

CYNGOR SIR
29 IONAWR 2025

ADRODDIAD CYFUN AR GYFER STRATEGAETHAU DRAFFT AR
SEILWAITH GWYRDD A GLAS A RHANDIROEDD A THYFU
CYMUNEDOL

Y Pwrpas:

- Ceisio cymeradwyaeth i gynnal ymgynghoriadau cyhoeddus ffurfiol ar y Strategaethau Drafft fel y manylir yn yr adroddiad, gan gefnogi eu datblygiad parhaus cyn ystyried eu mabwysiadu yn y dyfodol.

ARGYMHELLION Y CABINET:

“PENDERFYNWYD YN UNFRYDOL ARGYMELL I'R CYNGOR:

- cymeradwyo'r Strategaethau Drafft, a nodir yn yr adroddiad, at ddibenion ymgynghori'n ffurfiol â'r cyhoedd;
- awdurdodi swyddogion i ddiweddarau neu i ddiwygio unrhyw fân newidiadau ffeithiol, argraffyddol neu ramadegol sy'n angenrheidiol i wella eglurder a chywirdeb y Strategaethau Drafft.”

RHESYMAU:

- Cefnogi'r gwaith o weithredu'r Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Diwygiedig (CDLI) a chyfrannu at ddyletswyddau'r Cyngor o dan Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) 2015 a Deddf yr Amgylchedd (Cymru) 2016 (gan gynnwys cyfrifoldebau o dan Adran 6 Dyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth).
- Datblygwyd y ddau mewn ymateb uniongyrchol i'r camau allweddol a amlinellir yng [Nghynllun Llesiant Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Sir Gaerfyrddin \(2023-28\)](#) Amcan 3: Ymateb i'r argyfyngau hinsawdd a natur drwy sefydlu dull partneriaeth o ddatblygu Seilwaith Gwyrdd a Glas yn y Sir.
- Cydnabod y berthynas rhwng ein hamgylchedd, newid yn yr hinsawdd, ac iechyd a llesiant, maent hefyd yn cyd-fynd ag amcan llesiant y Cyngor i alluogi ein Cymunedau a'r Amgylchedd i fod yn iach, Diogel a Llewyrchus.
- Mae ymgysylltu â rhanddeiliaid pellach ac ymgynghori â'r cyhoedd sy'n cefnogi datblygiad y strategaethau hyn yn hanfodol o ran cynhwysedd, tryloywder, ymgysylltu â'r gymuned, a gwneud penderfyniadau gwybodus.

Angen i'r Cabinet wneud penderfyniad

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Draft Strategies on Green and Blue Infrastructure & Allotment and Community Growing

1. Background

The report and production of the strategies reflect the multifunctional benefits provided by Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) are considered crucial factors in obtaining healthy placemaking by creating attractive communities which are resilient and adapted to both local and global sustainability challenges. As such, the Draft Strategies individually set out strategic visions which recognise the value of both place-based and nature-based solutions for addressing current (and preventing future) well-being issues within our communities, alongside tackling the climate and nature emergencies previously declared by Council.

2. Purpose of the Draft Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy

The Draft GBI Strategy outlines strategic objectives under the themes of *people, place, and nature*. In alignment with our PSB Well-being Plan. The development of this Strategy is designed to embed a GBI approach to spatial planning which seeks to ensure the provision of public goods for future generations, multifunctionality, and promoting the use of Nature-based Solutions (NbS), wherever appropriate. In essence, it acknowledges that our natural and semi-natural resources should be regarded as important 'infrastructure' just like built features, and that they will only continue to benefit us if we proactively plan, invest in, and manage them to ensure they are used sustainably.

Additionally, by establishing Carmarthenshire's Strategic GBI Network, it supports the Revised LDP through elaborating on Policy PSD3: Green and Blue Infrastructure Network and the emerging Supplementary Planning Guidance on integrating GBI within new developments. It is proposed that this will be supported through the Community-led GBI toolkit (as appended). This toolkit provides an overview of the key considerations needed to deliver GBI at a local level, alongside the creation of a GBI Action Plan which will detail the steps undertaken by the local authority to help meet the objectives.

3. Purpose of the Draft Allotment & Community Growing Strategy

Carmarthenshire has long been dubbed the 'Garden of Wales'. In recent years, interest in local food growing opportunities has increased in popularity. There is a body of evidence supporting the idea that growing your own can have benefits for both people and the planet, whether through improved physical and mental well-being or by limiting the number of food miles on our plates. As components of GBI, Allotments and Community Growing spaces represent important solutions in promoting active lifestyle choices and preventing health and wellbeing issues within our communities.

In alignment with [Welsh Government's guidance](#), the Draft Allotment and Community Growing Strategy sets out the current provision of spaces within the county. It also provides information on tenancy rules, the interest amongst our communities as obtained from a previous survey

(appended), and the progress being made towards sustainably maintaining, enhancing, and increasing provision in accordance with the identified demand.

The strategy proposes four strategic objectives, these outline the commitment to maximising the opportunities available for residents to participate in growing, including through a partnership approach (principally through the Public Land for Community Growing Partnership). The Strategy is designed to support the Revised Local Development Plan (LDP) through Policy PSD8: Provision of New Open Space and the emerging Supplementary Planning Guidance on integrating Public Open Space within new residential developments.

4. Next Steps

Subject to approval, the Draft Strategies will be subject to a 6-week public consultation which will be undertaken in a manner consistent with the external funding used to develop this work (Shared Prosperity Fund). Following the consultation, the representations received will, along with any recommended amendments to the Draft Strategies, be reported back through the democratic process ahead of Council consideration and approval.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

Appendix A: Draft Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy

Appendix B: Previous Stakeholder Engagement informing GBI Strategy

Appendix C: Community-Led GBI Toolkit

Appendix D: Draft Allotment & Community Growing Strategy

Appendix E: Allotment and Community Growing Survey Report

IMPLICATIONS

ALL IMPLICATIONS REQUIRE SIGN OFF BY THE DIRECTOR OR HEAD OF SERVICE

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: Rhodri Griffiths

Head of Place and Sustainability

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

In accordance with the vision statement set out within the Revised LDP, the Strategies seek to promote the principles of sustainable development by facilitating the creation of communities and developments which are more sustainable, cohesive and accessible. The Strategies further highlight and develop the links and requirements necessary to ensure they are compatible with Carmarthenshire County Council’s well-being objectives. It also ensures alignment with the national Well-being Goals set out within the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015.

However, acceptance of the report’s recommendations does not substitute the adoption of new policy. If approved, the ensuing public consultations will be held in accordance with GDPR and shall be held in a manner which does not discriminate those wishing to partake.

Legal

The Council must comply with the statutory obligations for sustainable development, biodiversity, and natural resource management contained in the Well Being of Future Generations Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The Strategies have appropriate regard to other sources of primary and secondary legislation including Planning Act (Wales) 2016, Natural Resources Policy (2017), and Flood and Water Management Act 2010, alongside the Net Zero agenda.

It must also have regard to the provisions of the Habitat Regulations, as transposed into the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), and The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 as

competent authority. As such, as preliminary screening exercise was undertaken to ensure compliance.

Finance

Financial costs to date have been covered by external funding secured through the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

Approval of the report's recommendations does not imply the release of additional funds, and it is expected that future spending requirements will be met through current provisions. Potential sources of external funding, as secured to develop this work, will continue to be monitored.

Staffing Implications

Whilst the progression of the Draft Strategies will be delivered through current staffing provisions, any delay may require extensions to contracts of those temporary posts in place to support Plan preparation and delivery. Funding would be through current financial provisions and/or future growth items.

The adoption of the Draft Strategies may require the use of existing staff resources to deliver their implementation and monitoring.

Physical Assets

The subsequent adoption of these Draft Strategies may have an impact upon Council owned assets through change in current land use or promoting community activity / asset transfer.

Biodiversity and Climate Change

The Strategies have full regard to our duties in relation to the biodiversity and climate change responsibilities, and, by promoting a GBI, place-based approach, support efforts to tackle the Nature and Climate Emergencies declared by both the Welsh Government and Carmarthenshire County Council.

It is a statutory requirement that Carmarthenshire County Council prepares, and reports on the delivery of its Environment Act duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience. The delivery of these strategies within Carmarthenshire will evidence the Council's commitment to managing its land people and the planet, which is consistent with securing sustainable development (as defined within the Well Being of Future Generations Act 2015) and uploading the Section 6 Duty.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: R GRIFFITHS

Head of Place and Sustainability

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

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination	NO
If yes include the following information: -	
Scrutiny Committee	
Date the report was considered:-	
Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-	

2. Local Member(s)

The proposed strategies will be subject to full public consultation. Members will be engaged throughout the process.

3. Community / Town Council

The proposed strategies will be subject to full public consultation. Town/Community Council(s) are a specific consultee at statutory stages throughout the process.

4. Relevant Partners

The proposed strategies will be subject to full public consultation. Contributions have and will continue to be sought throughout the process.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

The proposed strategies will be subject to full public consultation. Internal contributions have and will continue to be sought throughout the process.

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:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Revised Local Development Plan		<u>Second Deposit Revised Local Development Plan (gov.wales)</u>