

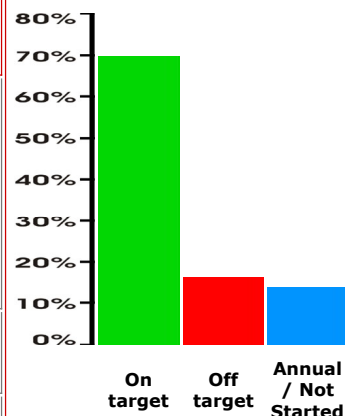
Scrutiny measures & actions full monitoring report Place, Sustainability & Climate Change scrutiny - Quarter 3 2023/24

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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 and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)	Actions	49	47	2	0	N/A	0	96%	73%
	Measures	30	11	7	0	0	12	37%	
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	86	60	14	0	0	12	70%	


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 Calculation: (575÷594) × 100	Target: 100.0
Comment	Out of 219 consultations in Q3, 218 were responded to within the statutory period. The single consultation was responded to a day outside of the target due to a leave commitment.						
Remedial Action	We have recently recruited a technician who will commence this quarter, that will help with managing of workload.						
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		Q3: 86.5 End Of Year: 86.6	Target: 100.0 Result: 87.9	Target: 100.0 Result: 88.1	Target: 100.0 Result: 89.2 Calculation: (1492÷1673) × 100	Target: 100.0
Comment	In Q3 we have closed 359 DSU Enquiries, 335 of which were closed within 7days. This was a Q3 standalone result of 93% which is our best quarter this year to date. Cumulatively we report 89%.						
Remedial Action	We will continue to advise of outstanding FOIA's weekly to enable officers to close the enquiry before the deadline.						
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		Q3: 55.8 End Of Year: 47.8	Target: 100.0 Result: 59.7	Target: 100.0 Result: 69.8	Target: 100.0 Result: 64.7 Calculation: (641÷991) × 100	Target: 100.0
Comment	We have received 253 Complaints in Q3, of which we have responded to 161 on time.						
Remedial Action	We are continuing to work with Corporate Complaints to improve our response rates. We have seen a slight improvement in distribution times from the complaints team. We are also working with them to deliver training to managers on S1 complaints.						
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		Q3: 35.0 End Of Year: 35.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 0.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 16.7	Target: 100.0 Result: 12.5 Calculation: (1÷8) × 100	Target: 100.0
Comment	As a department we closed 2 stage 2 complaints within Q3, unfortunately both were not closed within the timeframe required.						
Remedial Action	The nature of the investigations are complex and it isn't possible for senior officers to complete the investigations within 20 days when balancing with their current workload.						
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		Q3: 81.5 End Of Year: 83.7	Target: 100.0 Result: 73.3	Target: 100.0 Result: 78.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 82.2 Calculation: (74÷90) × 100	Target: 100.0
Comment	We have received 90 FOIA within Q3 and have responded to 74 on time.						
Remedial Action	We continue to send reminders to all managers of all outstanding FOIA's weekly with the deadline.						
Service Head: Jackie Edwards			Performance status: Off target				



Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)
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		Q3: 94.0 End Of Year: 94.0	Target: 94.5 Result: 96.1	Target: 94.5 Result: 95.4	Target: 94.5 Result: 93.4 Calculation: (380÷407) × 100	Target: 94.5
Comment	Data from the Local Environmental Audit and Management System (LEAMS) during Quarter 3 indicates that Smoking related continues to be the most common litter found in the streets of Carmarthenshire. Fast Food litter and confectionary litter have also increased in its presence during quarter 3 results. Carmarthenshire has experienced an unprecedented number of storms during quarter3, with evidence of the adverse weather having an impact on levels of litter found on the streets from refuse / recycling bags being blown and their contents spilling out on to the streets. This is also the case where bags that have been left behind due to contamination issues.						
Remedial Action	The current percentage of streets that are clean is off target. Further conversations are taking place to improve the communication / processes with regards to spillage of refuse that have an impact on litter levels within Carmarthenshire. This includes improvement in the stickering process of refuse bags that are non-compliant with the current refuse / recycling services. Strategic and Action group on Local Environmental Quality has been formed to develop solutions to prevent and address environmental blight and fly tipping. First meeting held in Nov 2023. The authority also continues to benefit from the good work of volunteers that undertake litter picking events in the county. Enforcement patrols will target known hotspot areas.						
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 Cleanliness Indicator STS/005a	Not applicable		Q3: 72.2 End Of Year: 72.7	Target: 77.0 Result: 71.8	Target: 77.0 Result: 72.5	Target: 77.0 Result: 72.4 Calculation: (884÷1221) × 100	Target: 77.0
Comment	Data from the Local Environmental Audit and Management System (LEAMS) during Quarter 3 indicates that Smoking related continues to be the most common litter found in the streets of Carmarthenshire. Fast Food litter and confectionary litter have also increased in its presence during quarter 3 results. Carmarthenshire has experienced an unprecedented number of storms during quarter3, with evidence of the adverse weather having an impact on levels of litter found on the streets from refuse / recycling bags being blown and their contents spilling out on to the streets. This is also the case where bags that have been left behind due to contamination issues have also resulted in spillage of waste / litter onto the streets. Enforcement action has taken place with those who continue to blight our communities with 48 fixed penalty notices being issued for a variety of offences. Which include Litter / Small Scale Fly Tipping and noncompliance of refuse recycling and dog fouling offences.						
Remedial Action	The CI currently is Off Target. Further conversations are taking place to improve the communication / processes with regards to spillage of refuse that have an impact on litter levels within Carmarthenshire. This includes improvement in the stickering process of refuse bags that are non-compliant with the current refuse / recycling services. Strategic and Action group on Local Environmental Quality has been formed to develop solutions to prevent and address environmental blight and fly tipping. First meeting held in Nov 2023. The authority continues to benefit from the good work of volunteers that undertake litter picking events in the county. Enforcement patrols will target known hotspot areas.						
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: Off target				

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)							
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 Calculation: (140÷260) × 100	Target: 100.00
Comment	Whilst slightly below target for Qtr3 we are confident of reaching target in relation to high risk programmed inspections by March 24. Programmed interventions will remain a priority, aside from new businesses and multidisciplinary reactive work.						
Remedial Action	Continue to deliver risk based approach to deliver programmed inspection target by Mar 24.						
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		Q3: 58 End Of Year: 100	Target: 10 Result: 27	Target: 30 Result: 39	Target: 50 Result: 44 Calculation: (74÷169) × 100	Target: 100
Comment	In the last quarter resources have needed to be redirected to an increase in high-risk and high-profile reactive work, including criminal investigations and tackling the sale of illegal vapes.						
Remedial Action	Although we're close to target for Q3, there is a risk that we will still be off-target at the end of Q4, particularly as more work is planned to tackle the increasing threat posed by illicit vapes and underage sales of vapes in the county. In order to mitigate this risk, we have reprioritised the outstanding premises liable for inspection, to ensure the highest risk premises are targeted first, based on history of compliance and intelligence received.						
Service Head: Jonathan Morgan			Performance status: Off target				


Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)							
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		Q3: 100.0 End Of Year: 99.1	Target: 100.0 Result: 100.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 100.0	Target: 100.0 Result: 98.3 Calculation: (113÷115) × 100	Target: 100.0
Comment	The Service was a day late on 2 applications in Qtr.3 out of 34.						
Remedial Action	Monitoring procedures will be evaluated to ensure compliance with our statutory targets.						
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		Q3: 30.7	Target: 25.0	Target: 25.0	Target: 25.0	Target: 25.0

		End Of Year: 31.5	Result: 31.6	Result: 32.0	Result: 31.9	Calculation: (4179.04 ÷ 13107.82) × 100	
Comment	Continual engagement work is undertaken with regards to community engagement and raising awareness of the correct methods of recycling. Key messages on contaminations waste streams such as food, textiles and electrical appliances in blue bags are being highlighted through face to face discussions with householders and conveyed in community group events.						
Remedial Action	Work has commenced with looking at specific areas to highlight in order to promote redirection of specific recycling stream into the correct disposal route and emphasise on the key waste stream that cause contamination primarily with the blue bags in order to raise awareness and signpost to the correct action to mitigate contamination and avoid education and enforcement action and improve recycle quality.						
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		Q3: 0.40 End Of Year: 0.47	Target: 0.75	Target: 0.75	Target: 0.75	Target: 0.75
				Result: 0.51	Result: 0.53	Result: 0.54	Calculation: (321.84 ÷ 59331.52) × 100
Comment	Training has been undertaken for HWRC site operatives to emphasise the importance of redirecting waste items via the 'donation station' area ahead of throwing into the recycling skips on site. This will allow enhancement of engagement with the public whilst attending site and signposting them to think about donating their items for someone to benefit from their reuse rather than opting for the recycling option.						
Remedial Action	Ongoing analysis of the information provided by CWM is required to establish, trends and understand the nature of the items and their quantities which are being redirected through to repair, reuse and upcycling. This will allow better understanding of any changes that are required in the model in order to maximise the potential and increase reuse tonnage allowing scope for public to access repaired and reuse items.						
Service Head: Daniel W John				Performance status: Off target			

ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)
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	The route rationalisation programme is being undertaken in accordance with current Code of Practice for Litter and refuse(CoPLAR) and the interpretation of this code as determined within the Cleansing review document, However further to all Wales Caru Cymru review meeting they have realised that the current Code of Practice requires review and are looking to modernise the current regulations, this will be due for scrutiny summer 2024. The current rationalisation was placed on hold pending this information		
Remedial Action	Ascertain if baseline data can collated and progressed to aid with future rationalisation, pending summer 2024 revised code of practice.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: Off target	
			

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

Action	16288	Target date	31/12/2023 (original target 31/03/2024)
Action promised	Develop Community Transport Strategy to enable access to essential services from rural communities. CV51		
Comment	Officers in Passenger Transport Unit have started researching background information and reviewing Community Transport Strategies published by other local authorities. This will inform our development of Carmarthenshire's Strategy which we aim to bring forward for discussion and adoption in 2024/25. Positive discussions have taken place with the Community Transport Association (CTA), Royal Voluntary Service, Community Transport Providers and local authorities regarding future transport provision.		
Remedial Action	In quarter 4, Passenger Transport Unit will continue to engage with Dolen Teifi and Community Transport Association.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: Off target	
			

ON TARGET ETC.

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 latest Community & Town Council Liaison Forum a note briefing note has been issued and we will be scheduling future half day sessions for Spring/Summer 24.		
Service Head: Jackie Edwards		Performance status: On target	

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)							
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		Q3: 2.7	Target: 4.0	Target: 4.0	Target: 4.0	Target: 4.0
PAM/035			End Of Year: 2.8	Result: 2.1	Result: 2.2	Result: 2.2	Calculation: 2831 ÷ 1284
Service Head: Daniel W John			Performance status: On target				

ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)			
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	progress in line with previous report. Active engagement during the period with key stakeholder groups. Attendance and LAPFF conference, with significant focus on ESG issues to learn from other funds. key information from conference shared with pension fund committee members		
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	CCC officers participating in Levy workshops with Welsh Revenue Authority to develop operating model/ Service Level Agreement on levy collection		
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 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. Total costs and timescales for grid connection won't be known until a formal connection offer is issued. An initial grid connection application has been submitted for one of the sites. 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 Electricity Distribution (formerly known as Western Power Distribution). We have also incorporated this into the Carmarthenshire Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) process referred to in Action 16538 to help ensure electricity infrastructure is in place to allow us to develop ambitious renewable energy projects.		
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	Council Houses: 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. This will be an on-going effort until we reach EPC C on all our stock before we look towards introducing technologies. Other Buildings: In August 2023 we secured £3.98m Welsh Government low carbon heat grant (90% funding) for the installation of air / ground source heat pumps, plus ancillary works, at six primary schools that currently use liquid heating. In addition, solar PV to be installed at each of these sites to optimise cost savings. Contract awarded to our Re:Fit Cymru service provider (Ameresco) for delivery of five sites by 31/03/2024 and the remaining site by 30/09/2024.		
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 by 31/03/2024.		
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	CCC's Tree and Woodland Strategy will be presented to CMT in Jan 24. We continue our work with Property to identify, and deliver new woodland planting opportunities on CCC land. With CCC's Local Places for Nature Project Officer we are delivering tree planting projects on CCC land - at 3 Adult Day Care Centres, and on land managed by Housing and at Neuadd Y Gwendraeth. CCC's Local Places for Nature grant has also funded the purchase of equipment which will enable Grounds Maintenance to adopt pollinator friendly grass cutting methods for much of CCC's amenity grassland next summer		
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	With a new tenant we have identified woodland planting opportunities on CCC farmland near Laugharne, and this winter a small area of woodland at Llanddarog will be planted, tenders have been invited and accepted. We have also submitted and EOI for a Woodland Improvement Grant to WG which if acceptable could influence whether or not CCC retains this site and manages it for nature conservation. The local community are very supportive of this approach. We have completed an agro forestry feasibility study for Bremenda Uchaf a CCC farm in Llanarthne, and are developing links with potential partners for this project.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths	Performance status: On target		
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	In 23/24 we successfully bid for £263,500 WG funding to support a number EV programmes, building on the 52 chargers we have already introduced across the County. Work being undertaken will inform bids for 24/25 due to be submitted in February. This includes a study analysing usage, grid capacity and the development of a strong future case for investment in fast charger hubs along the strategic road network, a potential Car Club study in line with Charge Up project, Feasibility of on street charging, branding signage strategy and installation. The work currently being undertaken will provide a strong evidence base. Furthermore we are currently working with WG and Transport for Wales on the introduction of 2 x 50kw chargers at both Newcastle Emlyn Mart and Carregamman Car Park.		
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	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		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On 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	<p>In order to achieve the operational, financial, and environmentally efficient model for the second phase of the Waste Service Change, a cost benefit analysis (CBA) is currently being prepared by Arcadis. This analysis compares the utilisation of our existing operational depots (Cillefwr, Glanamman, Cross Hands, and Trostre) compared to the development of a centralised location for the waste services to operate from for the second phase of the strategy. The CBA will provide direction to enable the implementation of the blueprint methodology countywide, factoring in the need for additional facilities (parking, storage, office space and welfare facilities) for the proposed increase in fleet numbers and workforce. Moreover, the analysis addresses waste transfer infrastructure and also the grid capacity at all locations to ensure the maximisation of the use of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) in our fleet.</p> <p>Following the creation of a scoping document and initial designs of a centralised depot that were prepared by Eunomia, cost estimates for developing such a centralised site have now been obtained and incorporated into the CBA assessment. The analysis also considers the ecology and traffic assessments conducted at the CWM Environmental site in Nantycaws. Finalisation of the CBA will enable us to confirm the preferred infrastructure option for implementing the blueprint approach and drive the direction of travel to achieve the aim of the strategy.</p> <p>Engagement with Trade Unions and staff has begun, focusing on potential changes and adjustments to the operational methodology. Scheduled meetings have been established for ongoing collaboration.</p> <p>The routing team is concluding route assessments, with routing on EasyRoute software scheduled to commence in January 2024, to design new routes in readiness for the blueprint rollout.</p> <p>We are collaborating with colleagues at WRAP Cymru on the routing element and they are currently reviewing the modelling work previously done, and adjusting where needed to take into consideration current composition data of the material collected at kerbside since the changes in January 2023. This, along with route assessments, guarantees the procurement of the correct number and size of vehicles for operational and financial efficiency, with procurement set to start in late January 2024.</p> <p>Discussions with the procurement team have identified the appropriate framework for vehicle procurement.</p> <p>Monthly contact with colleagues in Welsh Government and close collaboration with WRAP Cymru ensures adherence to timelines and WRAP are providing valuable advice and guidance to ensure the successful roll out of the project.</p>		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	16331	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	To support the service in the creation and delivery of a climate change and nature emergency communications plan. (CV47)		
Comment	<p>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.</p> <p>In the meantime 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. Also we are participating and supporting 2 climate conversation events which will be promoted as part of the WG Climate Action Wales initiative. As part of the all Wales campaign, work has also started on seeing how we can ensure our Council website aligns with the all Wales climate action website.</p>		
Service Head: Deina Hockenhuil		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/services or works. 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.</p> <p>Based on advice 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 and our carbon reduction targets.</p> <p>7 SRA's were carried out during this quarter for VAWDAS, Community Based Services, Street Play, Gully and Sweeper Waste, External Landlord Intervention, Property Works Framework and the SWWRFC 2024 Framework.</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 other proposals 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>Revised timeline for production of the Carmarthenshire Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP):</p> <p>26/01/2024 - Receipt of draft LAEP report for review</p> <p>16/02/2024 - Deadline for stakeholder comments</p>		

08/03/2024 - Receipt of final LAEP (English version) 25/03/2024 - Receipt of final LAEP (Welsh version)			
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>Further meetings are scheduled for the 7th February 2024 and 5th June 2024. 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 whilst the Stakeholder Group met on the 31st May 2023 with further sessions scheduled including the TAG on the 17th January. 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. 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 undergoing preparation.</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>As a further Carmarthenshire focused response Interim Action Plans 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 now being formulated into an Action Plan.</p> <p>A Nutrient Management Strategy for Carmarthenshire is being finalised which will include an understanding of the relationships to other corporate priorities. It will also seek to reflect the latest evidence and information including the published source apportionment data for the Afon Tywi.</p> <p>The Council is seeking to respond proactively and positively to the data emerging as a result of the Review of Permits for Waste Water Treatment Works including taking a headroom based approach where capacity exists within the works. Its will also consider how DCWW programmed improvements to treatment works may influence 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	Draft strategy was submitted to and supported by both Scrutiny and CMT and will go to Pre Cabinet and Cabinet early in 2024. Two further Grillo Cut and Collect machines have been purchased through WG Local Places for Nature grant funding with 2 trailers due in Q4.		
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	consideration of the the Tree and Woodland Strategy to CMT has been delayed until Jan 24. The strategy will be published on CCC`s website when approved via the democratic process		
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	CCC's Env Act Forward Plan Jan 23 – Dec 25 has been drafted and responsible officers consulted on the proposed actions. Actions will be reported on via PIMS. The plan will be presented to Place and Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny in Jan 24, with an update on the delivery of actions over the last 12 months		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths			

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		
Comment	<p>Work is continuing at Property Design to refine our specifications to achieve Net Zero Carbon in use on non-housing projects. This building strategy is captured in our Standard Requirements for Schools document.</p> <p>This is the document used as our baseline to 'Develop a strategy to achieve Net Zero Carbon as part of property design specifications'. It is however a WIP document, and not finite. We consider development of the strategy an iterative action, and the specification itself will continue to be monitored and updated as we develop a lean approach to achieving net zero carbon in use on a local site by site basis. The strategy will hinge on adoption of Passivhaus methodologies we have built up over a significant period together with green and renewable energy solutions. This effort may become further supported by expert advice via the recently launched Professional Services Framework Low Energy Lot.</p> <p>This work will be transferable to a broader commercial specification, in terms of a fabric first approach in all corporate major projects (non-housing).</p> <p>Please be advised that this PIMS action is due to be superseded in 2024/25. This follows a Property Design review of the action as part of the Unit's transfer to the Chief Executive's Department. 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'.</p>		
Service Head: Jason Jones (Env)		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 £932k for Public transport infrastructure, £1.472m Active travel, £263k Electric Vehicle infrastructure programmes, and £931k for Safe Routes in the Community, work is well underway in respect of moving forward with the funded programme. Bids are currently being drafted to submit to WG in February which will further enhance our progress with respect to EV provision, Active Travel, Road Safety and Public Transport		
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 is evident. 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 recycling tonnages submitted to Natural resource Wales (NRW) for the first half of 2023/2024 have indicated an average of 72% recycling across the board which is significantly increased from 2022/2023 results. This demonstrates a marked improvement 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	16563	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Develop a Circular Economy Strategy and Rural Infrastructure proposal linking in with wider corporate services		
Comment	Further engagement work with Ten Town representatives providing opportunity via collaborative meetings in a theme pertinent to circular economy topics has been undertaken. 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. This will allow 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.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	
Action	16564	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Develop and implement the new Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP2)		
Comment	A draft strategy is will go to CMT second week in January. In Q4 we will produce an underpinning operational plan to accompany this, focusing on those communities at greatest risk.		
Service Head: Rhodri Griffiths		Performance status: On target	
Action	16898	Target date	31/03/2024
Action promised	Deliver the recommendations of the fly tipping task and finish group (CV62)		
Comment	Cabinet have considered and approved the findings of the T&F Group. A cross-departmental group has been organised and forms part of the Local Environmental Quality Group to deliver and monitor progress of the recommendations.		
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	Through our optimised retrofit programme, we are upgrading the fabric performance of our homes and installing renewable technology which can create and store energy. The programme for 2023/24 involves installing energy efficient measures on over 230 homes. 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 and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)
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		Q3: 99.10 End Of Year: 99.07	Target: 95.00 Result: 99.02	Target: 95.00 Result: 99.05	Target: 95.00 Result: 99.10 Calculation: (2100÷2119) × 100	Target: 95.00

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 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 Calculation: (73÷117) × 100	Target: 100.00

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 high risk businesses that were liable to a programmed inspection that were inspected, for: iii) Animal Health PPN/001iii	Not applicable		Q3: 56 End Of Year: 99	Target: 10 Result: 15	Target: 30 Result: 43	Target: 50 Result: 60 Calculation: (97÷161) × 100	Target: 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 number of fraud incidence identified by Trading Standards PPN/003	Not applicable		Q3: 170 End Of Year: 223	Target: 50 Result: 22	Target: 100 Result: Not available	Target: 150 Result: 219	Target: 200

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		Q3: 5.31 End Of Year: 5.39	Target: 7.00 Result: 4.06	Target: 7.00 Result: 3.37	Target: 7.00 Result: 3.66 Calculation: 3638÷995	Target: 7.00

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

ACTIONS - Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)			
Sub-theme: WBO3d - Thematic Priority: Community Safety, Resilience and Cohesion			
Action	15495	Target date	31/03/2024 (original target 31/03/2023)
Action promised	To ensure the Council fully considers and responds to the requirements of the Counter Terrorism Protect Duty once published (expected in 2022-23).		
Comment	The draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn's Law, continues to go through the Parliamentary legislative process. No further update is currently available. A Carmarthenshire multi-agency Protective Security Preparedness Group meeting will be arranged once there is more clarity provided.		
Service Head: Jason Jones		Performance status: On target	
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	A further chapter of the HAMP Maintenance Manual was presented to Scrutiny Committee on the 30th November and is progressing to Cabinet for adoption. The Maintenance Manual is a rolling programme of policies which are being brought forward on an annual basis. The HAMP Annual Report was also presented to Scrutiny Committee on the 30th November and will be considered by Pre-Cabinet for information only.		
Service Head: Daniel W John		Performance status: On target	

Theme: WBO3.Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Comm)							
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		Q3: 64.47 End Of Year: 65.25	Target: 67.00	Target: 67.00 Result: 71.70	Target: 67.00 Result: 70.23 Calculation: (41665.62÷59331.52) × 100	Target: 67.00
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	Not applicable		Q3: 110	Target: 35	Target: 72	Target: 107	Target: 143

(CV48) PAM/043		End Of Year: 144	Result: 31	Result: 59	Result: 90	Calculation: 16869750 ÷ 188191
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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		Q3: 6.30 End Of Year: 4.89	Target: 10.00 Result: 1.23	Target: 10.00 Result: 1.91	Target: 10.00 Result: 1.99 Calculation: (1182.16 ÷ 59331.52) × 100	Target: 10.00

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		Q3: 43.83 End Of Year: 45.43	Target: 46.00 Result: 48.62	Target: 46.00 Result: 47.08	Target: 46.00 Result: 46.91 Calculation: (27834.03 ÷ 59331.52) × 100	Target: 46.00

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		Q3: 20.24 End Of Year: 19.35	Target: 20.00 Result: 23.84	Target: 20.00 Result: 24.09	Target: 20.00 Result: 22.77 Calculation: (13509.75 ÷ 59331.52) × 100	Target: 20.00

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

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

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	The public consultation and engagement exercised has closed attracting over 1100 responses. The engagement exercise has highlighted some themes that will be addressed as part of the associated action plan. The updated strategy is due to be presented to CMT and Scrutiny in April. A Section 151 report has been submitted for the public convenience operation and management contract which will allow the service to undertake the procurement exercise.		

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 will start on 29 January. Having this additional resource within the team will assist greatly with this particular campaign. Monthly meetings are already taking place with the team and we have representation on the board to ensure communication and engagement are considered at every point within the delivery of this service change.		

Service Head: Deina Hockenhull **Performance status:** On target

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

Action	16290	Target date	31/03/2026
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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	Officers have met with WG and TFW regarding current status and planning of bus reform in Wales. The proposals will see the public sector planning of services, with local authorities, regional Corporate Joint Committees, TFW and the Welsh Government collaborating to design networks to meet public need within available funding. At present WG strategy is for commercial operators to bid for contracts to run services to the franchising authority's specification which would support the potential for serving areas not currently serviced. Whilst this WG legislative drafting continues, work will remain on scoping a public owned bus company.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On 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.		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On target	
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 this financial year from the Active Travel Fund currently undertaking site clearance, surveys and progress with detailed designs to inform public consultation in 24/25 and potential future funding bids to WG. To this end a bid is currently being drafted for submission in February 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	The authority continues to lobby the Welsh Government for early completion of the ByPass, reinforcing that our view that it is the only viable option to address wide ranging issues in the town. The Welsh Government are yet to formally release the findings of the WELTAG 2 appraisal. A phased delivery has been suggested, however we continue to press for commitment to fund and deliver the whole bypass scheme.		
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 is due to be sent to Welsh Government in December 2023.		
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. WG Guidance on the development of the Regional Transport Plan (RTP) has been received by the Corporate Joint Committee. The draft RTP implementation Plan has been completed for consideration by the CJC, this has subsequently been endorsed by the CJC and WG. The Case for Change stage is due to be presented to CJC in February 2024. Whilst some temporary external support has been		

	commissioned on 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, this 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 Glanrhyd bailey bridge has been replaced. A further 4 schemes are in progress with work underway on site for bridge replacement at B4306 Pont y Pentre Llanon, with work being substantially complete by 22nd December. U2243 Mynydd Y Garreg Bridge replacement is on-going and will be completed in early 2024. C2146 Tan y Berllan bridge Ffairfach deck replacement is underway and due to complete by Christmas. In addition, C2214 Bridgend Inn upgrade works will be completed later this year. This year we will upgrade a total of 5 structures as planned with all works due to be completed by March 2024.		
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 have awarded £100k to refine the proposals to conform with 4 tests associated with the WG roads review, with work underway on this. In the meantime, funding has been secured from developer contributions to introduce phase 1 junction enhancements at Sandy Roundabout which will commence early in the new year. Furthermore a bid is being drafted to submit to WG in February to continue to progress the wider programme, the outcome of this bid will give an insight into WG appetite to fund the scheme		
Service Head:	Daniel W John	Performance status: On target	