle Analysis of the new service design is currently being undertaken.

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED	YES
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Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: THERE ARE NONE

PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31ST JULY 2024

Subject

Carmarthenshire Waste Strategy – Blueprint Implementation Plan

Purpose:

This report sets out the actions, considerations and decisions required to transition to the WG recycling blueprint collection methodology.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 In October 2021 Cabinet approved Carmarthenshire's Waste Strategy, targeting 70% recycling by 2025 and zero waste by 2050. This strategy outlined a two-phase plan for a new kerbside collection system, with the first phase launched in January 2023.
- 1.2 The first phase of the Waste Strategy was implemented on 23rd January 2023, this comprised of:
 - Weekly dry recycling [blue bags] collection
 - Three weekly collections of up to three [black] bags of non-recyclable material
 - Introduction of a glass collection service to 95% of properties collected every three weeks,
 - Food waste collection continuing to be collected weekly.
 - Introduction of hygiene & Children nappy fortnightly collection
- 1.3 The second phase of the project aims at implementing the Welsh Government waste collections blueprint of kerbside sort collection methodology across the entire county. This will include separate weekly collections of glass, paper, cardboard, cans and plastic, with new services for textiles and batteries.

2 Background

2.1 Whilst the current interim service model has enabled the Authority to exceed 70% recycling in 2023/2024, it has shown that we have only just managed to exceed 2024/2025 statutory recycling target. In addition:

- The interim service is more expensive than planned full rollout but was necessary to meet 2024 target and introduce glass collection.
- 80% recycling target likely by 2030. The current system won't achieve this due to recycling contamination and recycling materials collected.
- Phase 2 will implement the blueprint collection method for higher quality recycling, reduced contamination and greater suite of materials collected.
- Do nothing is not an option there is a need to move to phase 2 for cost-efficiency, higher recycling rates, alignment with WG strategy and our decarbonisation and sustainability objectives.
- A 2021/2022 analysis of our residual waste revealed significant recyclables are still contained within our residual waste stream, including 7.6% textiles, 21.5% food waste, 1.7% electricals, 21.8% nappies/hygiene products and recyclable packaging and 6.4% garden waste. This highlights the need for improved public education alongside increased kerbside materials and separation through the council's planned kerbside sort rollout.

3 Welsh Government Policy

3.1 Carmarthenshire County Council must comply with various Welsh Government regulations and emerging legislation impacting recycling performance.

3.2 The Council is obligated to meet a 70% recycling target for 2024/2025, with fines imposed for non-compliance. If the Authority does not meet the statutory obligation, there will be fines as per WG policy of £200/ tonne which may equate to £164,000 per 1% below the statutory target.

3.3 There is already consultation on increasing the 70% beyond 2024/25 with a potential 80% recycling rate target by 2030 – which would be within the service delivery span of this proposed service change.

3.4 Emerging Legislation:

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Scheduled for April 2025, this places financial responsibility for packaging collection and recycling on producers. While promoting packaging reduction and transition, it may decrease non-recyclable materials collected by councils. WG and Defra are currently developing payment mechanisms based on the 'polluter pays' principle whereby EPR payments will be paid to Local Authorities funded through levies charged to product and packaging producers. It is unknown at present the level of funding or how this will impact Revenue Support Grant funding.
- Deposit Return Scheme (DRS): Also launching in 2025, DRS incentivises returning beverage containers for a deposit. While aiming to reduce litter and boost recycling, it may decrease certain recyclable materials in Council collections.
- Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS): Planned for expansion to the waste sector by 2028, ETS aims to reduce emissions of residual waste through applying carbon allowances. While targeting operators, potential fines for exceeding allowances may be passed to councils based on waste composition and the level of residual waste disposed of, potentially increasing residual waste disposal costs significantly.

4 Service Design Considerations

4.1 To progress the second phase of the service change, there are critical decisions that need to be made to guide the direction of travel to achieve the blueprint collection methodology in Carmarthenshire:

- Service Infrastructure and location – Centralised Depot or Current Depots
- Vehicle procurement
- Utilisation of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (based on cost & operational capabilities)
- Consideration of alternative operational working patterns – (e.g. 4 day working).
- Decision on residual waste collection frequency – (three weekly / four weekly).
- Decision on waste collection streams to be collected as part of the blueprint collection methodology.

5 Depot and Infrastructure Configuration

5.1 As part of the initial development of our Strategy in 2019 a modelling study by WRAP Cymru revealed there was insufficient capacity at our current Waste Transfer Stations (WTS) to handle weekly blueprint recycling collections. Expanding Wern Ddu was costly, and limitations at Trostre meant it couldn't accommodate both recycling and residual waste as well as the existing Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC).

As such two main themes were developed:

Option 1 – Invest in current infrastructure	Option 2 – Develop Centralised Depot
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate Trostre HWRC, keeping the Waste Transfer Station in the same location <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate Waste Transfer Station and Maintain HWRC <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new service configuration for Wern Ddu Waste Transfer Station • Utilise existing Nantycaws infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate all operations to a centralised depot at Nantycaws • development of welfare facilities for staff. • Fleet parking • Utilise existing Nantycaws infrastructure for transfer station/treatment.

5.2 More recently we have developed three options that have been analysed and costed:

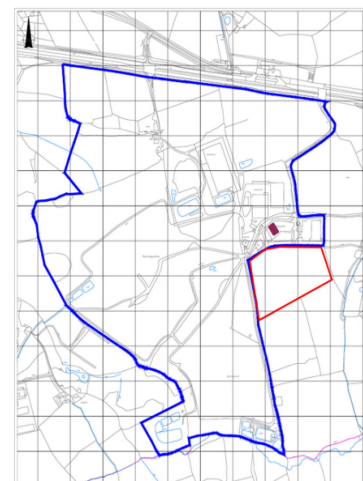
	Depot Location	Type of building	Waste Transfer Station [WTS] Location	Cost
Option 1	Centralised depot at Nant Y Caws	Traditional Build & Fleet Workshop	Utilise existing Nantycaws infrastructure for transfer station/treatment.	£22.6m
Option 2	Centralised depot at Nant Y Caws	Modular Build (Fleet workshop remains at current location – Trostre).	Utilise existing Nantycaws infrastructure for transfer station/treatment.	£13.8m
Option 3	Remain at the 4 current depots	Additional Modular Build	Invest in depots and Waste Transfer Stations	£10.43m

5.3 Option 1 - The development of the Nant Y Caws centralised depot model involves integrating with our waste treatment and transfer infrastructure. This centralisation strategy is built upon being the base for the entire waste collection service fleet at the site, serving as the working and fleet maintenance base for all operational waste collection staff, both operational and strategic. To understand the associated capital costs, feasibility and location of the site at Nantycaws, collaboration has been ongoing with WRAP and CWM Environmental in locating the most viable area for a central depot to be developed on the site.

5.4 Option 2 - Proposes a modular building instead of a traditional build for the new depot. Modular buildings are faster to construct (reducing overall program) and can be customised to the service needs. While a modular building is cheaper upfront, it has a shorter lifespan (30 years).

5.5 Option 3 - Utilising our current four depots with improved welfare and parking infrastructure and development of transfer station infrastructure at Wernddu and a new facility at Trostre.

5.6 In conclusion, Option 1 is a costly solution and given the Council's financial position the increased investment compared with Option 2 does not deliver increased benefits. Option 3 will deliver the blueprint but has limited capacity to expand in future and also does not future proof the service or unlock wider decarbonisation ambitions. It is therefore recommended that Option 2 is progressed.



6 Finance

6.1 As previously indicated the costs associated with the interim phase are not sustainable long term and the move to weekly recycling and glass collections were set as a pre-cursor to the implementation of the blueprint service, which will bring the service into a more cost-effective model of service delivery and save significant money on the revenue operating costs – which can be seen in para 6.5 below.

6.2 To assist with the Authority's change to the Blueprint-compliant collection service, and the wider creation of the infrastructure associated with sustainability, the authority has successfully secured funding from Welsh Government of up to £15,546,000.

6.3 Based on the capital figures presented for each of the different options within this report, taking into consideration the £15,546,000 Welsh Government grant and the allocated £4,730,000 funding set aside by CCC as part of the vehicle replacement programme, with an additional £252,055.00 from reserves, the estimated capital costs are as follows:

Options	1. Centralised depot Traditional Build	2. Centralised depot Modular Build (excl TMU)	3. Current Depots (excl TMU)
	£	£	£
Estimated construction costs including charging infrastructure, welfare and parking facilities	22,557,756	13,787,037	3,426,877
Vehicle Procurement based on 23% blueprint recycling fleet ULEV [On estimated Current Market Value]	10,506,035	10,506,035	10,506,035
Recycling Containers [On estimated market value]	1,140,000	1,140,000	1,140,000
Transfer stations (Trostre £2.8m, Wernddu £1.865m)	0	0	6,997,500
Total Option Cost	34,203,791	25,433,072	22,070,412

TOTAL WG FUNDING	15,546,000	15,546,000	9,673,000
CCC fleet replacement programme	4,730,000	4,730,000	4,730,000
CCC reserves	252,055	252,055	252,055
CCC - additional funding required	13,675,736	4,905,017	7,415,357
TOTAL CCC FUNDING	18,657,791	9,887,072	12,397,412
TOTAL FUNDING	34,203,791	25,433,072	22,070,412

6.4 Within Option 3, there is a risk of reduced Welsh Government funding for this option, as the initial Welsh Government allocated funding was predicated on a centralised depot. A full re-submission of a business case would be expected for evaluation by WG and sign off by Minister. In addition, advice received is that anything Business as Usual would not be funded so improvements in our depots would not be deemed feasible and unlikely to be funded. This would increase the capital requirement from CCC and also increase delays to the project whilst a new business case was developed, submitted and considered.

6.5 The revenue implications for each of the service options are as follows:

Options	BAU actuals 23/24 £	Option 1 & 2 - Centralised depot (£)	Option 3 - Current Depots (£)
Pay costs	6,316,411	6,596,399	6,781,929
Vehicles	4,425,827	4,523,203	4,523,203
Transfer/haulage	197,409	-	246,761
Treatment & disposal	10,118,850	8,095,025	8,095,025
Receptacles (cols C&D @ 26/27 - inc validation)	884,934	136,886	136,886
Other costs and income	- 359,602	- 359,602	- 359,602
Additional travelling (for 1 year)	-	109,208	-
Total	21,583,830	19,101,120	19,424,204
Saving over BAU		2,482,710	2,159,626

6.6 As can be seen in the revenue costs presented for the services there is a reduction in service delivery costs in both of the future options presented.

6.7 The additional capital requirement for both options 2&3 could be funded through an invest to save proposal with Option 2 taking two years to repay and Option 3 taking three years, this would require the revenue savings to pay back the shortfall in Capital Funding, after the Capital Expenditure has been incurred. After this date of the total repayment (2 or 3 years) the savings identified above would be realised as a budget savings back to the Council's overall budget.

7 Centralisation and Staffing Implications

7.1 Whilst the centralisation of depot operations provides many operational and strategic benefits. Staff and workforce opinion and support is important. As such we have undertaken a comprehensive two-phase programme of staff engagement through Surveys and 1-2-1 meetings across the front-line crew across all four depots, Cillefwr, Trostre, Glanamman and Heol Stanllyd (Cross Hands).

7.2 Key findings of this programme:

- Phase 1: Staff Survey:
 - 70% of frontline staff (120 surveys) across 4 depots prefer not to relocate.
 - Main concern: Increased travel distance and fuel costs.
 - 30% support centralisation for reasons like:
 - Proximity to home (for some)
 - Improved team culture
 - Operational efficiency
- Phase 2: 1-on-1 Meetings:
 - 93% of staff participated (154 employees).
 - 62% view the overall blueprint methodology positively.
 - 26% oppose centralisation, while 6% support it.
 - 35 employees prefer staying at current depots (mostly Trostre).
 - Regarding support for relocation:
 - 20 requested transport provided.
 - 13 requested road network improvements.
 - 5 requested fuel contribution.
- 97% responded on a 4-day workweek:
 - 60% support it.
 - 18% oppose it due to childcare/caring responsibilities.
 - 7% oppose it due to physical demands.
 - 12% were neither for nor against the idea

7.3 If centralisation is the preferred option moving forward the service is committed to:

- Regularly meet with Trade Unions to address concerns.
- Develop sustainable transport options for staff (including rapid charging points).
- Subsidise commute expenses for those travelling further for an initial 12 months.
- Invest in a new centralised facility with improved welfare and working conditions.
- Continue to develop plans for centralised fleet maintenance unit

7.4 Environmental Benefits of centralisation:

- Centralisation aligns with Welsh Government's Low Carbon Wales strategy.
- Enables optimised use of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs).
- Long-term plan involves utilising solar energy for electric vehicles, requiring centralisation for implementation.
- Centralisation would cost the authority £109,208 annually for the first year to cover increased commute expenses for 80% of staff. Based on December 2023 data and mileage based on two way travel:
 - 46.2% of staff would be affected in travelling an additional 11 miles or more each day to a centralised depot
 - 25.3% would have to travel between 5 and 10 miles
 - 9.3% would travel an additional 0.1 – 4 miles
 - 1.1% would have no change and
 - 18.1% of frontline staff would experience a shorter commute to a central depot compared to their current base.

- While staff concerns regarding travel exist, the service is committed to mitigation strategies and sees long-term environmental and operational benefits from centralisation. The decision on proceeding will likely involve further discussions with Trade Unions based on staff feedback.
- An employee's work location forms part of their terms and conditions of employment. In order to make a change to an employee's terms and conditions there is a need to consult, with a view to reaching an agreement on making a change. There will be HR risks if agreement cannot be reached, and this will be set out in a full separate report.

8 Operational Shift Pattern

8.1 As Part of the second phase of the service change, and to further mitigate the potential increased travel from a proposed move to a central depot the service has explored the feasibility of delivering collections within a four-day week. This option also delivers potential benefits to staff wellbeing, sickness levels, and recruitment and retention rates.

8.2 To explore this option further research was undertaken of other local authorities who have trialled a 4-day working week.

8.3 The Benefits for Staff Wellbeing and Recruitment:

- **Improved Work-Life Balance:** A 4-day week offers employees an extra day for personal pursuits, potentially leading to reduced stress and burnout. Studies by the University of Reading suggest this can improve overall job satisfaction and well-being.
- **Reduced Sickness Levels:** Increased recovery time due to the extra day off could translate to fewer sick days, improving service reliability.
- **Enhanced Recruitment and Retention:** The attractive work-life balance offered by a 4-day week can attract a wider talent pool and encourage existing staff to stay with the organisation, reducing recruitment and training costs.
- **Reduced Travel Costs:** With one less workday, staff can potentially save on fuel, vehicle maintenance, and commuting time. This benefit could be replicated in our cost allocation for the additional travel costs if combined with a centralised depot location.

8.4 The operational advantages and environmental impact:

- **Increased Operational Reliability:** A dedicated non-working day allows for scheduled vehicle maintenance, inspections, and MOTs, minimising disruptions during regular service times.
- **Potential for a More Diverse Workforce:** A 4-day week can appeal to individuals with childcare or other commitments, potentially leading to a more diverse workforce.
- **Improved Efficiency and Adaptability:** The non-working day provides flexibility to introduce new routes or adjust existing ones when needed, ensuring efficient service delivery.
- **Reduced Reliance on Agency Staff:** Improved staff morale and retention could decrease the need for temporary agency workers, leading to more consistent service quality.
- **Optimised Bank Holiday Scheduling:** A 4-day week eliminates the need for catch-up work after bank holidays, reducing overtime costs and service disruptions.
- **Reduced Missed Collections:** With staff working fewer days but covering the same routes, familiarity could increase, potentially leading to fewer missed collections.
- **Lower Emissions:** Reduced staff commutes translate to lower overall emissions, contributing to the council's carbon reduction goals.

8.5 Challenges and Considerations:

- **Maintaining Service Levels:** Compressing a 37-hour workweek into 4 days requires careful planning to ensure service levels are maintained. Route optimisation and workload distribution will be crucial.

- **Staff Concerns:** While surveys indicate support for a 4-day week, some staff expressed concerns about childcare, physical demands of the job, and potential income loss due to fewer working hours. Addressing these concerns is essential for successful implementation.
- **Cost Analysis:** While potential savings exist through reduced mileage reimbursement and vehicle fleet size, these need to be weighed against potential changes in staff compensation for a compressed workweek.
- The service recommends considering a 4-day workweek for waste collection due to the potential benefits for staff, operations, and the environment. However, further analysis is needed to address staff concerns and develop solutions. Pilot programs can be conducted to assess the feasibility and impact of a 4-day week on service delivery and staff well-being. Open communication and collaboration with staff unions and representatives will be crucial throughout the decision-making process.

9 Residual Waste Collection Frequency

- 9.1 As we move into the second phase of the project there is the potential to change the residual waste collection frequency.
- 9.2 In the face of increased budgetary pressures and need to capture more recycling from residual waste streams many Authorities are planning residual collection to once every four weeks. This would align with the blueprint collection methodology where residents will be provided with a wider array of recycling services at their doorstep.
- 9.3 There are 9 Authorities in Wales engaged with Wrap Cymru considering a move to 4 weekly as part of a future service change proposals. Currently there are; 2 operating 4 weekly, 10 – 3-weekly and 10 - fortnightly.
- 9.4 The move to a four weekly collection is a necessity to encourage residents to prioritise recycling and waste reduction practices. With less frequent collections, individuals are incentivised to maximise their use of recycling services and reduce the amount of residual waste generated.
- 9.5 Four weekly residual waste collections have shown to increase Recycling Rates. Evidence from Conwy Council's suggests a significant increase in recycling rates (11.5%) and decrease in residual waste (12%) with a 4-weekly collection system.
- 9.6 Less frequent residual collection incentivises residents to prioritise recycling, aligning with the findings of Carmarthenshire's recent waste composition analysis where 39.2% of our residual waste was recyclable from our suite of recycling services. From our 19,200t of residual waste this means there is currently 7,500t of recycling in our black bags.
- 9.7 This Aligns with Welsh Government's recycling targets (potential 80% by 2030) and avoids potential penalties for recyclable materials in residual waste.
- 9.8 The move to four weekly reduces collection frequency from 17 to 13 times a year, leading to lower operational costs (gate fees) and emission and delivers increased recycling it would allow for the removal of 2 residual waste collection vehicles delivering further saving costs.
- 9.9 Overall transitioning to a 4-weekly residual waste collection system alongside the blueprint methodology holds promise for increased recycling rates, reduced waste, and service efficiency. It aligns with Welsh Government policies and contributes to achieving future environmental targets.
- 9.10 Further detailed modelling on the savings and recycling increase is being undertaken. However, from initial conservative modelling we could expect to see a 5% shift of residual waste to recycling and the reduction in two collection vehicles and associated staff required. This could potentially deliver additional saving. The timing of the implementation of this would be key, and we are currently evaluating and investigating whether this could be implemented prior to Kerbside Sort roll out.

10 Recycling Collection Streams

10.1 The Blueprint is the Welsh Government recommended service profile for achieving high recycling rates, cost savings, and improved sustainability and it aligns with Welsh Government's recycling targets (e.g., 80% by 2030). The Current Service of Weekly co-mingled recycling (blue bag) alongside food waste and Glass collection every 3 weeks aligned with residual waste.

10.2 While we are meeting short-term recycling targets 70% 2024/25, the current system is financially unsustainable in the long term and we still have significant recycling contained within the residual waste stream. The proposal is for weekly collections of separated recyclables at the kerbside:

- Cans & Plastic including plastic film together in reusable containers.
- Food waste in separate caddies.
- Glass in existing black boxes.
- Paper and Cardboard in separate reusable containers.
- Textiles and Batteries separate reusable containers.
- This configuration will reduce our recycling contamination currently standing at circa 30% and improve the quality of recycled materials, fetching better market prices. This service profile would deliver:
 - Increased recycling rates and diversion of recyclables from residual waste.
 - Improved service efficiency and cost-effectiveness compared to the current model.
 - Alignment with other Welsh councils and future waste reduction targets (Zero Waste by 2050).

10.3 Some additional considerations for our recycling services to improve cost and resource efficiency would be:

- Ongoing reduction of bring sites due to decreased usage with improved kerbside collections.
- Consolidation of textile bank provisions before kerbside textile collection is established.
- Research on the best way to present plastic film, battery, small domestic appliances, vapes and textile collections at the kerbside.

10.4 Overall, the Blueprint Collection Methodology offers a sustainable path towards achieving higher recycling rates, reducing waste, and improving service efficiency. It aligns with Welsh Government policies and contributes to a future-proof waste management system for Carmarthenshire.

11 Vehicle configuration and procurement

11.1 To understand the required quantity of RRV's/ kerbside sort vehicles to operate the blueprint collection methodology a programme of vehicle collections and routing modelling has been undertaken. Modelling was undertaken by WRAP in January 2024, to understand the number of vehicles that would be required for the core service delivery options.

11.2 WRAP modelling in January 2024 assessed the number of vehicles needed for our various scenarios. The modelling considered:

- Interim service results.
- Latest tonnage data.
- Vehicle/resource efficiency.
- While the number of recycling collection vehicles remains the same for a 4-day or 5-day workweek in a centralised depot, a 4-weekly residual collection with a 4-day workweek allows for a reduction of 2 refuse collection vehicles.

- 11.3 The council is committed to integrating ULEVs into the waste fleet to achieve carbon objectives. Modelling in March 2024 assessed the feasibility of ULEVs based on:
- Operational needs.
 - Funding availability.
 - Electric infrastructure.
 - Mileage.
 - Route optimisation.
 - Battery consumption (considering Carmarthenshire's topography).
- 11.4 Both a centralised depot and current depots could potentially support 9 ULEVs combined with the three current ERCVs (25% of the recycling fleet) with potential for future expansion. However, there are increased risks from our current depots might limit ULEVs due to infrastructure limitations and require collaboration with the National Grid for feasibility assessment. A lower number of ULEVs at current depots would increase the carbon footprint and require logistical planning for charging stations.
- 11.5 The capital expenditure for acquiring the blueprint fleet with 23% ULEVs is estimated at:
- 11.6 £10,506,035 for 39 frontline vehicles (including 9 ULEVs) and 8 backup vehicles at a centralised depot.
- 11.7 There is a need to balance environmental responsibility (maximising ULEVs) with financial prudence and operational service delivery. The Centralised depot offers future-proofing for ULEV expansion but requires operational alignment and also allows for the potential development of Green Energy Generation for the powering of the ULEV fleet.
- 11.8 While Welsh Government provides capital funding for vehicles, the amount might be reduced if ULEVs are limited at current depots. A revised application to Welsh Government might be needed if the rollout plan deviates from the original submission (depot location).
- 11.9 One of the driving principles of the project is taking into consideration future generations and environmental impacts, including our commitment to achieving carbon neutrality. In line with this ambition, we initially aimed to maximise the number of electric vehicles to achieve up to 50% of our total recycling fleet.
- 11.10 Following March 2024 route collections modelling it is recommended that 9 ULEV vehicles are procured, which would equate to 23% of the front-line recycling fleet powered by electric. Coupled with the existing 3 x 26t ULEV Refuse Collection Vehicles already in situ, this would increase our percentage of ULEV vehicles in our residual and recycling fleet front line to 26%.
- 11.11 We have arrived at this proposal taking into considerations as outlined below:

Technical Considerations

- **Battery Technology:** Current battery technology, while improving, still faces limitations in energy density, charging times, and lifespan. This makes it challenging to ensure that ULEV RRVs can perform equivalently to conventional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, especially for heavy-duty or long-range applications.
- **Infrastructure:** Adequate charging infrastructure may be unreliable to support a 50% EV fleet at our depots. This includes the availability of chargers, grid capacity, and maintenance of charging stations at our current locations.
- **Vehicle Availability:** There is a limited range of ULEV models that meet the diverse needs of a frontline fleet, which may include RCV and RRVs.

Environmental Considerations

- Carbon Offsetting: While ULEV vehicles offer significant environmental advantages, such as reduced emissions and lower carbon footprint, moving to the blueprint collection methodology would offset the carbon impact of utilising diesel vehicles, as there would be carbon saving in the treatment and re use costs compared to our current baseline/collection methodology.
- Energy Sources: The environmental benefits of EVs are highly dependent on the energy mix of the electricity grid. In areas where electricity is still largely generated from fossil fuels, the overall carbon footprint reduction may be less significant.

Economic Considerations

- Upfront Costs: EVs generally have higher upfront costs compared to ICE vehicles. While total cost of ownership may be lower due to reduced fuel and maintenance costs, the initial investment can be a barrier. This would increase the capital costs to the region of an additional £2.08 million to reach 50% of the fleet.

Practical Considerations

- 11.12 Operational Downtime: The time required to charge ULEV, even with fast chargers, can lead to operational downtime. This is especially problematic for fleets that need high utilisation rates and have tight operational schedules. In addition, although maintenance is reduced, the downtime we have experienced on our current ERCVs has meant vehicle off road time is increased from the ULEV HGVs due to the complexity of repair and the skills availability locally.
- 11.13 In summary, ultimately, we need to strike a balance between environmental responsibility and financial prudence in making an informed decision that maximises both operational effectiveness and cost-efficiency, so the recommendation of 9 ULEV vehicles strikes that balance.
- 11.14 Procurement of the fleet is now essential, delaying procurement beyond July 2024 could lead to ULEVs missing the June 2026 rollout due to 18-month lead times.
- 11.15 It is recommended that we begin vehicle procurement immediately after cabinet approval to avoid delaying the June 2026 rollout. Aim for 23% ULEVs in the initial rollout to minimise operational risks and allow for future ULEV expansion and market development. The final decision on the number of ULEVs should consider operational capabilities and depot infrastructure limitations.

12 Implementation Timeline

- 12.1 The service has been progressing with both phases of the service change concurrently. 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.
- 12.2 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 of 2025, as per the previous schedule. Due to the need to roll out the service by early 2026, the project team has developed a new detailed timeline.

- 12.3 The current timeline assumes a smooth project execution with no major setbacks. Constructing a new centralised depot would require a 12-month build period after design and planning approval. Unforeseen delays could push the project beyond the June 2026 target. A modular build option might be less susceptible to delays due to faster construction.
- Employing an infrastructure project manager (especially for a centralised depot) can:
 - Oversee multidisciplinary contractors for efficient design and build.
 - Facilitate early stakeholder involvement for better cost control.
- 12.4 The existing project team (Waste Transformation Project Manager and Assistant) will:
- Manage the project and establish governance.
 - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure smooth execution.
 - Maintain an updated corporate risk register.
- 12.5 Existing depots offer a lower risk of missing the June 2026 target compared to a new centralised depot due to:
- Potentially less complicated construction and planning requirements.
 - Lower capital expenditure required for the new aspects of the depot. This does not make provision for capital maintenance improvements with respect to the condition of the existing facilities at the depots.
- 12.6 While a centralised depot offers potential benefits, it comes with a higher risk of project delays. Utilising existing depots presents a lower risk but might limit future expansion and ULEV integration.
- 12.7 A suite of contingency options is being further developed to ensure we can deliver service change in 2026 in addition to the scoping of the potential to further phase the delivery of blueprint which could move the changes to residual waste collections being undertaken earlier.
- 12.8 It is therefore recommended that the service change timeline be approved for June 2026.

13 Carbon Benefits

- 13.1 An assessment of the Carbon emissions related to the Authority’s current collection service and the proposed options was undertaken as part of the overall project. WRAP’s Carbon Waste and Resource Metric (Carbon WARM) factors were used to underpin the assessment.
- 13.2 Table below sets out the total CO₂ equivalent as well as the difference to the baseline for each option. The differences alone are shown in table 1 which is the total of the different activities for each option, which includes the carbon impact of; recycling collections, transfer and recovery, and wider infrastructure.

Table 1

Option	2022 Service	Current Service	Blueprint Central 4 weekly / 5 day working	Blueprint Central 4 weekly / 4 day working
Total tCO ₂ e	-6598	-6961	-9599	-9797
Difference from baseline (tCO ₂ e)	n/a	-364	-3001	-3199

14 Project Risks

- 14.1 The project has meticulously developed a comprehensive risk register, ensuring a robust framework for risk management to identify, assess, prioritise, and manage potential risks or uncertainties that could affect the successful completion of the project. As part of this at present there are five main risks
- 14.2 **Financial Risk:** A project of this scope and size with complicated infrastructure development and large-scale vehicle procurement can deliver financial risks. Large-scale infrastructure projects involving building construction and vehicle procurement come with inherent financial risks. Initial cost estimates may be impacted by unforeseen events leading to cost overruns. Delays or reductions due to economic factors or project performance can further strain the budget especially considering the timeline of WG funding being tight. Vehicle procurement itself carries risks like price fluctuations, delivery delays, and unforeseen maintenance costs for new technologies. Other potential threats include contractual disputes, and loan interest. To mitigate these risks, thorough cost estimates with contingencies have been sought, strong project management for early issue identification, and a buffer fund for unexpected expenses. A phased approach allows for adjustments as needed, and open communication with stakeholders keeps everyone informed about financial realities and potential challenges. By proactively managing these financial risks, we can improve the chances of delivering major capital infrastructure projects on budget and on time.
- 14.3 **Vehicle Procurement:** Delays to vehicle delivery is a project risk combined with the utilisation of ULEV technology. To meet the project deadline, electric vehicle procurement must begin by July 2024. However, due to potential delivery delays, only 9 ULEVs are planned initially. These ULEVs can be used at existing depots if needed, and as a contingency, leasing diesel vehicles from WRAPS is an option until the electric vehicles arrive. While maximising ULEVs is ideal, current depot limitations restrict their use. To partially address this and contribute to the net-zero strategy, a program will replace future vans (delivery, supervisor, etc.) with electric vehicles as leases or hires expire.
- 14.4 **HR – Staff and Trade Unions:** Given the potential hesitancy among front-line staff to relocate and the expenses tied to contract changes and the potential impact of centralisation and work location changes on our employees is a critical risk factor. In addition, from the 1-2-1 surveys undertaken in April 2024, 5% of those surveys confirmed they were unable to drive and will have difficulty moving to a new location. To mitigate these risks, we have commenced engagement with both HR, staff and the Trade Unions on future changes. We have also commenced the planning around the potential staff travel plans that we will need to put in place to support any change to work locations if the centralised depot is the preferred option.
- 14.5 **Planning Approval:** There is a risk factor that planning is either delayed or rejected for our infrastructure requirements at a centralised depot. This would lead to delays and additional costs. We have pre-engaged with planning colleagues, WG and SWTRA to support a timely process. A Transport statement has been finalised to address concerns over the A48 Junction with active involvement from SWTRA & WG and Ecology reports and investigations already being undertaken. Contingency option has been prepared if planning permission at Nantycaws is rejected if this was the preferred option.
- 14.6 **Timescale:** The timeframe of Spring 2026 has been developed on a compressed timeline with little contingency. Any delays will need to be managed and addressed in timely manner to ensure timely delivery of the project. The employment of a dedicated infrastructure project manager will aid in the co-ordination of works and by co-ordinating specialists of each field working on the project simultaneously, will aid a quicker delivery of the project. Multiple options of contingencies are being looked at but may include increased revenue costs in the short

term or the potential to delay roll-out. This will be managed through the Project Board and reported to Cabinet if required.

15 Conclusion and decisions

15.1 The initial waste service changes have been successful in boosting recycling rates, paving the way for a sustainable future with the Blueprint collection rollout. This approach aligns with other Welsh authorities and promotes Carmarthenshire's commitment to environmental responsibility. Decisions regarding the project must consider the long-term well-being of the community and environment, as outlined in the Future Generations Act. This includes involving the public, collaborating with relevant parties, and prioritising preventative measures to ensure a sustainable future for all.

15.2 Decisions to be made:

- Service location – Centralised Depot or Current Depots. Centralised would provide a sound platform to meet our recycling and carbon reduction needs and ambitions for the future. It is recommended to agree to progress will Centralised Depot (Option 2 Modular Build).
- Operational shift working - 4 Day Working would provide for more flexibility for the service therefore it is recommended to consider 4 Day Working as an appropriate operational model.
- Residual waste collection frequency – Four weekly; this would increase recycling and further reduce the volume of residual waste. It is therefore recommended to implement Four weekly residual waste collections.
- Recycling collection streams – Full blueprint configuration.
- Vehicle procurement commencement – To agree to proceed with vehicle procurement in July 2024 based on the requirements set out in the report
- Utilisation of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles - Implementation of 9 ULEV RRVs (circa 25% of the waste fleet).
- Implementation timeline – To implement changes in June 2026
- Fleet Maintenance - Continue to develop solution for corporate fleet maintenance unit to be co-located or centralised.
- Finance - To agree the funding shortfall of £4,905,017 to be funded via the savings that will be produced from the first 2 years of implementing the blueprint.

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31 GORFFENAF 2024

EITEMAU AR GYFER Y DYFODOL

Ystyried y materion canlynol a chyflwyno sylwadau arnynt:

Nodi'r eitemau ar gyfer y dyfodol i'w hystyried yng nghyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Craffu Lle, Cynaliadwyedd a Newid yr Hinsawdd i'w gynnal ar 7 Hydref, 2024.

Rhesymau:

Mae'n ofynnol yn ôl Cyfansoddiad y Cyngor bod Pwyllgorau Craffu, ar dechrau bob blwyddyn y cyngor, yn datblygu ac yn cyhoeddi Blaenraglen Gwaith sy'n nodi'r pynciau a'r adroddiadau sydd i'w hystyried yn ystod y blwyddyn.

Angen cyfeirio'r mater at y Cabinet er mwyn gwneud penderfyniad: NAC OES

Yr Aelod Cabinet sy'n gyfrifol am y Portffolio:

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Cyng. Edward Thomas (Wasanaethau Trafnidiaeth, Gwastraff a Seilwaith)

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PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31ST JULY 2024

FORTHCOMING ITEMS

The Council's Constitution requires Scrutiny Committees, at the commencement of each municipal year, to develop and publish a Forward Work Plan which identifies the issues and reports to be considered at meetings during the course of the year. When formulating the Forward Work Programme the Scrutiny Committee took into consideration those items included on the Cabinet's Forward Work Plan.

The list of forthcoming items attached includes those items which are scheduled in the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee's Forward Work Plan to be considered at the next meeting, to be held on 7th October, 2024.

Scrutiny Committee members, as part of their role are required to regularly refer to the Cabinet Forward Plan in order to identify any future pre-decision reports, within the scrutiny remit for inclusion onto the Committee's FWP.

Council/Cabinet Forward Plan can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#)

REPORT
ATTACHED?

YES:

- List of Forthcoming Items – 7th October 2024;
- Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee - Forward Work Plan

IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed: **Stephen Murphy**

Head of Law, Governance and Civil Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER AWARE / CONSULTED

YES

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

Title of Document

Locations that the papers are available for public inspection

[Cabinet Forward Plan](#)

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

There are none

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FORTHCOMING ITEMS for next meeting to be held on 7th October 2024

In order to ensure effective Scrutiny, Members need to be clear as to the purpose of requesting specific information and the outcome they are hoping to achieve as a consequence of examining a report.

Proposed Agenda Item	Background	Reason for report	Cabinet Member
Performance Monitoring Report Q1	This item allows members to undertake their monitoring role relevant to this scrutiny and make recommendations, comments or advice to the Cabinet Member and/or Director.	The Committee is being requested to scrutinise the Councils annual progress.	Cllr Edward Thomas Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen
Budget Monitoring Report (April – June 2024) Outturn Report 203/24	This is item allows members to undertake their monitoring role of the departmental and corporate budgets.	The Committee is being requested to scrutinise the budget information	Cllr Alun Lenny
Council Annual Report 2023-24	The Annual Report for 2023/24 which provides information in relation to the progress of the Council's well being objectives	The Committee is being requested to scrutinise the Councils annual progress.	Cllr Philip Hughes
Car Parking and Enforcement	A report which will inform members of the current situation in regard to Council car parking and enforcement matters.	The Committee requested this item to review and scrutinise this matter.	Cllr Edward Thomas

Items to be circulated under a separate cover to Scrutiny Committee members

Proposed Agenda Item	Background	Reason for report	Cabinet Member
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In accordance with the Committee's Forward Work Programme, there are no reports to be circulated outside of the formal Committee process.

Mae'r dudalen hon yn wag yn fwriadol

Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee - Forward Work Plan 2023/24

6 th June 2024	16 th July 2024	7 th October 2024	20 th November 2024	28 th January 2025	10 th March 2025	25 th April 2025
Forward Work Plan 2024/25	PS&CC Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2023/2024	Performance Monitoring Report Q1	Budget Monitoring Report (April – August 2024)	Performance Monitoring Report Q2	River Pollution	Budget Monitoring Report (April – December 2024)
Budget Monitoring Report (April 2023-Feb 2024)	Equestrian Strategy <i>(deferred from 2023/24 FWP)</i>	Budget Monitoring Report (April – June 2024) Outturn Report 203/24	Tree Strategy	Budget Monitoring Report (April – October 2024)	Transportation within Carmarthenshire	Performance Monitoring Report Q3
Energy efficiency and the generation of energy in relation to the historic housing stock of the County <i>Referral from C,H&R Scrutiny Committee 2023 (accepted 3-10-23)</i>	End of Year Performance Management Report	Council Annual Report 2023-24	Renewable Energy	Revenue Budget Strategy Consultation 205/26 to 2027/28		
	PSPO Toolkit	Car Parking and Enforcement	Progress report – Task and Finish Flytipping			
	Recycling – Moving forward on the Blueprint Strategy					

Scrutiny Committee Members to scrutinise the following reports via e-mail in accordance with the Gateway methodology
Forthcoming Items to include scrutiny queries and feedback at the next meeting.

	Toilet Strategy <i>(Cabinet 17th June)</i>					
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PS&CC Scrutiny Member – Focussed Development Sessions/Site Visits:-

The Committee has requested for the following focused development sessions to take place following each of the scheduled formal Committee meetings (unless otherwise notified).

Electric Vehicle information session – Date to be confirmed

Hotbox pothole repair demonstration – Date to be confirmed

Site Visit to Heritage Site, Llandeilo – October 2024

TASK & FINISH REVIEW:

The Committee has approved the Planning and Scoping Document on the Animal Licensing and a Task and Finish Group was formulated in December 2023. The review is currently underway.

3. CWESTIYNAU GAN Y CYHOEDD (NID OEDD DIM WEDI DOD I LAW)

Dyweddodd y Cadeirydd nad oedd dim cwestiynau wedi dod i law gan y cyhoedd.

4. ADRODDIAD MONITRO CYLLIDEB CYFALAF A REFENIW 2023/24

Bu'r Pwyllgor yn ystyried yr adroddiad monitro ariannol ar Gyllideb Refeniw a Chyllideb Gyfalaf 2023/24 y Gwasanaethau Diogelu'r Cyhoedd a Lle a Seilwaith ar gyfer y cyfnod hyd at 29 Chwefror 2024.

Dyweddwyd bod y gyllideb refeniw ar y cyfan yn rhagweld gorwariant cyffredinol o £1,280k ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn. Rhagwelwyd gwariant net yn y gyllideb gyfalaf o £15,802k o gymharu â chyllideb net weithredol o £29,179k gan roi amrywiant o £-13,377k.

Rhoddwyd sylw i'r cwestiynau/materion canlynol wrth drafod yr adroddiad:

Wrth ystyried yr adroddiad, gofynnodd y Pwyllgor am i wybodaeth ychwanegol gael ei chynnwys o fewn meysydd amrywiadau gwariant sylweddol yn adroddiadau'r dyfodol i roi gwybod i'r aelodau am y sefyllfa gyllidebol ac i alluogi craffu effeithiol ar y meysydd perthnasol. Cytunwyd y byddai adborth y Pwyllgor yn cael ei drosglwyddo i'r adrannau priodol ac atgoffwyd yr aelodau y gellid gwneud ceisiadau am adroddiadau manwl fel rhan o rôl y Pwyllgor wrth nodi tueddiadau o fewn meysydd sy'n berthnasol i'w gylch gwaith.

Mewn ymateb i'r pryderon a godwyd mewn perthynas â'r cynnydd mewn gwariant ar drydan mewn safleoedd tirlenwi sydd wedi cau, darparwyd sicrwydd bod swyddogion yn edrych ar y mater hwn ar hyn o bryd, a'r bwriad oedd nodi atebion i liniaru costau wrth symud ymlaen.

Mewn ymateb i ymholiad, cadarnhaodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Wasanaethau Trafnidiaeth, Gwastraff a Seilwaith, y bydd adroddiad yn ymwneud â thaliadau parcio'r Cyngor yn cael ei ystyried gan y Cabinet maes o law.

Mynegwyd pryderon ynghylch y gwariant sy'n gysylltiedig â thanddefnyddio cerbydau adrannol. Rhoddodd y Rheolwr Gwella Busnes sicrwydd i'r Pwyllgor fod adolygiad ar y gweill ar hyn o bryd, gyda'r nod o gyflwyno cerbydau adrannol sy'n benodol ar gyfer gwasanaethau er mwyn gwneud y defnydd gorau posibl ohonynt. Cytunwyd y byddai canlyniadau'r adolygiad yn cael eu rhoi i'r Pwyllgor.

Cyfeiriwyd at dangyflawniad incwm ar gyfer safleoedd trwyddedig lle nad oedd y targed yn adlewyrchu nifer y busnesau trwyddedadwy yn y sir. Eglurodd y Pennaeth Tai a Diogelu'r Cyhoedd fod y gorwariant a ragwelwyd yn seiliedig ar yr incwm wedi'i ddilysu o flwyddyn i flwyddyn, a oedd bellach angen ei adolygu yng ngoleuni'r gostyngiad yn nifer y safleoedd trwyddedadwy ar draws y Sir. Cytunwyd y byddai rhagor o wybodaeth yn hyn o beth yn cael ei dosbarthu i'r Pwyllgor dros e-bost.

Sylwer: Mae'r cofnodion hyn yn amodol ar gael eu cadarnhau yn y cyfarfod nesaf

Mewn ymateb i ymholiad, eglurodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Wasanaethau Trafnidiaeth, Gwastraff a Seilwaith i'r Pwyllgor nad oedd digon o gyllid wedi dod i law gan y Llywodraeth Ganolog a Llywodraeth Cymru i gynnal priffyrdd y sir i lefel briodol.

Mewn ymateb i ymholiad ynghylch y gost o brynu tir a'r ffioedd cysylltiedig ar gyfer Llwybr Dyffryn Tywi, cyfeiriodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Adnoddau at y broses gymhleth a hir sy'n ofynnol i sicrhau bod cynllun uchelgeisiol yr Awdurdod yn cael ei ddarparu'n briodol. Hefyd rhoddwyd gwybod i'r Pwyllgor y byddai adolygiad yn ymwneud â Llwybr Dyffryn Tywi yn cael ei ystyried gan y Cabinet maes o law.

Eglurodd y Pennaeth Lle a Chynaliadwyedd wrth y Pwyllgor fod adolygiad arbenigol wedi'i gomisiynu i ddarparu adferiad posibl i'r materion hirdymor sy'n gysylltiedig â Chronfa Ddŵr Trebeddrod yn y Ffwrnes, Llanelli. Yn dilyn cais, cytunwyd y dylai'r Pwyllgor ystyried adroddiad diweddarau maes o law.

Gofynnwyd am ragor o wybodaeth mewn perthynas â chostau Cyfraith Sifil o fewn adran cyllidebau cyfalaf yr adroddiad, a hefyd y llithriad i Seilwaith Priffyrdd Rhydaman a nodwyd o fewn amrywiadau'r cynlluniau cyfalaf. Cytunwyd y byddai rhagor o fanylion am y materion hyn yn cael eu dosbarthu i'r Pwyllgor dros e-bost.

Mewn diweddariad i'r Pwyllgor, yn dilyn ymholiad ynglŷn â gwasanaethau parcio, cadarnhaodd y Rheolwr Gwella Busnes fod yr Awdurdod wedi cael ail gerbyd gorfodi, a oedd yn aros am gael camera wedi'i osod.

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL:

- 4.1 bod Adroddiad Monitro Cyllideb Refeniw a Chyllideb Gyfalaf 29 Chwefror 2024 yn cael ei dderbyn.**
- 4.2 bod cais y Pwyllgor am gynnwys gwybodaeth ychwanegol o fewn y meysydd o amrywiadau gwariant sylweddol yn adroddiadau'r dyfodol yn cael ei fwydo yn ôl i'r adrannau priodol;**
- 4.3 bod canlyniadau'r adolygiad o'r cerbydau adrannol yn cael eu darparu i'r Pwyllgor maes o law.**
- 4.4 bod rhagor o wybodaeth am y tangyflawni o ran incwm ar gyfer safleoedd trwyddedig yn cael ei dosbarthu i'r Pwyllgor dros e-bost.**
- 4.5 bod y Pwyllgor yn ystyried diweddariad i'r adolygiad a gomisiynwyd ynghylch y materion hirdymor sy'n gysylltiedig â Chronfa Ddŵr Trebeddrod yn y Ffwrnes, Llanelli.**
- 4.6 bod rhagor o wybodaeth am gostau Cyfraith Sifil o fewn yr adran cyllidebau cyfalaf yn yr adroddiad, a hefyd y llithriad i Seilwaith Priffyrdd Rhydaman a nodir o fewn amrywiadau'r cynlluniau cyfalaf yn cael eu dosbarthu i'r Pwyllgor dros e-bost.**

Sylwer: Mae'r cofnodion hyn yn amodol ar gael eu cadarnhau yn y cyfarfod nesaf

5. EFFEITHLONRWYDD YNNI A CHYNHYRCHU YNNI MEWN TAI HANESYDDOL

Cafodd y Pwyllgor adroddiad i'w ystyried ar effeithlonrwydd ynni a chynhyrchu ynni mewn perthynas â stoc adeiladau hanesyddol y sir. Cyflwynwyd yr adroddiad yn dilyn atgyfeiriad gan y Pwyllgor Craffu Cymunedau, Cartrefi ac Adfywio a oedd yn nodi gwerth adeiladau hanesyddol i Sir Gaerfyrddin, yr angen i gynnal adeiladau o'r fath yn briodol gyda'r deunyddiau a'r dulliau cywir o atgyweirio, a hynny er mwyn sicrhau cynaliadwyedd ar gyfer cenedlaethau'r presennol a'r dyfodol.

Roedd yr adroddiad yn manylu ar ymrwymiad yr Awdurdod i wella effeithlonrwydd ynni ei adeiladau, gan gynnwys y rhai sydd â gwarchodaeth statudol, yn unol â fframweithiau deddfwriaethol a pholisi perthnasol, er mwyn cyrraedd ei dargedau di-garbon, lleihau tiodi tanwydd a gwella iechyd pobl. Yn hyn o beth, cyfeiriwyd at ddatblygu canllawiau cynllunio atodol drafft ar dreftadaeth adeiledig a fyddai'n destun ymgynghoriad yn fuan, a datblygu cynlluniau ynni'r ardal leol a fyddai'n nodi'r newidiadau y mae eu hangen i ddatgarboneiddio'r system ynni leol yn Sir Gaerfyrddin ynghyd ag amcangyfrif lefel uchel o gostau.

Rhoddwyd sylw i'r cwestiynau/materion/sylwadau canlynol wrth drafod yr adroddiad:

Mewn ymateb i sylwadau a wnaed, cadarnhaodd yr Uwch-swyddog Treftadaeth Adeiledig fod 3 o'r 29 o ardaloedd cadwraeth ledled Caerfyrddin yn destun amodau 'Erthygl 4' a thrwy hynny'n dileu hawliau datblygu a ganiateir deiliaid tai. Yn unol â hynny, eglurwyd na fyddai unrhyw gyfyngiadau cynllunio ychwanegol ar osod Paneli Solar i'r 26 o ardaloedd cadwraeth eraill nad ydynt yn destun amodau 'Erthygl 4'. Pwysleisiwyd bod penderfyniadau o'r fath yn cael eu gwneud yn unol â deddfwriaeth a'u bod yn ystyried y gwerth cynhenid a roddwyd ar dreftadaeth adeiledig y sir.

Yn dilyn ymholiad ynghylch gofynion cyllido ar gyfer adfer adeiladau hanesyddol, cyfeiriodd y Pennaeth Lle a Chynaliadwyedd at Gynllun Ynni Ardal Leol drafft yr Awdurdod a oedd yn darparu'r costau ynni cyffredinol ar gyfer yr Awdurdod cyfan, ond nid oedd costau manwl ar dreftadaeth adeiledig na stoc dai hanesyddol y sir ar gael ar hyn o bryd, ond gallai fod yn faes i'w archwilio ymhellach maes o law ar ôl gweithredu'r Cynllun.

Croesawodd y Pwyllgor yr adroddiad ac roedd yr aelodau'n falch o nodi'r gefnogaeth a ddarparwyd gan yr Awdurdod i fusnesau a pherchnogion tai ledled y sir mewn perthynas ag arbed ynni a mesurau cynhyrchu ynni priodol ar gyfer adeiladau hanesyddol. Yn dilyn gwahoddiad a estynnwyd gan yr Aelod Cabinet dros Newid Hinsawdd, Datgarboneiddio a Chynaliadwyedd, cytunodd y Pwyllgor i gynnal ymweliad safle â Chanolfan Tywi a oedd yn rhan o'r tîm Lle a Chynaliadwyedd ac, fel awdurdod ledled y DU, rhoddodd gyngor, hyfforddiant ac addysg ynghylch y gofal, y gwaith atgyweirio a'r gwaith addasu priodol i adeiladau hanesyddol.

Sylwer: Mae'r cofnodion hyn yn amodol ar gael eu cadarnhau yn y cyfarfod nesaf

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL:

- 5.1 bod yr adroddiad yn cael ei dderbyn;
- 5.2 bod ymweliad safle â'r Ganolfan Dreftadaeth yn cael ei gynnal gan y Pwyllgor yn ystod 2024/25;
- 5.3 bod adroddiad diweddarau arall yn cael ei dderbyn maes o law.

6. BLAENRAGLEN WAITH AR GYFER 2024/25

Ystyriodd y Pwyllgor, yn unol ag Erthygl 6.2 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor, ei Flaengynllun Gwaith drafft ar gyfer 2024/25.

Mewn ymateb i ymholiad, cadarnhaodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Newid Hinsawdd, Datgarboneiddio a Chynaliadwyedd nad oedd unrhyw wybodaeth wedi dod i law i awgrymu na fyddai'r Strategaeth Farchogaeth yn cael ei chyflwyno i'r Pwyllgor fel y nodwyd yn y Blaengynllun Gwaith.

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL gymeradwyo'r Blaengynllun Gwaith Lle, Cynaliadwyedd a Newid Hinsawdd ar gyfer 2024/25.

7. EITEMAU AR GYFER Y DYFODOL

Cafodd y Pwyllgor restr o'r eitemau a fyddai'n cael eu hystyried yn ei gyfarfod nesaf ar 16 Gorffennaf 2024.

PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL gytuno ar y rhestr o'r eitemau i'w hystyried yng nghyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor ar 16 Gorffennaf 2024.

8. LLOFNODI YN GOFNOD CYWIR COFNODION Y CYFARFOD A GYNHALIWYD AR 22 EBRILL 2024

PENDERFYNWYD llofnodi cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor a gynhaliwyd ar 22 Ebrill, 2024 gan eu bod yn gywir.

CHAIR

DATE

Sylwer: Mae'r cofnodion hyn yn amodol ar gael eu cadarnhau yn y cyfarfod nesaf

Mae'r dudalen hon yn wag yn fwriadol