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Date: 8th September 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee** will be held via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday, 14th September, 2021 at 5.30 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. Councillors and the public wishing to speak on any item can do so by making a request to the Chair. You are also welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, both these requests require a minimum notice period of 3 working days.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy'.

Christina Harrhy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

	Pages
1 To receive apologies for absence.	
2 Declarations of Interest.	

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To approve and sign the following minutes: -

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| 3 | Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee held on 22nd June 2021. | 1 - 4 |
| 4 | Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure. | |
| 5 | Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme. | 5 - 16 |
| 6 | To receive and consider the following Cabinet reports*: -

1. Regeneration Board - Project Proposals – 23 rd June 2021;
2. Cwm Ifor Solar Farm – 23 rd June 2021;
3. Gwent Covid-19 Prevention and Response Plan – 23 rd June 2021;
4. New Community Centre at Ty Sign – 7 th July 2021;
5. Car Parking Charges – 1 st September 2021. | |

**If a member of the Scrutiny Committee wishes for any of the above Cabinet reports to be brought forward for review at the meeting please contact Rebecca Barrett, 01443 864245, by 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 13th September 2021.*

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| 7 | To receive a Notice of Motion - Real Nappies Incentive Scheme. | 17 - 22 |
| 8 | To receive a Notice of Motion - Abolition of Car Parking Charges in Town Centre Car Parks. | 23 - 26 |

To receive and consider the following Scrutiny reports: -

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| 9 | Directorate Performance Assessment - Communities Year End Report 2020/21. | 27 - 76 |
| 10 | Sport and Active Recreation Strategy - Progress Update. | 77 - 86 |

Circulation:

Councillors M.A. Adams, A. Collis, D.T. Davies (Chair), C. Elsbury, M. Evans, A. Gair, Ms J. Gale, A. Hussey (Vice Chair), S. Kent, Mrs A. Leonard, B. Owen, D.W.R. Preece, J.E. Roberts, J. Scriven, J. Simmonds and T.J. Williams

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE DIGITAL MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY,
22ND JUNE 2021 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. T. Davies - Chair
Councillor A. Hussey - Vice Chair

Councillors:

M. A. Adams, A. Collis, C. Elsbury, M. Evans, A. Gair, J. Gale, A. Leonard, B. Owen, J. E. Roberts, J. Scriven, J. Simmonds and T. J. Williams.

Cabinet Members:

N. George (Waste, Public Protection and Street Scene).

Together with:

Officers: M. S. Williams (Corporate Director – Economy and Environment), R. Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection, Community and Leisure Services), M. Headington (Green Spaces and Transport Services Manager), N. Kenny (Community Safety), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Kent and D. W. R. Preece.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

3. MINUTES – 18TH MAY 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny

Committee meeting held on 18th May 2021 (minute nos. 1 – 7) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. CALL-IN PROCEDURE

There had been no matters referred to the Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.

5. ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the reports planned for the period June 2021 to March 2022 and included all reports that were identified at the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 18th May 2021. Members were asked to consider the Forward Work Programme, alongside the Cabinet Forward Work Programme, prior to publication on the Council's website.

The Scrutiny Officer proposed that an Antisocial Behaviour PSPO Consultation Outcome report and a Dog Control PSPO Consultation Outcome report be added to the Forward Work Programme for the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee meeting to be held on 14th September 2021.

Following consideration of the report, and subject to the additional reports proposed, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms voting this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Councils' website.

6. CABINET REPORTS

There had been no requests for any of the Cabinet reports to be brought forward for discussion at the meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Consideration was given to the following reports.

7. TO RECEIVE A NOTICE OF MOTION – MEMORIAL BENCHES

Councillor M. Adams sought advice as he was a member of the cross party Task and Finish Group that reviewed the Council's Bereavement Service in September 2006. The Scrutiny Officer advised Councillor M. Adams that he did not need to declare an interest in this item.

Consideration was given to the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors J. Roberts and C. Elsbury and supported by Councillors A. Farina Childs, B. Owen, C. Mann and T. Parry. The Scrutiny Committee was asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation to Council, in accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Council's Constitution.

Councillor J. Roberts and Councillor C. Elsbury requested that the Council immediately ends its blanket ban on grieving relatives erecting memorial benches on its cemetery sites. Councillor J. Roberts confirmed the details of the motion and provided background information as to why he was bringing the issue forward for consideration.

Officers outlined, in detail, the findings of the Task and Finish Group that had led to the introduction of the current policy and shared statistics in relation to the number of benches in cemeteries. Clarity was given in that the authority provides benches in cemeteries and allows memorial plaques to be placed on the benches at a cost.

The Scrutiny Committee was advised that there had been further reports in 2012 which had undergone extensive consultation with bereaved families and the initial decision made in 2008 was subsequently reinforced. It was highlighted that no reference was made to the lack of memorial bench provision at any particular cemetery during this consultation.

Following consideration of the Notice of Motion, the recommendation was moved and seconded. By way of verbal roll call voting (and in noting there were 4 for, 10 against and 0 abstentions) the motion was declared lost.

RECOMMENDED to Council:

- (i) That the notice of motion not be supported.

8. PUBLIC PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT, CONSUMER ADVICE, AND COVID-19 RESPONSE 2020/21.

The Cabinet Member for Waste, Public Protection and Street Scene presented the report to the Scrutiny Committee to provide information on formal enforcement activities within the Public Protection Division including outcomes of investigations undertaken under the auspices of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act. The Scrutiny Committee was informed that the report also considers, in accordance with the Surveillance Camera Commissioner's Code of Practice, the Council's CCTV surveillance camera system to ensure that it remains necessary, proportionate and effective. The Scrutiny Committee was also informed that the report provided information to Members on the number and nature of complaints dealt with by the Consumer Advice function of Trading Standards in 2020/21. The decrease in enforcement and regulatory activities as a direct consequence of diverting Public Protection staff to respond to the pandemic was also highlighted.

The Head of Public Protection, Community and Leisure Services took Members through aspects of the report and shared with Members the impact of Covid-19 on the work of regulatory services during 2020/21 and the level and types of response provided by Public Protection teams.

In response to a Member's query regarding the storage of the relevant CCTV footage for use by the Police as evidence in the course of their criminal investigations, the Scrutiny Committee was advised that CCTV footage is stored for 30 days but if a request is received to preserve the footage it will be set aside and locked down. Members were also advised of the strict controls around the release of footage.

A Member raised concerns in relation to fixed penalties for dog fouling and questioned the advertising on the vehicles used by Dog Wardens. The Head of Public Protection, Community and Leisure Services acknowledged the concerns raised and advised Members that where people are seen committing an offence, they will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. In relation to the vehicles used by Dog Wardens, the Officer explained that the vehicles are a way of trying to raise awareness and that Dog Wardens patrol in the locality away from the vehicle.

A discussion took place regarding Nitrous Oxide. In response to a Member's question, it was agreed that the number of businesses in the County Borough selling Nitrous Oxide canisters would be provided to Members following the meeting. It was also agreed that the Head of Public Protection, Community and Leisure Services would speak with Trading Standards regarding advertising campaigns warning about the dangers of Nitrous Oxide and update

Members subsequent to the meeting.

The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee considered the review of Public Protection Enforcement and other activities, including those associated with the pandemic and CCTV provision, and noted the activity in relation to Consumer Advice.

9. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER REVIEW

The Cabinet Member for Waste, Public Protection and Street Scene presented the report to seek the views of the Scrutiny Committee on the proposal to undertake a public consultation on the proposed changes to the current Public Space Protection Orders for anti-social behaviour (ASB) and drinking in a public place. The Scrutiny Committee was advised that the aim of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, free from anti-social behaviour. It was highlighted that PSPOs replaced a number of existing legal provisions including Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs), Gating Orders, and Dog Control Orders. Existing Orders made under previous legislation transferred to become PSPOs in 2017 for a maximum period of three years. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic it was not possible to carry out a full review of the PSPOs in 2020 so they were renewed for a period of 12 months with the view to a full review being carried out in 2021. Members were advised that the report outlined the proposals for the next three years for the current PSPOs in place throughout Caerphilly County Borough that address ASB and drinking in a public place and also outlined proposals to vary several existing areas and consideration for a number of new locations.

The Chair requested a correction to Appendix 1 in that Commercial Street and Vere Street were listed under Bargoed, but that both locations are situated in the Gilfach Ward. The Officer advised that a correction would be made before the documents are sent out for consultation.

Several Members spoke in support of the additional PSPO areas and expressed the hope that enforcement measures would improve the situation at each locality. A Member queried how the list of new PSPO areas were identified and asked if there was flexibility in terms of adding other locations at a later date. The Community Safety Officer advised that following consultation with Gwent Police the 4 areas identified had met the criteria for a new PSPO based on an analysis of call data. Members heard how other areas could be added to the PSPO list as part of the consultation review if Gwent Police and the Council had received significant reports of antisocial behaviour within that area.

The views of the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on the proposal to undertake a public consultation on the proposed changes to the current Public Space Protection Orders for anti-social behaviour (ASB) and drinking in a public place were noted.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2021, they were signed by the Chair.

CHAIR



ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021

**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND
CORPORATE SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Forward Work Programmes are essential to ensure that Scrutiny Committee agendas reflect the strategic issues facing the Council and other priorities raised by Members, the public or stakeholder.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members consider any changes and agree the final forward work programme prior to publication.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To improve the operation of scrutiny.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee forward work programme includes all reports that were identified at the scrutiny committee meeting on Tuesday 22nd June 2021. The work programme outlines the reports planned for the period September 2021 to March 2022.
- 5.2 The forward Work Programme is made up of reports identified by officers and members. Members are asked to consider the work programme alongside the

cabinet work programme and suggest any changes before it is published on the council website. Scrutiny committee will review this work programme at every meeting going forward alongside any changes to the cabinet work programme or report requests.

- 5.3 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1, which presents the current status as at 23rd August 2021. The Cabinet Work Programme is attached at Appendix 2. A copy of the prioritisation flowchart is attached at appendix 3 to assist the scrutiny committee to determine what items should be added to the forward work programme.

5.4 **Conclusion**

The work programme is for consideration and amendment by the scrutiny committee prior to publication on the council website.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 No assumptions are necessary.

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 As this report is for information only an Integrated Impact Assessment is not necessary.

8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no specific financial implications arising as a result of this report.

9. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no specific personnel implications arising as a result of this report.

10. **CONSULTATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been included in this report.

11. **STATUTORY POWER**

- 11.1 The Local Government Act 2000.

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Consultees: Mark S. Williams, Interim Corporate Director of Communities
Robert Tranter, Head of Legal Services/ Monitoring Officer

Lisa Lane, Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer,
Legal Services
Councillor Tudor Davies, Chair of Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny
Committee
Councillor Adrian Hussey Vice Chair of Environment and Sustainability
Scrutiny Committee

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
- Appendix 2 Cabinet Forward Work Programme
- Appendix 3 Forward Work Programme Prioritisation Flowchart

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Forward Work Programme - Environment & Sustainability

APPENDIX 1

Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
14/09/21 17:30	Update on Sport and Active Recreation Strategy			Cllr. Ridgewell, John;
14/09/21 17:30	Directorate Performance Report – Communities Year End Report 2020/21		Williams, Mark S;	Cllr. Ridgewell, John;
14/09/21 17:30	Notice of Motion - Real Nappies	To present the notice of motion submitted by Councillor Andrew Farina-Childs in line with the Council's constitution.	Sullivan, Emma;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
14/09/21 17:30	Notice of Motion - Abolish Car Parking Charges in Town Centre Car Parks	Notice of motion submitted by Councillor Kevin Etheridge, for Council to consider the abolition of charges in Town Centre Car Parks	Sullivan, Emma;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
14/09/21 17:30	Information Item - Communities Directorate Revenue Grants 2021-22	To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants for 2021-22 for Communities Directorate.	Roberts, David;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
14/09/21 17:30	Information Item - Communities Directorate Revenue Budgets 2021-22	To provide Members with details of the 2021/22 revenue budgets for Communities Directorate.	Roberts, David;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
14/09/21 17:30	Information Item - Budget Monitoring Report (Period 3)	To inform Members of the most recent budget monitoring position for 2021/2022 for Communities Directorate Service Divisions	Roberts, David;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
26/10/21 17:30	Dog Control PSPO Consultation Outcome Report		Hartshorn, Robert;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
26/10/21 17:30	Antisocial Behaviour PSPO Consultation Outcome Report		Hartshorn, Robert;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
26/10/21 17:30	Grass Cutting Regime	To seek the views of Cabinet in relation to grass cutting regimes across the county borough and proposals to enhance and promote bio-diversity following consultation with local members and presentation to Scrutiny Committee.	Hartshorn, Robert;	Cllr. Whitcombe, Andrew;
07/12/21 17:30	Budget Monitoring Report (Period 5)	To inform Members of the most recent budget monitoring position for 2021/2022 for Communities Directorate Service Divisions	Roberts, David;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
07/12/21 17:30	Active Travel Network Map Review and Consultation		Lloyd, Marcus;	Cllr. Whitcombe, Andrew;
08/02/22 17:30	Budget Monitoring Report (Period 7)	To inform Members of the most recent budget monitoring position for 2021/2022 for Communities Directorate Service Divisions	Roberts, David;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
22/03/22 17:30	Information Item - Budget Monitoring Report (Period 9)	To inform Members of the most recent budget monitoring position for 2021/2022 for Communities Directorate Service Divisions	Roberts, David;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;

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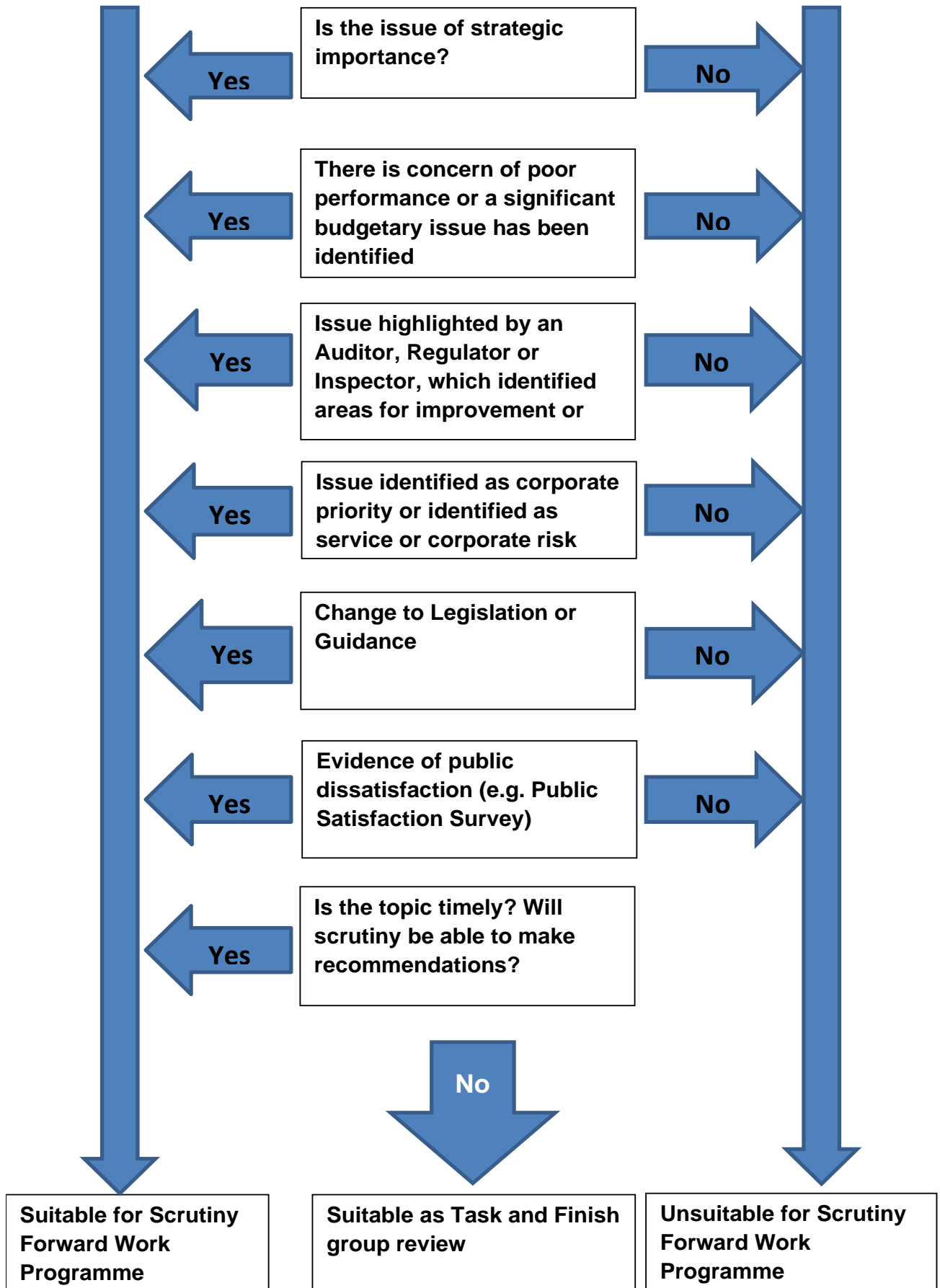
15/09/2021 10:30	Regeneration Board - Project Proposals	To recommend the allocation of up to £130,000 from the Regeneration Project Board Development Fund towards two recently endorsed and evaluated project proposals; (i) Risca – Redevelopment of Strategic Town Centre site (Feasibility & Master-planning); (ii) Bargoed Empty Property Enforcement Action Plan.	Kyte, Rhian;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
15/09/2021 10:30	Welsh Government Prospectus and Social Housing Grant Programme Delivery Plan (PDP)	To seek Cabinet approval for the distribution of SHG (Social Housing Grant) and the Prospectus document requirement by Welsh Government.	Roberts-Waite, Jane;	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa;
15/09/2021 10:30	Staff Benefits Scheme	To seek Cabinet approval of a new staff benefits and reward platform and further recognition of long service.	Donovan, Lynne;	Cllr. Gordon, Colin J;
15/09/2021 10:30	FREEDOM OF BOROUGH – Olympic Medallists	To recommend to Cabinet that Council admit as Honorary Freeman of the Borough. Caerphilly County Borough athletes who were successful in achieving medals at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.	Forbes-Thompson, Cath;	Cllr. Marsden, Philippa;
15/09/2021 10:30	The Lawns, Rhymney cost overrun report (Urgent Item)	(Exempt Item)	Dallimore, Allan;/ Williams, Mark S;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
29/09/2021 10:30	Workforce Development Strategy	To seek Cabinet approval of the Workforce Development Strategy 2021 - 24.	Donovan, Lynne;	Cllr. Gordon, Colin J;
29/09/2021 10:30	Well-Being Strategy 2021 - 24	To seek Cabinet approval of the Wellbeing Strategy 2021 - 24	Donovan, Lynne;	Cllr. Gordon, Colin J;
29/09/2021 10:30	Montclair Avenue - Culvert Report	To seek Cabinet approval to fund the culvert repair.	Street, Dave;	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa;

29/09/2021 10:30	Car parking at Twyn Car Park and Blackwood High Street Car Park	To consider proposals to manage the interface between business/visitor parking at Twyn Car Park, Caerphilly and Blackwood High Street.	Williams, Mark S;	Cllr. Pritchard, James;
29/09/2021 10:30	Supplementary report - Managing Service Risk at Alert Level Zero	To update Cabinet with a further report detailing proposals for the re-opening of key buildings	Edmunds, Richard (Ed);	Cllr. Gordon, Colin J;
13/10/2021 10:30	21st Century Schools – Band B Programme Update	To provide Cabinet with an update on the progress of the 21st Century Schools Band B programme.- Phase 1 & 2.	West, Andrea; Richards, Sue;	Cllr. Whiting, Ross;
13/10/2021 10:30	Streetlighting Update	To provide Cabinet with an interim update on the monitoring of the street lighting carbon reduction initiative outcomes.	Lloyd, Marcus;	Cllr. Pritchard, James;
13/10/2021 10:30	New Respite Facilities	To seek Cabinet approval to build two state of the art respite facilities, one for adults and one for children in order to replace existing facilities.	Jenkins, Gareth; Street, Dave;	Cllr. Cook, Shayne;
27/10/2021 10:30	Corporate Performance Assessments (CPA's)	To provide Cabinet with information and detailed analysis of performance for the period 01/04/20 to 31/03/21 and forms part of the Council's self-assessment activity.	Richards, Sue;	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;
27/10/2021 10:30	Local Housing Strategy	To seek Cabinet approval for the acquisition of the former Oakdale School site from the General Fund to the HRA and the development of the site by Willmott Dixon on behalf of Caerphilly Homes.	Roberts-Waite, Jane;	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa;
27/10/2021 10:30	Oakdale Housing Development	For Cabinet to consider the development options presented by Willmott Dixon on behalf of Caerphilly Homes, on the basis of need and viability with regard to the site of the former Oakdale Comprehensive School.	Roberts-Waite, Jane;	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa;

<p>27/10/2021 10:30</p>	<p>Annual Performance Report and Corporate Plan 2018-2023</p>	<p>For Cabinet to consider the Council's Annual Performance Report which provides information and analysis of performance against the six well-being objectives for the period 01/04/20 to 31/03/21.</p>	<p>Roberts, Ros; Richards, Sue;</p>	<p>Cllr. Stenner, Eluned;</p>
<p>27/10/2021 10:30</p>	<p>The Principles of a Regional approach to Employability Programme</p>	<p>To consider a regional approach to the provision of employment support programmes within the Cardiff Capital Region.</p>	<p>Kyte, Rhian;</p>	<p>Cllr. Marsden, Philippa;</p>

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Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme Prioritisation



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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – REAL NAPPIES INCENTIVE SCHEME

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation to Council. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor Andrew Farina-Childs and is supported by Councillors A. Angel, N. Dix, K. Etheridge, J.E. Fussell, G. Simmonds, C. Mann, J. Roberts, C. Bishop, B. Owen.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and is in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure now referred to Scrutiny for consideration.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation to Council.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Notice of Motion

To ask Caerphilly County Borough Council to implement a voucher system to encourage families to switch from disposable nappies to re-useable nappies.

5.2 The following information is provided in support of the motion: -

Single use nappies are made using plastics, elastics, adhesive, paper pulp and chemicals, they are resources expensive using up oil and lots and lots of trees, nappies do not readily degrade and can leach toxins into the ground. It costs 3 times as much to get a disposable nappy to landfill or incineration than it does to buy it. In a 2^{1/2}-year period each baby will produce approximately 5,000 nappies, filling 156 black bags (the equivalent weight of an average family car), with a cost to parents of between £700 - £1,300.

Other local authorities in Wales have already adopted cashback incentive schemes to make the switch to reusable nappies, through a simple application process.

As a Council dedicated to waste reduction and carbon neutrality this simple scheme could reduce waste, save money for families and save our environment.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Council's Constitution.

7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 2000

Author: Emma Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.

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NOTICE OF MOTION – REAL NAPPIES

Notice of Motion Standing in the Name of County Borough Councillor Andrew Farina-Childs and supported by the undersigned Councillors: -

To ask that Caerphilly County Borough Council implement a voucher system to encourage families to switch from disposable nappies to reusable nappies.

I provide the following information in support of my motion:

Single use nappies are made using plastics, elastics, adhesive, paper pulp and chemicals, they are resources expensive using up oil and lots and lots of trees, nappies do not readily degrade and can leach toxins into the ground. It costs 3 times as much to get a disposable nappy to landfill or incineration than it does to buy it. In a 2¹/₂-year period each baby will produce approximately 5,000 nappies, filling 156 black bags (the equivalent weight of an average family car), with a cost to parents of between £700 - £1,300.

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As a Council dedicated to waste reduction and carbon neutrality this simple scheme could reduce waste, save money for families in and save our environment.



Councillor A. Farina-Childs

Supported By:

Councillors A. Angel, N. Dix, K. Etheridge, J.E. Fussell, G. Simmonds, C. Mann, J. Roberts, C. Bishop, B. Owen.

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – ABOLITION OF CAR PARKING
CHARGES IN TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE
SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation to Council. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor K. Etheridge and is supported by Councillors A. Farina-Childs, R. Gough, N. Dix, B. Owen and G. Simmonds.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is now referred to the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee for consideration, prior to its consideration by Council.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the notice of motion the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation to Council.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 **Notice of Motion**

Councillor Etheridge in his notice of motion calls on the Council to abolish charges within the Town Centre Car Parks in order to help traders and businesses within our Towns when a review is conducted in September

Free Parking has seen an increase of cars using car parks and has been a success in improving trade and footfall over the past 2 months and it is essential that our towns remain vibrant and successful.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Councils Constitution.
- 7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities.
- 7.3 However the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may require an Integrated Impact Assessment.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000

Author: Emma Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.

**NOTICE OF MOTION – ABOLITION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES IN TOWN CENTRE
CAR PARKS**

To consider the undersigned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough
Councillor K. Etheridge and supported by the Members listed.

'We call on the Council to abolish charges within the Town Centre Car Parks in order to help
traders and businesses within our Towns when a review is conducted in September

Free Parking has seen an increase of cars using car parks and has been a success in
improving trade and footfall over the past 2 months and it is essential that our towns remain
vibrant and successful.'



Signed: Councillors K. Etheridge

Supported by: Councillors N. Dix, A. Farina-Childs, R. Gough, B. Owen, G. Simmonds.

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021

**SUBJECT: DIRECTORATE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT -
 COMMUNITIES YEAR END REPORT 2020/21**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND
 ENVIRONMENT**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present Scrutiny with the Economy & Environment Directorate Performance Assessment (DPA) which is part of the Council's Performance Framework.
- 1.2 The DPA provides information and analysis for the 2020/21 financial year. The DPA forms part of the overall Council 'self-assessment' activity, of which members are invited to discuss, challenge and scrutinise the information in the DPA.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Council's Performance Framework has been in its current format for several years and formed a foundation stone of the Council's governance arrangements.
- 2.2 As the Council embarked on its ambitious Transformation Programme, Team Caerphilly, alongside the emergence of new legislation such as the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill 2019, it became both timely and opportune that the Framework was redeveloped and enhanced.
- 2.3 The new Performance Framework was endorsed by Cabinet in February 2020 and this report introduces one of the key components of the Framework, the Directorate Performance Assessment, (DPA). The DPA is a 'self-assessment' of Directorate's progress across a wide range of information types.
- 2.4 Directorate Performance Assessments are an opportunity to bring together a range of information and intelligence into one picture to answer the self-assessment question of 'how well are we performing and how do we know? Appendix A is the Economy & Environment Directorates Performance Assessment for the full 2020/21 financial year.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the attached document (Appendix A) and discuss, challenge and scrutinise the information contained within.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Scrutiny members are involved in the 'self-assessment' process by scrutinising the information within the Directorate Performance Assessment. This also supports the principles within the new section (Part 6, Chapter 1) of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill which provides for a new performance and governance regime for principal councils.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Council has reviewed its Performance Management Framework with a view to making better use of the wide range of information and intelligence that it holds and to future proof any new processes in line with the new performance legislation.
- 5.2 The Performance Framework has been developed to meet several strategic and operational needs as well as to align with emerging legislation and further the Council's desire; to be a high performing learning organisation focused on meeting the needs of its residents.
- 5.3 The framework was piloted by the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee in 2019 and endorsed by Cabinet in February 2020.
- 5.4 Part of the framework was to develop a reporting dashboard at directorate level. This report, introduces and shares the Economy & Environment Directorate DPA. To show how the DPA fits into the overall framework, the components are noted below:
- 5.5 **The Framework**

The Council's new Performance Framework has several component parts:

- Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)
- **Directorate Performance Assessment (DPA)**
- Service Planning, identifying priorities resources and actions to improve.
- Risk Management – the barriers that may prevent improvement.
- MyTime Extra – personal learning, development, and skills to deliver on objectives.

- 5.6 The Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA) dashboard is used by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) and Cabinet; to monitor the Council's progress in delivering its strategic priorities; identifying and challenging areas of underperformance; and discussing and agreeing any remedial actions that may be required.

The dashboard is received by CMT on a quarterly basis, as well as being shared twice-yearly with Cabinet. While the dashboard itself offers a rich insight, it is set at a high-level position and designed to be an 'at a glance' overall picture. The detail that sits underneath it is within the DPA.

- 5.7 **Directorate Performance Assessment (DPA)**

The DPA dashboards are developed for all directorates. The report provides Directorate Senior Management Teams (SMT's) with a range of data to keep progress under review, drive performance improvement and manage resources, intelligence and risks. Information within the DPA dashboards is grouped as follows:

- Overall summary of the Quarter
- Progress on a Directorate's Priorities
- Performance Data
- Customer Intelligence
- Resources – financial / workforce and assets
- Risk Register
- Well-being Objectives
- Lessons Learned
- Conclusion

The DPAs are received by Directorate SMTs on a quarterly basis providing opportunities to account for progress, challenge performance and agree improvement activity. Data from DPAs will be shared with relevant Scrutiny Committees twice a year.

5.8 The focus of the Directorate Performance Assessments (Appendix A) is to continue our development as a learning organisation. The DPA is less about performance and targets (though they have their place). It is designed, to provide a wider picture of knowledge and learning; to identify cause and effect; and to invite mature conversations that enhance learning which leads to improvement.

5.9 **Conclusion**

The Council's Performance Framework as set out, provides Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees, CMT and Directorate SMTs, with a regular and embedded mechanism for monitoring progress, managing performance and driving improvement. The dashboards, which provide 'a single source of the truth', enable key aspects of performance to be discussed, actions to be agreed and learning to be generated. The ability to specifically link individual contributions to organisational goals, provides a platform for every employee to understand how they fit and to be recognised for the part they play in delivering the Council's Objectives

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 No assumptions were thought to be required in this report.

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 The report links to a number of Corporate and Well-Being objectives as follows:

- **Corporate Plan 2018-2023.**

The DPA provides an update of progress and learning against the Council's Well-being Objectives as noted below:

Objective 2 Enabling Employment.

- Objective 4 Promote a modern, integrated and sustainable transport system that increases opportunity, promotes prosperity and minimizes the adverse impacts on the environment.
- Objective 5 Creating a County Borough that supports a Healthy Lifestyle in accordance with the Sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The Corporate Plan can be found on the intranet on the Policy Portal, within the performance management section. Or via the link below.

[Link to Caerphilly Corporate Plan](#)

- **Well-Being of Future Generations**

The Directorate Performance Assessment shows how the Directorate's; Priorities; Risks; and its own specific Well-being Objective, contributes to the following Well-being goals:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
- A globally responsible Wales

The information is wide ranging and looks at the long-term, balancing priorities with the short term and the long-term needs. The risks also identify those that impact the well-being of future generations. The actions being taken to deliver the priorities are part of preventing problems occurring, or getting worse, and delivery of these requires involvement and a range of collaborations.

- 7.2 As the report is an update on performance and is intended as information for the Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise then no integrated impact assessment has been completed. Information on equalities and Welsh language will be included appropriately within the DPAs and CPA as part of a picture of the Directorate's self-assessments.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications within this report. However, the DPA (Appendix A) has a section on resources, including relevant budget outturns as part of the overall self-assessment of the directorate.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications within this report. However, the DPA (Appendix A) has a section called 'resources' which provides data on a range of workforce aspects.

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 Any consultation responses have been included within this report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 The Local Government Measure (2009) and Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

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Appendices:

Appendix A Economy & Environment - Directorate Performance Assessment (DPA - April 2020 – March 2021)

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During 2020/21:

Delivered business support (grants/relief) at pace in partnership with Welsh Government (WG) in response to the pandemic.

Refocused services to deliver services to vulnerable residents (buddy scheme, foodbank deliveries, track and trace).

Reviewed service delivery and back office systems to maintain Planning and Regeneration services remotely.

Concluded the public consultation on the Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Masterplan.

Secured £1m investment from NRW to reopen the Cwmcarn Forest Drive and worked in close partnership to progress.

The Team are developing an ambitious regeneration blueprint to transform Caerphilly town centre over the next decade. This exciting plans includes a number of flagship schemes which are currently under consideration. One such scheme is the proposed redevelopment of a strategic brownfield site, known locally as the former Ness Tar site. Officers are working closely with Welsh Government and other key partners to consider how this large site may be brought forward for future development. All proposals will be subject to robust due diligence procedures.

Despite the effects of the pandemic, front line services have generally been delivered seamlessly to our residents and businesses.

Although there have been considerable challenges caused by the pandemic, generally service priorities have been progressed (as can be seen from this Directorate Performance Assessment - DPA).

Currently, there are some significant challenges that lie ahead for 2021/22 - In particular:

The pandemic has adversely affected performance in some services and it will be challenging to reverse these effects (e.g. waste tonnages & recycling effect on performance) in 2020/21.

Progressing the development of the Authority's new Local Development Plan (LDP) and its resultant evidence base.

Completion of the remaining Regeneration Masterplans for the County Borough

Progression of projects in line with the Authority's adopted Decarbonisation Plan.

Reviewing and implementing a new funding model for Highways Infrastructure.

Completion of the Tourism venues service review and implementation of recommendations.

Re-opening the Cwmcarn forest drive to visitors and the continued evolution of the partnership between the Authority and NRW in relation to Cwmcarn.

Progressing key actions arising from the Caerphilly Transformation Agenda.

The Metro/City Deal poses some challenges for 21/22 and beyond. The challenges are related to timely decision making and funding and resource availability to deliver the relevant aspects within the stipulated timeframes.

Fleet renewal (upgrading) - for key front-line services combined with a phased move to electric vehicles where possible.

Implementation of the Authority's Placemaking Plan and delivery of key infrastructure projects.

Working in partnership with other stakeholders to assist businesses within the county borough to recover from the economic effects of Covid-19 with a particular focus on town centre recovery.

Progressing the significant number of Traffic Regulation order requests across the county borough in a phased and structured way.

Implementation of new car park charging infrastructure in town centres in line with scrutiny committee recommendations.

Good News –

The organisational response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been very positive and generally successful. This has included staff commitment and flexibility to re-purpose services combined with continued seamless frontline service delivery. The "Team Caerphilly" ethos has really been demonstrated in this period.

Priorities



Title	Completion Date	RAG	Progress - Achievements - Impacts
ALL Services			
To identify savings proposals to ensure that a balanced budget for the 2020/21 financial year can be approved by Council in February 2020.	Feb-20	●	Agreed budgets and Medium Term Financial Plans (MTFP's) position for 20/21 are fully covered in the existing Council Financial Plan. However, financial projections are likely to be affected as a result of the Covid-19 implications and changes to service delivery and emerging responses. So, each of our monitoring reports will likely show a changing and evolving picture. Corporate Property is included in the budget monitoring reports submitted to Policy & Resources Committee. Infrastructure, Public Protection and Community & Leisure budget monitoring is submitted to the Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny.
Community & Leisure			
Seek Cabinet approval and implement the outcome of the waste review in relation to collection systems and secure long term MRF arrangements.	Mar-21	●	The proposal to review the garden and food waste collection service has been ratified by the Waste Review Board and a series of options are being developed prior to introducing a reconfigured collection regime for implementation. The refuse and recycling route optimisation programme is continuing. Negotiations on using a local MRF at Llwydcoed, have been halted by RCTCBC/Amgen. Therefore, the RCTCBC outlet for the reprocessing of our recyclables will not be available to include in the rerouting programme for the recycling collections. Notwithstanding, the round reconfiguration programme is in the consultation phase with the unions, supervisors & collection crews. It is anticipated that the implementation dates for the new rounds is anticipated after May 2022 elections.
Seek Cabinet approval and implement the outcome of the waste review in relation to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).	Mar-21	●	Preparations for the development of a Reuse Facility have included the utilisation of funding from Welsh Government. The proposal to redevelop the former Parks building at South Road, Penallta Industrial Estate has commenced. This facility will help to bolster our recycling & reuse performance, add to our portfolio of resource recovery services and satisfy local expectation. The Authority has also attained Welsh Government funding to improve and develop the infrastructure at the network of HWRC sites. The Authority is looking to introduce a booking system for access to HWRC sites in line with what a number of neighbouring Authorities have introduced. From our research there are considerable benefits (better recovery rates, better traffic control and less misuse by rogue traders) to be accrued from such a solution. However, a recent survey reveals the public feedback is in the main opposed to such a solution. A report will be submitted for consideration in due course.
Undertake a review of the resourcing of the Waste Service.	Apr-21	●	Review of existing structure and work systems has started with recruitment processes progressing to fill appropriate positions. Waste Operations Manager post has become vacant and progression is being made with further recruitment.
Sustain and improve recycling performance.	Mar-21	●	Supporting the Welsh Government National "Be Mighty" Campaign aimed to increase participation in the recycling services. Regular social media posts being released in line with the national awareness raising campaign releases. Initiatives to look at optimising the recovery rates at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) are being considered including further region regional contracts that can deliver economies of scale and sustainable gains for all participating Authorities.
Implement and adopt a plan to deal with Ash Dieback across the county borough to ensure the safety of our residents and road users.	Mar-20	●	Ash Die back remains of concern, the authority continues to fell any trees noted with significant ash die back whether this is identified during routine inspections, service requests or during ad-hoc site visits. Work is still progressing nationally for a funding model to be adopted by WG.
Implement the 10 year Sport & Active Recreation Strategy	Mar-29	●	The Sport & Active Recreation was formally adopted by CCBC in November 2018 and implemented in January 2019. Strong progress has been made in terms of working collaboratively with a range of partners to support the development, operation and access to a range of new facilities. Further positive developments have been realised in terms of collaborative partnership working across Gwent and more locally with schools and both the independent and voluntary sector
Prepare and implement proposals for the development of Caerphilly Leisure Centre	Apr-22	●	An initial business case was developed in respect of a new Caerphilly Leisure Centre on the existing Virginia Park site. Further opportunities have now been presented in respect of the Ness Tar site. This will require a new business case to support a possible change in emphasis to support the Caerphilly place shaping agenda

Priorities



Title	Completion Date	RAG	Progress - Achievements - Impacts
Develop partnership working with PSBs and other partner organisations to improve the health and well-being agenda.	Mar-20	●	Strong collaborative work continues across Gwent to support access to and the delivery of participation in sport and active recreation in improving the health and wellbeing of residents. There are excellent collaborations with the Positive Futures programme that aim to use sports, active recreation, health and wellbeing as tools to support increased engagement and improved outcomes
Develop and adopt a Green Infrastructure Strategy to identify important sites and how they could be managed differently.	Mar-20	●	Green Infrastructure Strategy endorsed by Scrutiny Committee in October 2020, approved by Cabinet in November 2020.
Undertake a review of Fleet Management and Vehicle Maintenance to improve service efficiency and delivery.	Mar-20 +Ongoing	●	Review in progress with some interventions implemented; completion delayed due to Covid. This work has also been supplemented by two independent inspections i.e. Vehicle and Operator Service Agency (VOSA) and Logistics UK, formally the Freight Transport Association (FTA).

Priorities



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Infrastructure			
Restructuring and re-alignment of services (maintaining a positive trading account) and consolidation of existing customer/client base and identify wider opportunities	Mar-23	●	The restructuring and re-alignment of services was completed and existing client base was consolidated. Wider opportunities and the maintaining of positive trading accounts have been severely hampered by the COVID Pandemic. While the initial financial impacts have been realised the ongoing long-term effects are still being monitored.
City Deal and Metro strategic priorities; Maximise City Deal funding streams and opportunities	Mar-23	●	£5m Local Transport Fund (LTF) funding package awarded for 2020/21 from WG. This included some initial development funding of £250k for Caerphilly Interchange and £175k for Central Rhymney line Park and Ride (Llanbradach and Ystrad Mynach P&R) proposals for CCBC. The RIBA Stage 1 study for Caerphilly Interchange was completed and preparations for procuring the RIBA Stage 2 study commenced. The WelTAG Stage 1 study for the Central Rhymney Line was completed and the WelTAG Stage 2 study commenced.
Monitoring of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) effectiveness.	Apr-20	●	Annual Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) Report was presented to the Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on 27 October 2020. Initial indications for 2019/20 are that this has been a successful introduction of CPE. However, 2020/21 has been significantly hampered by the Covid pandemic.
Monitor the business module surrounding the introduction of Sustainable Underground Drainage Systems (SuDS) Approval Body (SAB).	Apr-20	●	Due to current circumstances and the reluctance of Developers to engage with the new legislation, it is difficult to achieve the targets set in the business plan. To assist, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) are embarking on an industry wide data gathering exercise of lessons learnt over the coming months to help inform the WG 2 year review of SAB. At present there is only about one third of developers applying for Planning also undertaking the Suds Approval Body (SAB) requirements. Relevant engagement is progressing prior to any enforcement as a last resort.
Deliver the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and assist in delivering an Authority Local Development Plan (LDP) and wider Regional Strategic Development Plan (SDP).	Mar-23	●	Ongoing with Local Transport Fund (LTF) and Active Travel funding grant wards for 2020/21 supported by CCBC Regeneration Board funding to take forward the Councils Metro plus priorities. Additional in year funding of £980k from the Sustainable Transport Covid Response grant was also delivered.
Introduce further energy efficient street lighting	Mar-22	●	The Light Emitting Diode (LED) and part-night lighting conversion was completed in January 2021, 14 months earlier than the target of March 2022
Develop highway investment options to improve the investment in carriageway resurfacing to limit any future network deterioration	Mar-23	●	Work ongoing in relation to Highway Asset Management to consider the most viable funding options for the longer term sustainable maintenance of the network.

Priorities



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Property			
Continue to lead the rationalisation of building portfolio and reduction in associated costs and the improvement in the condition of retained buildings	Mar-23	●	Much progress made in relation to Core Corporate Offices and Schools including: Closure of Ty Pontllanfraith and Oakdale/Cwmcarn/Pontllanfraith/Abertwssg/Pontllotyn Schools. Delivery of one new Secondary and one new Primary School. Enterprise House vacated and Ty Pontygwindy to be vacated summer 2021. Cherry Tree House to be vacated early 2021. Move to agile working will allow further rationalisation of the office estate with overall aim of focusing office accommodation on the Tredomen campus There are 22 Service Asset Management Plans (SAMPS) and 14 SAMPS have been completed. The remaining 8 are in various stages of completion. Due to maternity cover and the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic the completion of further SAMPS has been put on hold to concentrate on operational matters. As a result of COVID 19 all moves that could impact the SAMPS have been put on hold until the new year . There are several corporate reviews being undertaken which will also affect the steer of each service's SAMP e.g. walk in review, agile working review along with the public sector/ third sector co location hubs. A review of the completed SAMPS and further progress and completion of the remaining SAMPS will need to be undertaken and refocussed on the outcomes of the corporate reviews and asset rationalisation programme in 2021.
Disposal of surplus land especially land with residential redevelopment potential	Mar-23	●	Disposal of Bedwellty Fields and the Ty Pontllanfraith sites progressing and both sales should be complete by March 2021. Disposal of the surplus Oakdale and Ty Darren sites awaiting decisions by Caerphilly Homes. Disposal of Pontllanfraith school site on currently hold.
Maintain efforts to keep sickness absence to a reasonable minimum.	Mar-23	●	Good progress continues. Absence profile as follows: 2016/17 =7.2%: 2017/18 =3.5%: 2018/19 =2.6%: 2019/20 4.7%: 2020/21to September 3.5%
Lead efforts to improve the statutory testing compliance of our buildings and to promptly action remedial tasks arising from testing and inspections	Mar-23	●	Good progress made. Testing compliance now excellent and overdue remedials generally negligible with the exception of fire risk tasks in schools. These are the responsibility of schools but Property Services now taking a lead role in monitoring and reporting and Education colleagues have put an escalation process in place.
Assist in reducing the energy consumption in Council buildings and promote the on site generation of renewable electricity where possible.	Mar-23	●	Electricity consumption across the core corporate offices has significantly reduced through a combination of rationalisation and energy saving measures including the upgrade of all lights in Ty Penallta to LED fittings. Over 3,400 PV panels have been installed to date on Council buildings and these generate 620 megawatts of renewable electricity per annum. Options to further increase energy generation on the Tredomen campus are being presented to Cabinet in 2020. High overnight consumption in Ty Penallta has been investigated and steps taken to reduce. Reinvestment of LEAF loan funds continues at pace.
To continue to deliver a fast changing capital project workflow. In particular to endeavour to match resources to workload and ensure costs are balanced by the fee revenue.	Mar-23	●	A fluctuating workload and difficulty in attracting new staff has made this challenging. The Coronavirus has presented significant further challenges however as of October 20 all core projects have been progressed with limited delay. Further challenges ahead



Title	Completion Date	RAG	Progress - Achievements - Impacts
Public Protection			
Implement Food Law Enforcement Service Plan and the Health and Safety Law Enforcement Action Plans.	Mar-23	●	Deferred due to Covid 19
Progress the feasibility study and implement a preferred option for achieving compliance with the European Union (EU) Ambient Air Quality Directive at Hafod-yr-ynys in the shortest possible time.	Dec-22 Action completed ahead of time	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All properties have been sold and cleared internally and are now in the ownership of the Council • Ecology surveys are almost coming to an end (end of November), no major show stoppers to date, but mitigation will be required for bats. Where entry points have been identified in properties, these have been closed off. • Tree surveys undertaken • All properties have been made safe, asbestos surveys and structural surveys undertaken and all consumer meters have been removed. • All grant monies have been claimed up to and including June 2020. Paul is currently working on July to Sept claim (they have been inundated with business grants for COVID). • Continuing to have monthly governance meetings with WG where we discuss projects risks / timelines and finances etc • The properties have had many break ins with opportunists taking advantage of pipework / boilers etc within. Housing have been called out many times to make safe the properties due to missing floorboards etc. <p>Further required work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geotechnical surveys to inform the final design of the footpath • Work with the landowner at the rear (opposite side of the stream) to provide the required mitigation for ecology purposes – this relationship is going well at present and he is working with the Authority. • Felling licenses to be obtained from NRW to create the required access points to the rear of the properties. • DEMOLITION <p>This action is now completed, because the feasibility study has been concluded and the Final Plan accepted by Welsh Ministers.</p>
Present proposals for consideration by Members regarding a Public Space Protection Order excluding dogs from marked sports pitches.	Dec-19	●	Draft Public Space Protection Order has been presented to Cabinet and Scrutiny and endorsed for public consultation which will be undertaken when circumstances allow a meaningful consultation to take place.
Prepare for "Brexit" , end of transition and advice and support to business and consumers	Dec-20	●	Ongoing
Further develop the Safer Caerphilly hub to support partnership response to problem places and people, and anti-social behaviour process	Mar-20 extended to Mar-21	●	<p>The Safer Caerphilly Hub is now well established and has had an extremely positive Impact by co-locating staff and enhancing the information sharing processes amongst partners. Since March of this year the fortnightly tasking meetings were moved to remote meetings conducted via Microsoft Teams. This has worked well with all partners attending regularly, assessing the crime and disorder data, establishing priority areas and allocating resources appropriately. This has resulted in a number of joint partnership operations to address anti-social behaviour, enforcement of Covid regulations and targeting key problematic dates such as Halloween and Bonfire Night. It is hoped that post Covid the Hub will move into a larger space to allow more agencies to work together.</p> <p>The original Completion Date was Mar-20. However, this priority is ongoing, as we are waiting to have a bigger space and then include more partners.</p>

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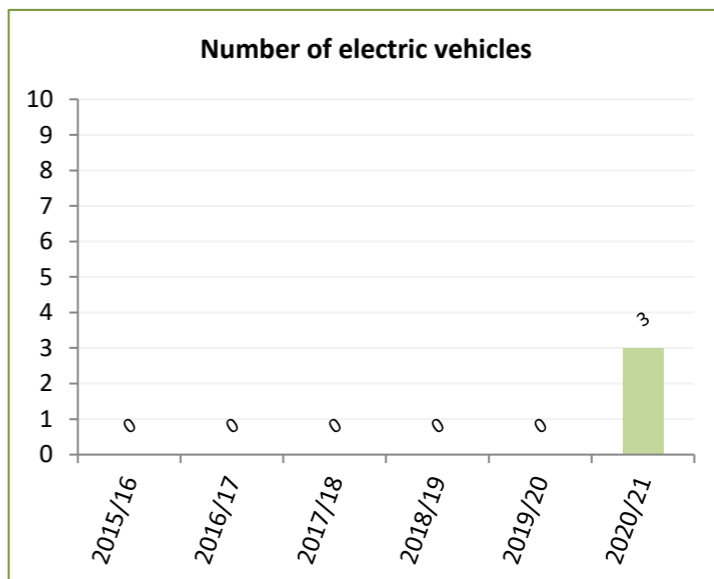
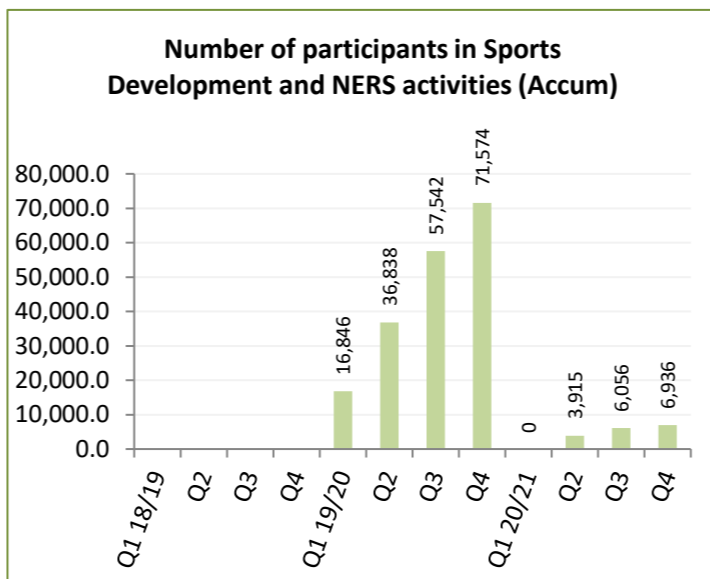
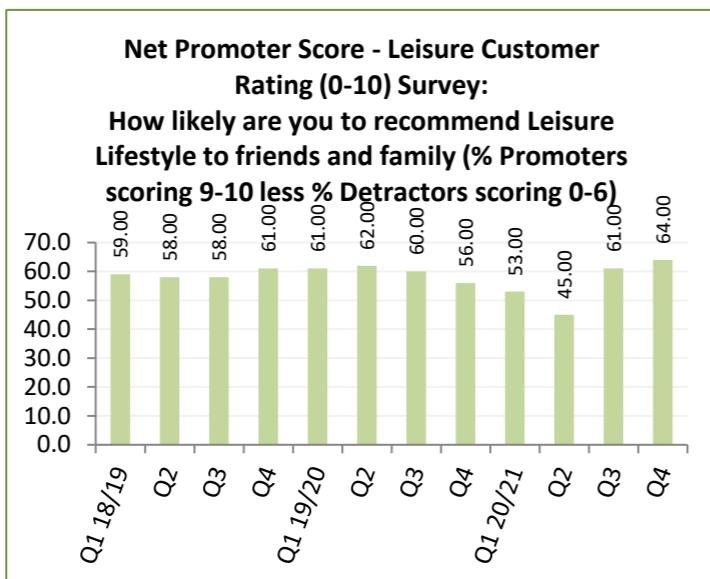
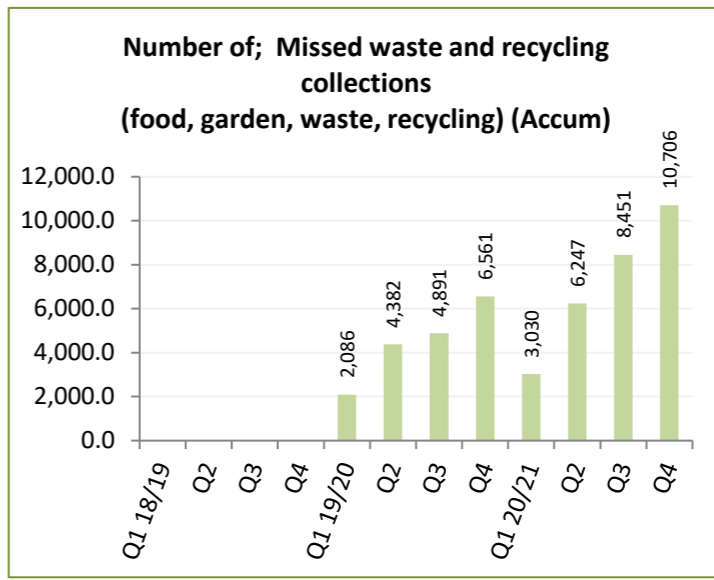
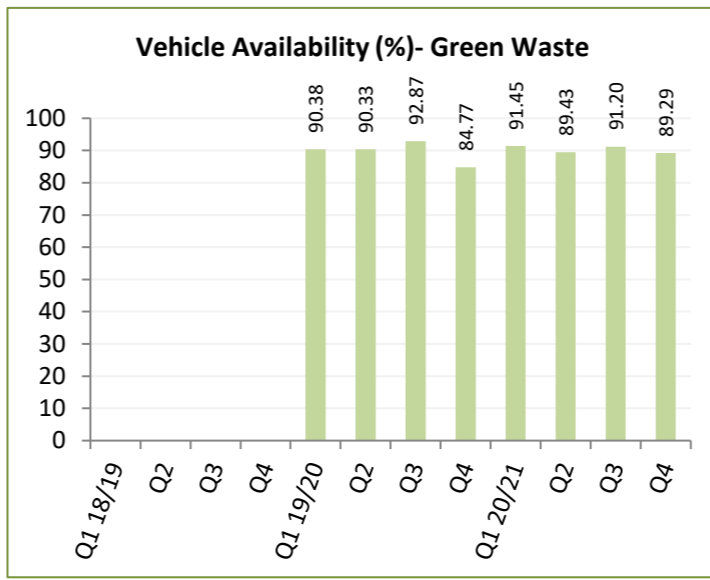
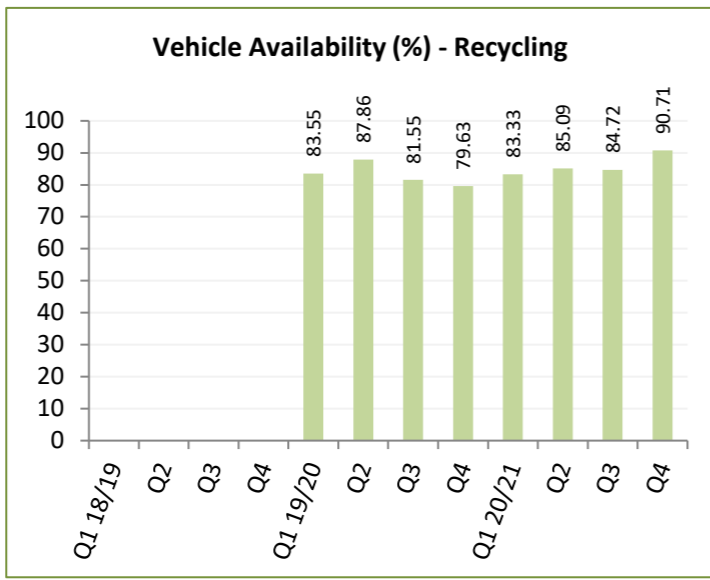
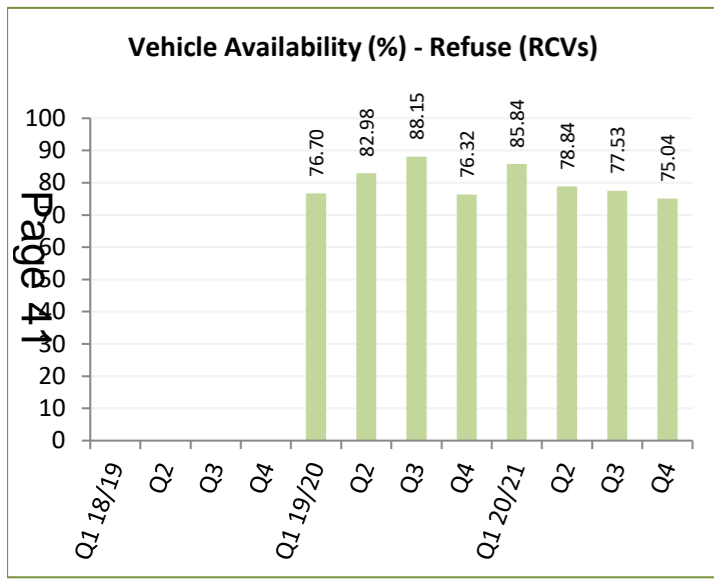
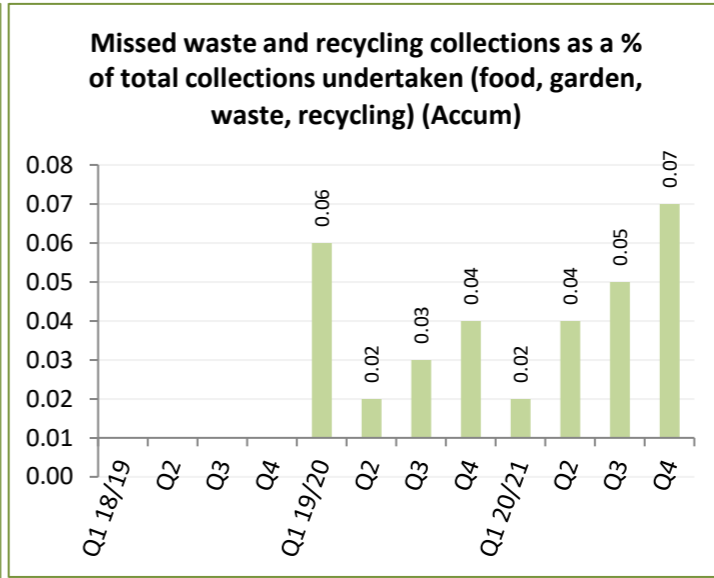
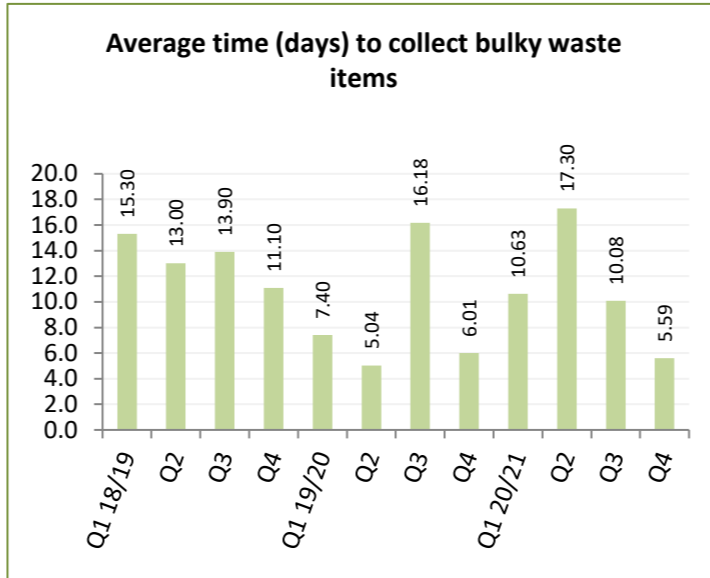
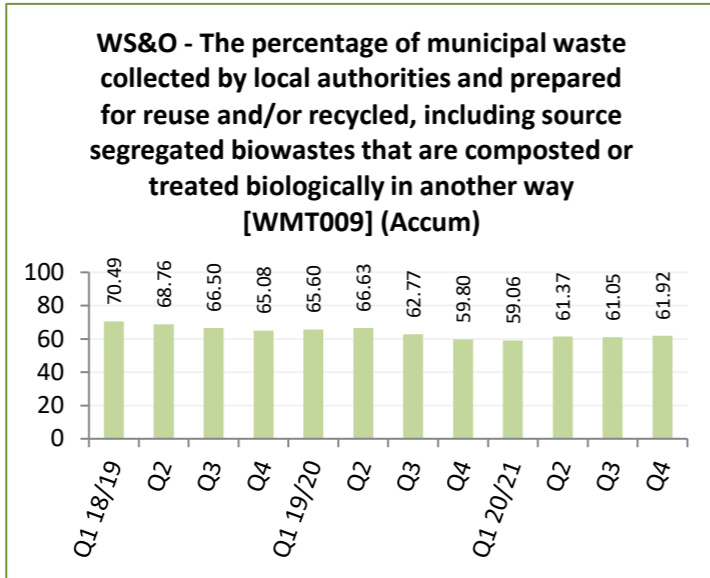
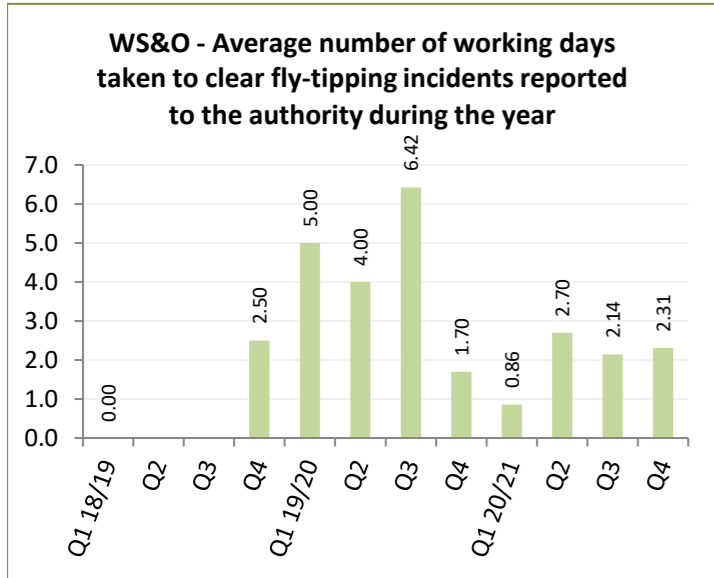


Title	Completion Date	RAG	Progress - Achievements - Impacts
Regeneration & Planning			
Succession planning and review of service standards	Mar-23	●	Modernisation of the Planning Service - Report was considered by Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in December 2020 and Planning Committee in January 2021. The Final report to be considered by Full Council in April 2021.
Review Planning application process enhance efficiency, enhance ability to work in an agile manner.	Dec-20	●	Agile working now rolled out as a consequence of the pandemic. Planning application process mapping underway.
Review of the Destination (Tourism Service)	Mar-21	●	Ongoing however the Tourism attractions have been seriously impacted by the pandemic and have been shut for a prolonged period, and staff have been redeployed to Buddy scheme, track and trace and the foodbank deliveries. Roadmap to Recovery prepared to guide the reopening of the venues as regulations allow.
Secure the re-opening of the Cwmcarn Forest Drive	Apr-21	●	Working in partnership with Natural Resource Wales to reopen the Drive in the Autumn of 2020 - impacted by Covid. Surfacing of the Drive finalised by CCBC on behalf of NRW. Slight delay in programme - likely reopening Spring 2021.
Provide a planning policy framework that meets the future land use needs of the County Borough up to 2035	Dec-24	●	Council have resolved to prepare a Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP), however, the public consultation on the Delivery Agreement had to cease as a consequence of the pandemic. The consultation recommenced on 25 January and concluded on the 29 March 2021.
Contribute to the preparation of a regional planning policy framework for South East Wales - The Strategic Development Plan (SDP)	Mar-26	●	Work has stalled on the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) as a consequence of Cardiff and Newport's lack of reporting and the Welsh Government (WG) move to introduce CJs which will have a direct bearing on governance arrangements for the SDP. Anticipated set up date for Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) September 2021.
Deliver on the Regeneration Strategy. Improve the viability and vitality of town centres	Mar-23	●	Good progress being made on the Caerphilly Town 2035 and associated strategic priority sites contained within it, specifically the Interchange, Pentreban Street and the HQ building. All retail centres have been severely impacted by the pandemic and a town centre recovery group has been set up at both the regional and local level to help the viability and vitality of our towns through physical interventions and financial support.
Prepare bids on Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and other Welsh Government (WG) opportunities	Mar-23	●	Working closely with WG and Transport for Wales (TfW) on the Caerphilly Town 2035 to drive forward strategic priorities within the Valleys Task Force (VTF) Strategic Hub, namely Caerphilly. Preparation of bids for the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) Housing Investment Fund submitted for 3 sites. £920k Targeted Regeneration Investment (TRI) funding secured.
Maximise income from the Retail property portfolio.	Mar-23	●	All retail properties are occupied with the exception of 25 Cardiff Road which is scheduled to be demolished.
Maximise income from the Business Support and Funding industrial and office property portfolio and provide support to improve local facilities and create economic and social opportunities	Mar-23	●	Good progress has been made on increasing occupancy levels and rents have all been reviewed to ensure that income is being maximised. There is a need to sub divide larger units/suites to smaller units to meet the known demand.
Prepare the remaining two Masterplans for Greater Blackwood and Risca to Newbridge Corridor	Jan-23	●	New officer appointed to progress work on the Masterplans, provisional work undertaken on research to inform the Newbridge to Risca Masterplan.

Count	RAG	Status
1	Black	Not yet started or too early to report any progress (achievements/changes)
2	Red	Started but not progressing well
22	Amber	Started with reasonable progress achieved
15	Green	Going well with good progress
40	Total	



COMMUNITY & LEISURE - Measures



What is performance telling us?

S&L - Net Costs (Q1 20/21)

- Q1 data not available as Leisure Centres were CLOSED.
- Q2 data not available as Leisure Centres were primarily CLOSED.
- Q3 just 4 of our Leisure Centres re-opened operating on extremely reduced capacity due to Covid restrictions in place. Usage for Q3 20/21 was just 41,896 when compared to Q3 19/20 383,969.
- Q4 data not available as Leisure Centres were CLOSED.

S&L - Participation

- Event cancellations and restricted facility access during Covid has affected results

PAM017 - Number of visits per 1000 population 20/21

All Leisure Centres were CLOSED April - September / December - March

S&L - % Children - SWIM

The 19/20 figure is so low due to the Covid 19 Pandemic – only 2 out of 6 sites has any school swimming this year

S&L - % Children - SWIM 20/21

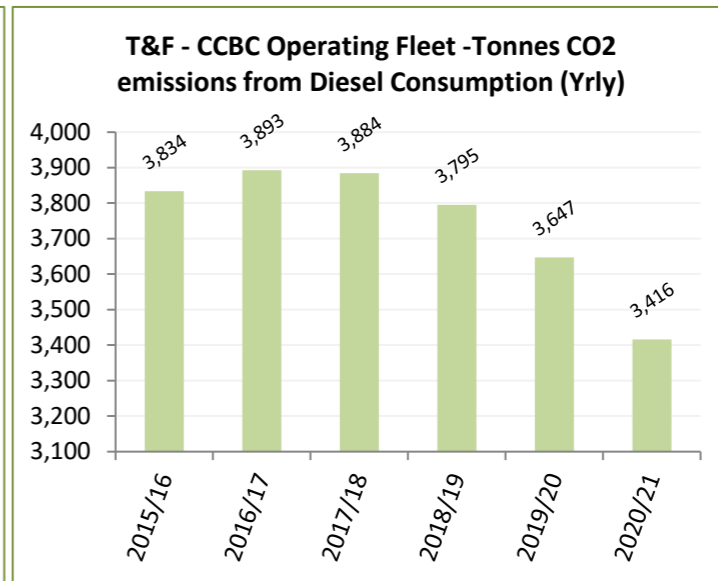
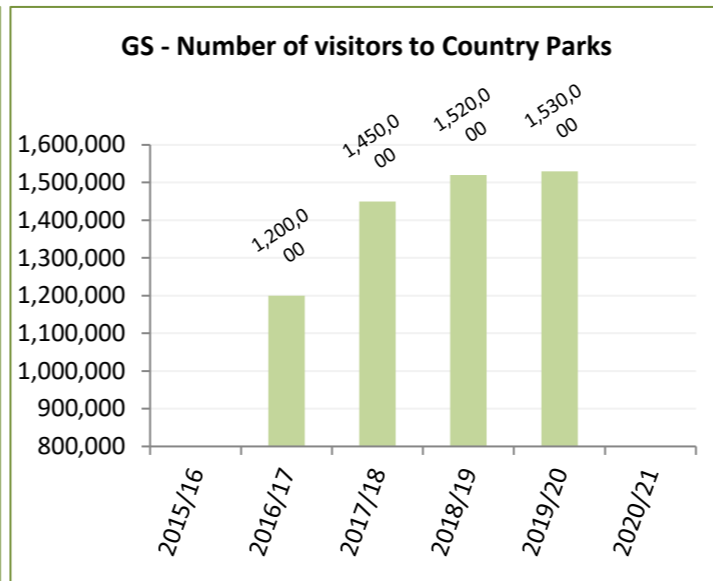
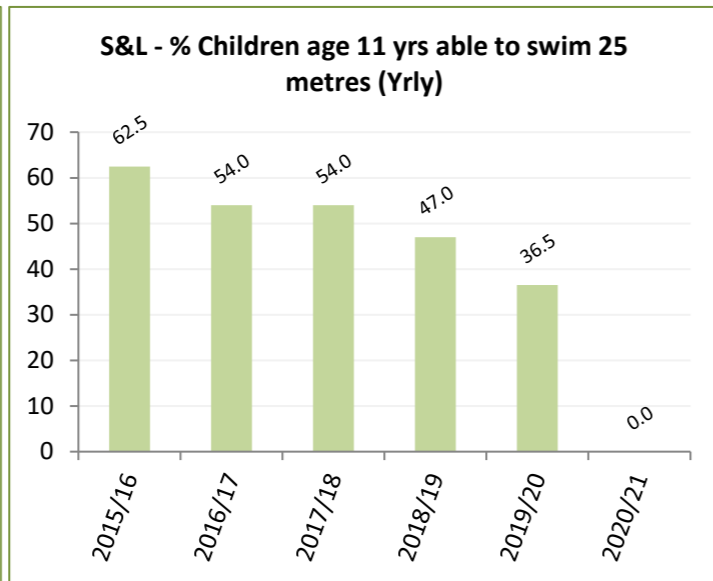
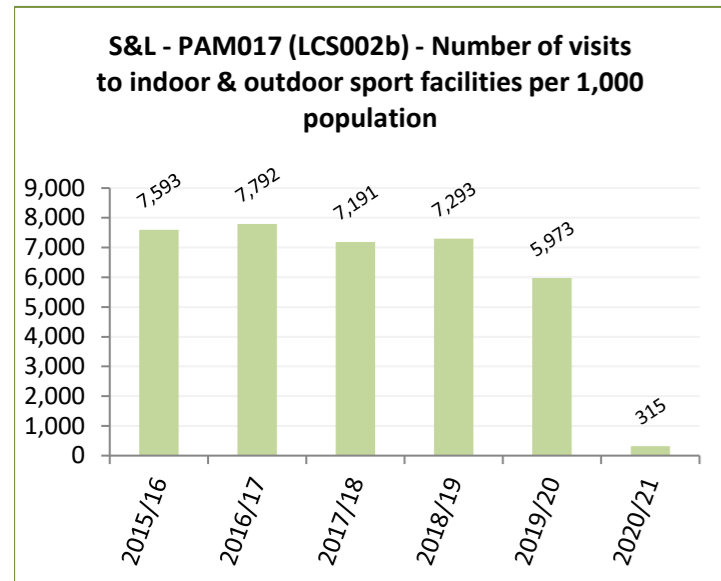
School swimming suspended for the whole of 20/21 due to Covid 19 Pandemic

S&L PAM017 (19/20)

- Storm Jorge forced either entire closures or part facility closures to New Tredegar LC, Heolddu LC and Newbridge LC in February.
- Newbridge LC Fitness Suite closed to the public for a complete refurb on the 19th February.
- All Leisure Centres completely closed to the public from 20th March due to Covid lockdown, however, we saw a significant decrease in numbers in the weeks leading up to the lockdown coming into force.

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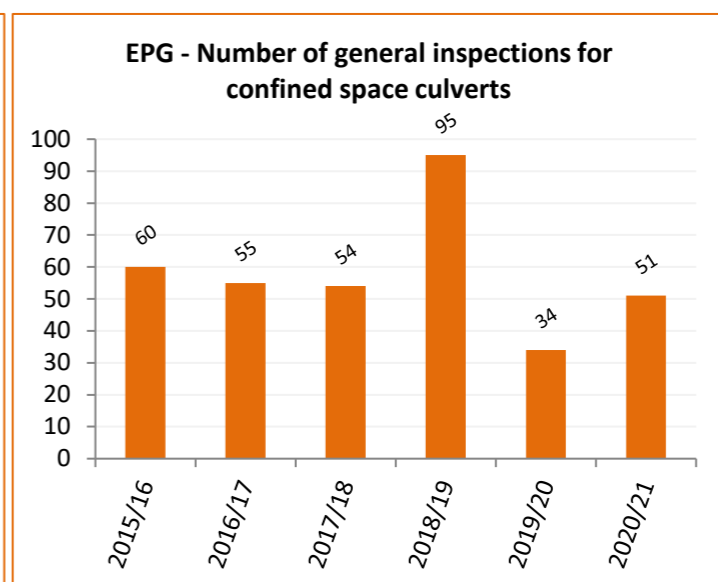
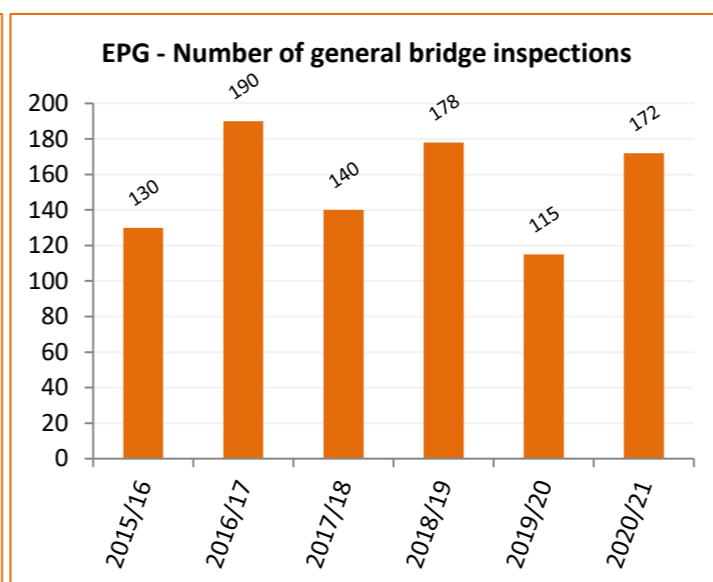
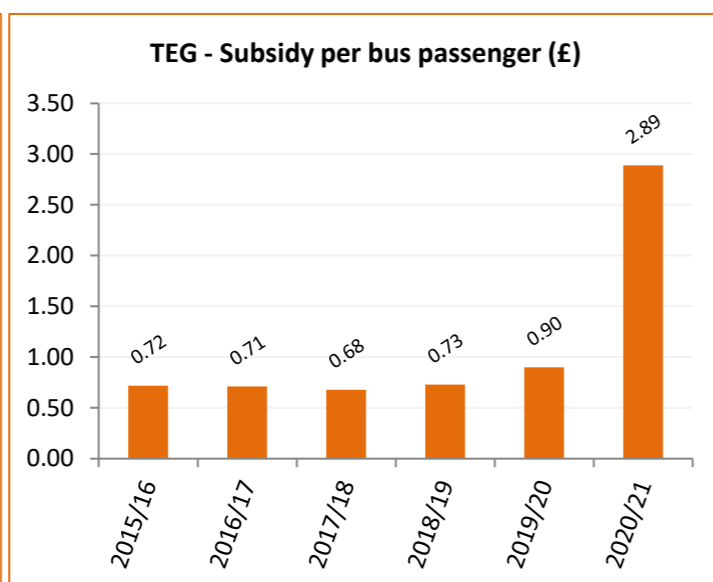
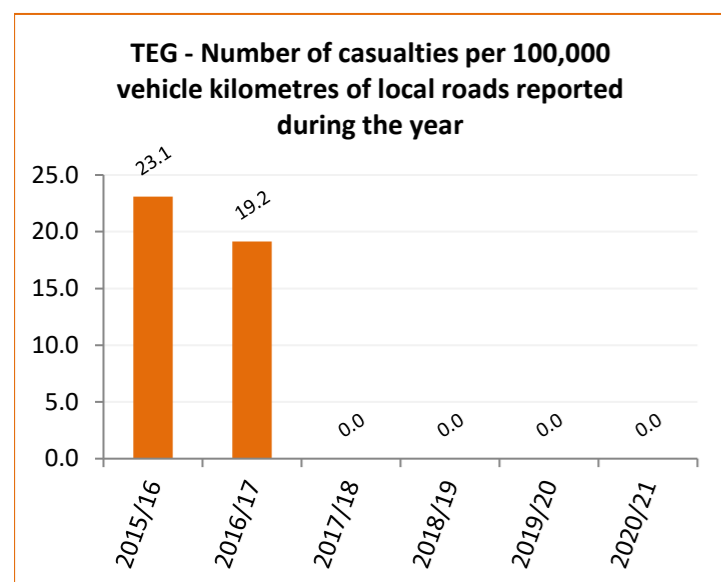
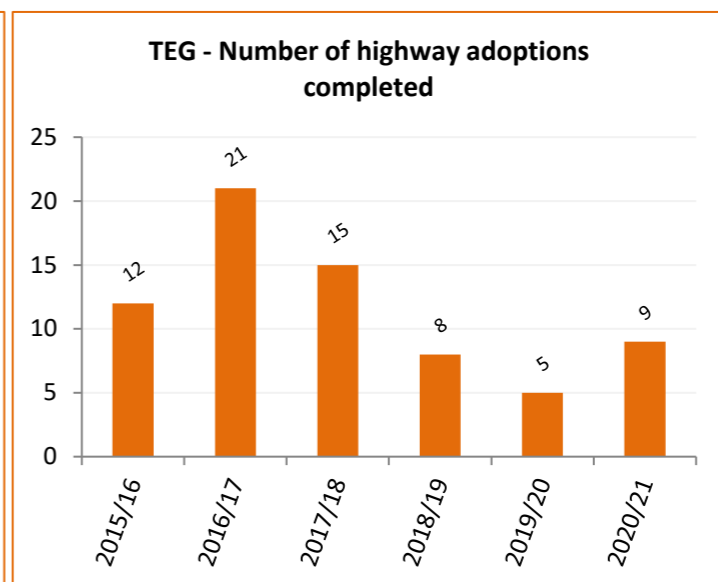
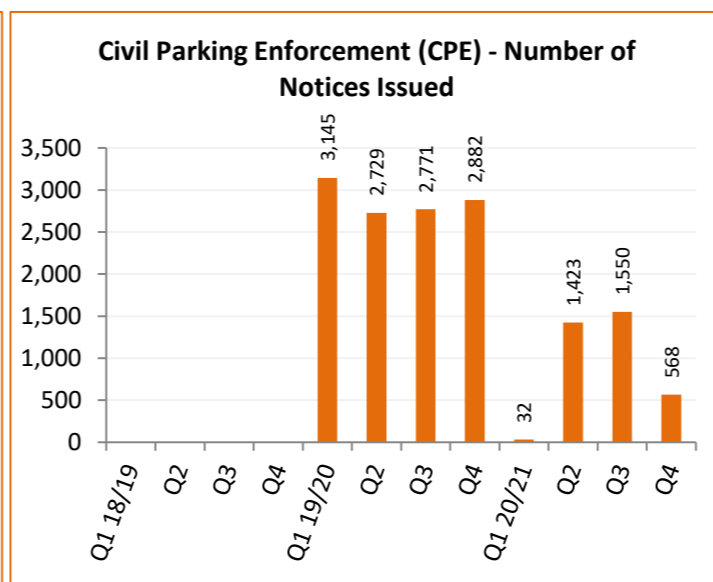
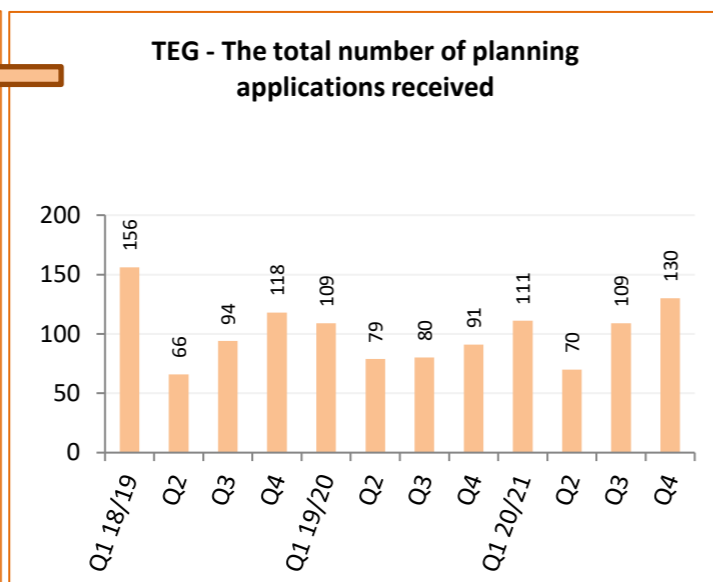
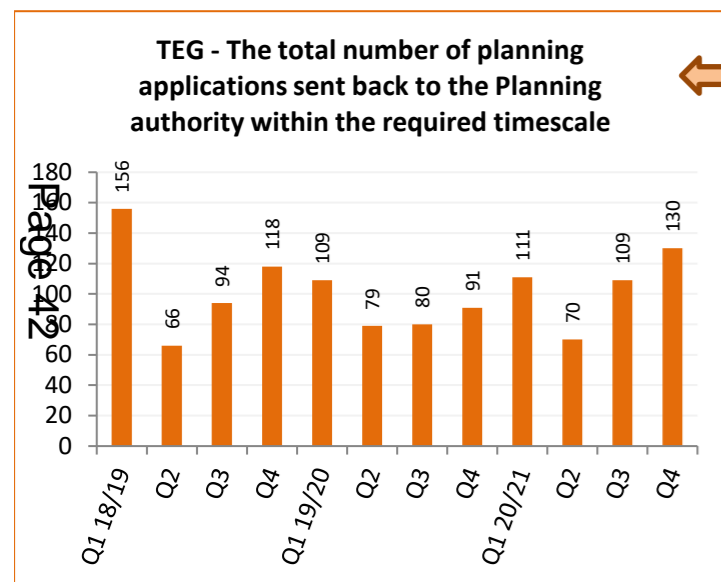
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GS Visitors to Country Parks

JH/MH - System Counter (reporting) not functioning at end of 20/21. However, from staff observation, there appears to have been a potential increase of 25 to 40% on numbers in Country Parks at times during the lockdown and opening up periods.

INFRASTRUCTURE - Measures

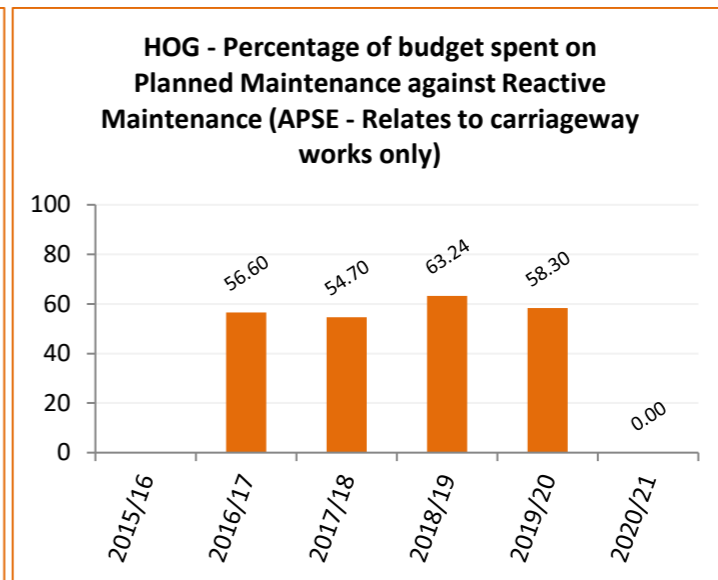
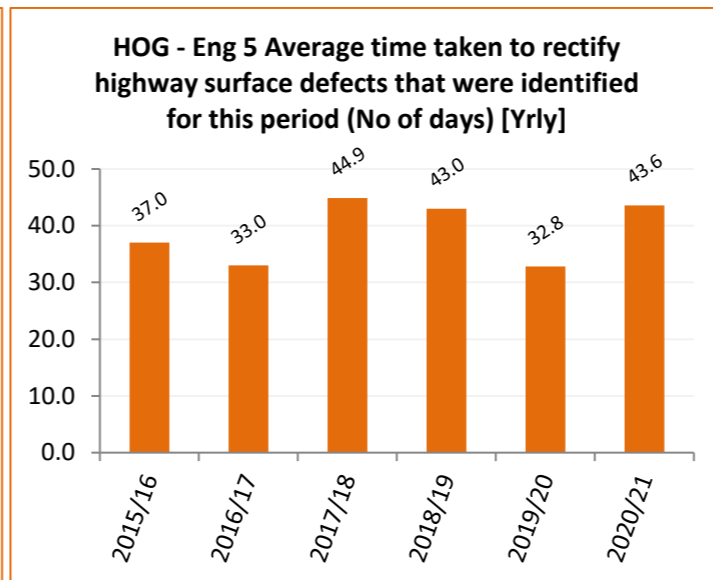
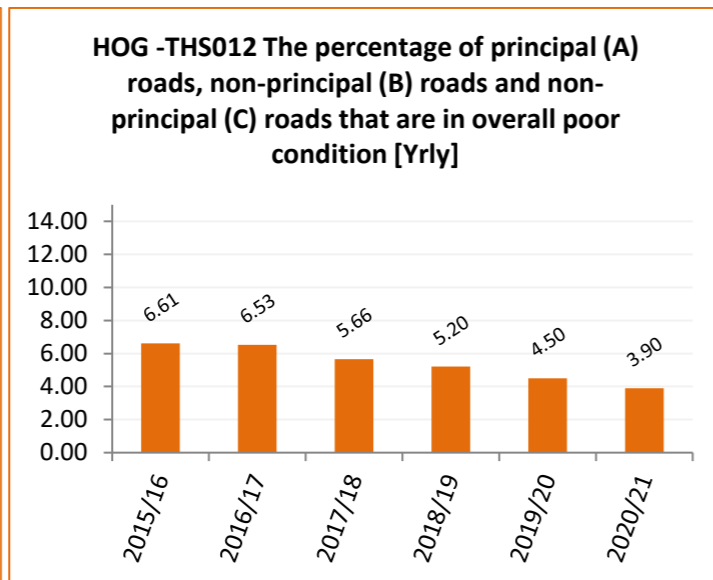
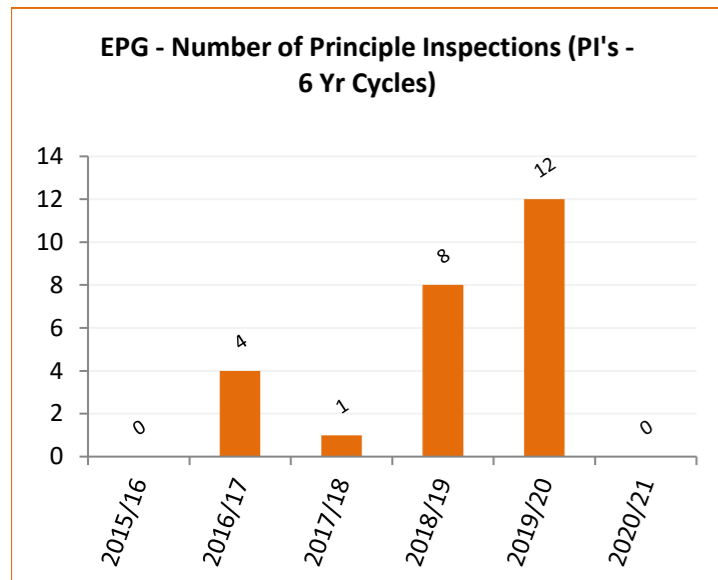


What is performance telling us?

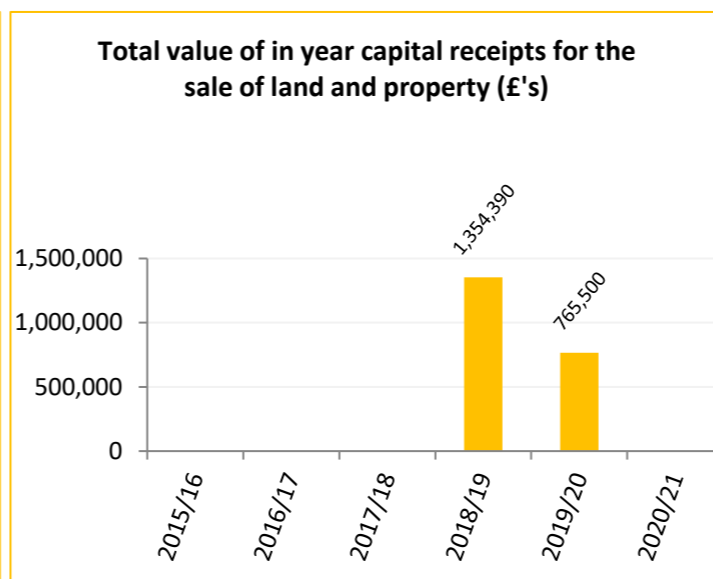
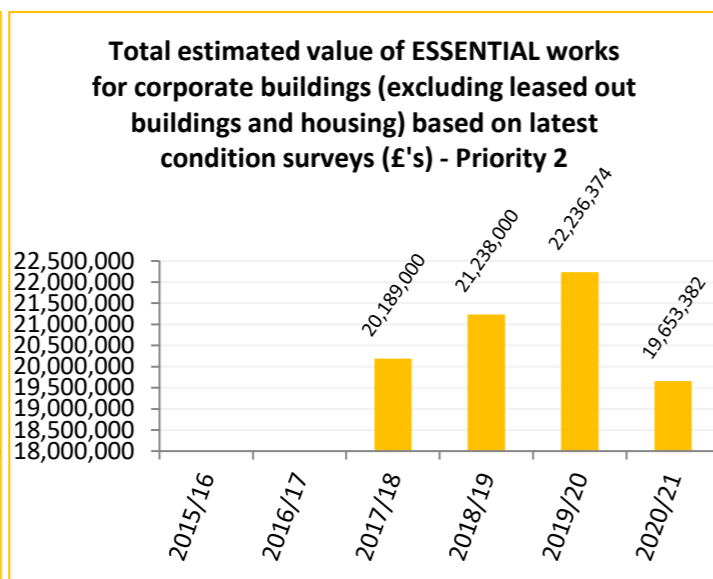
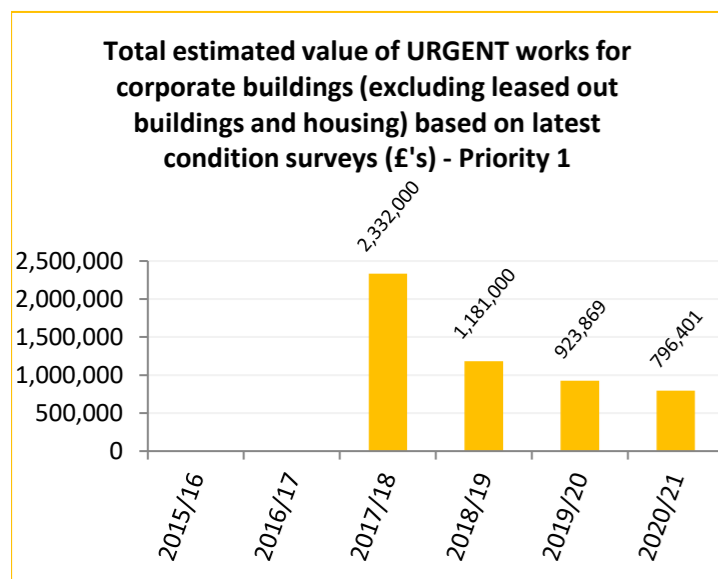
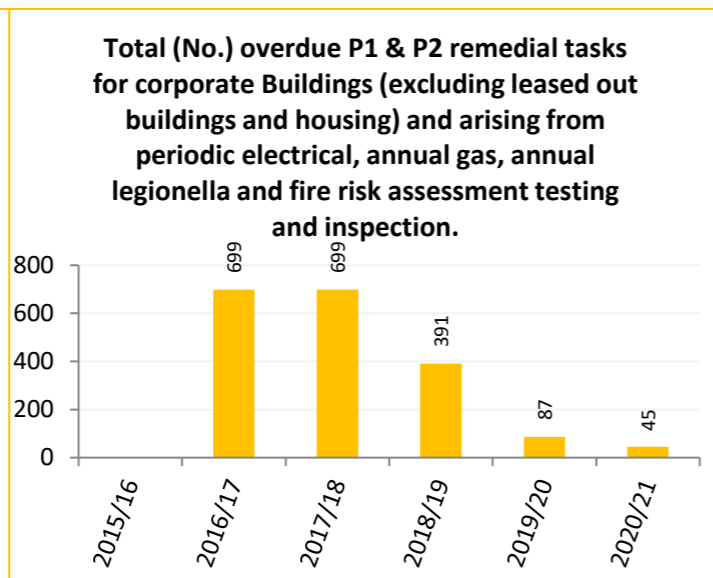
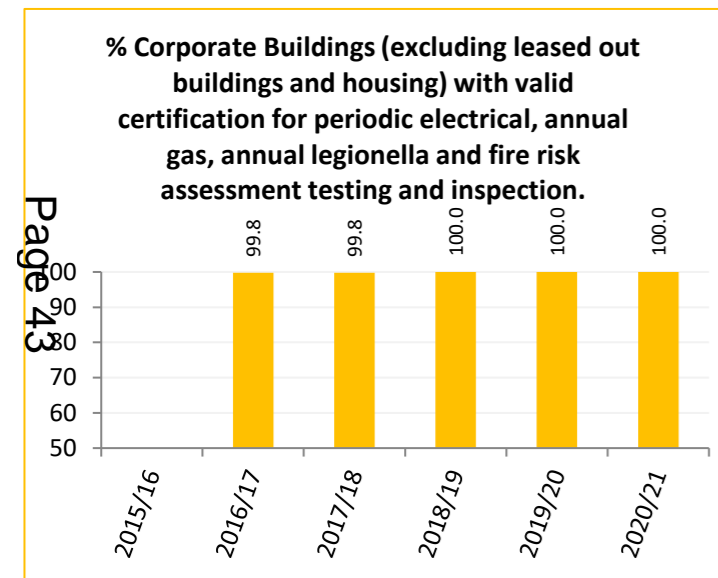
Subsidy for bus passenger services has been impacted in 20/21 due to the Covid Pandemic. Some services received 'hardship top-ups'.

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CORPORATE PROPERTY - Measures

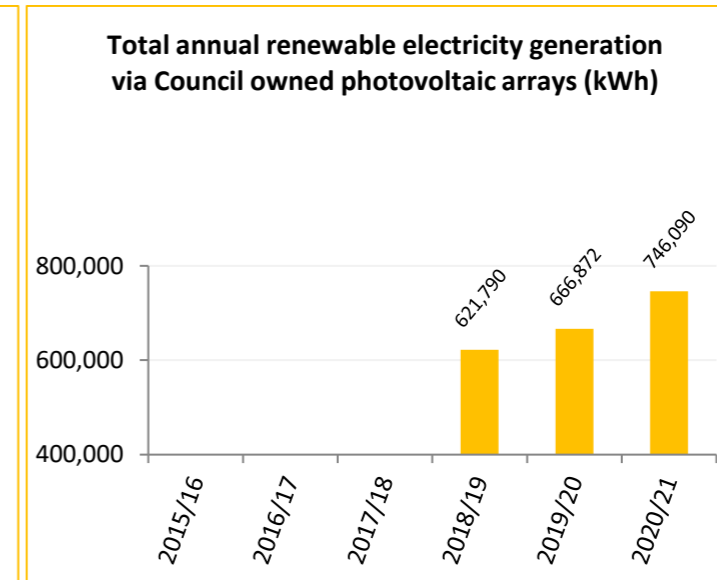
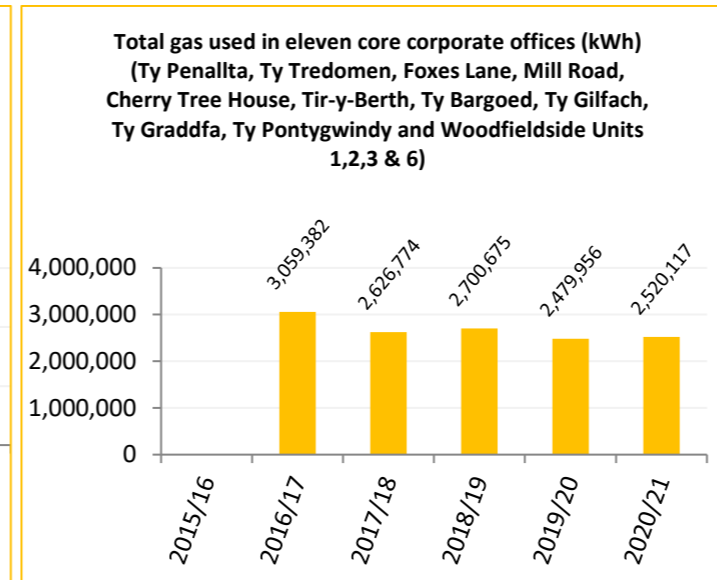
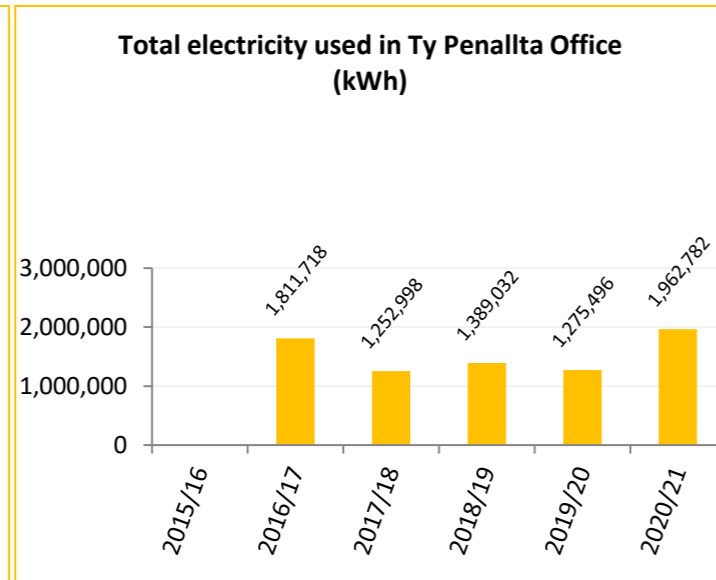
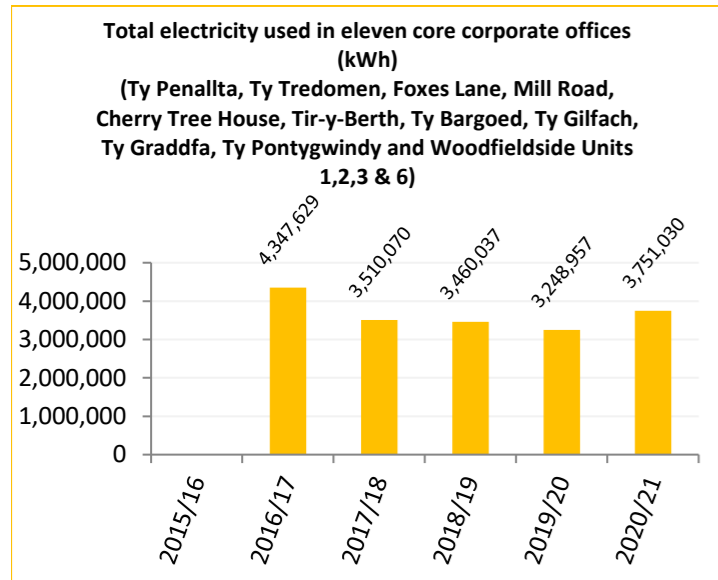


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Utility Consumption - There was a

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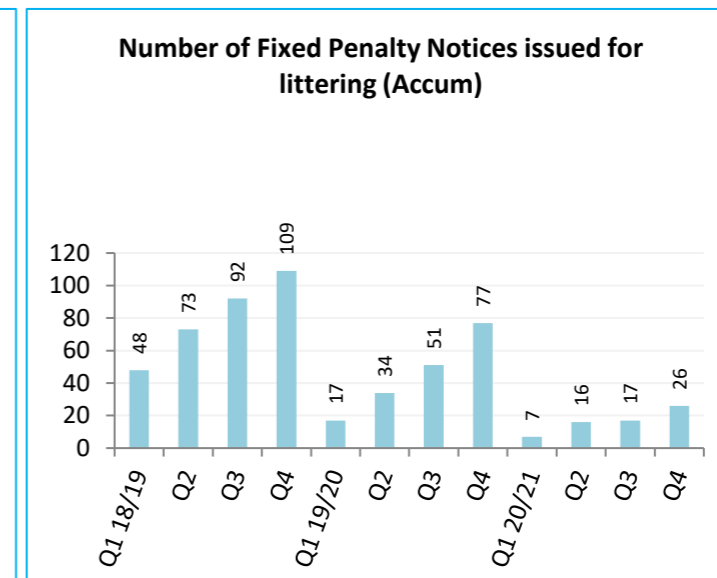
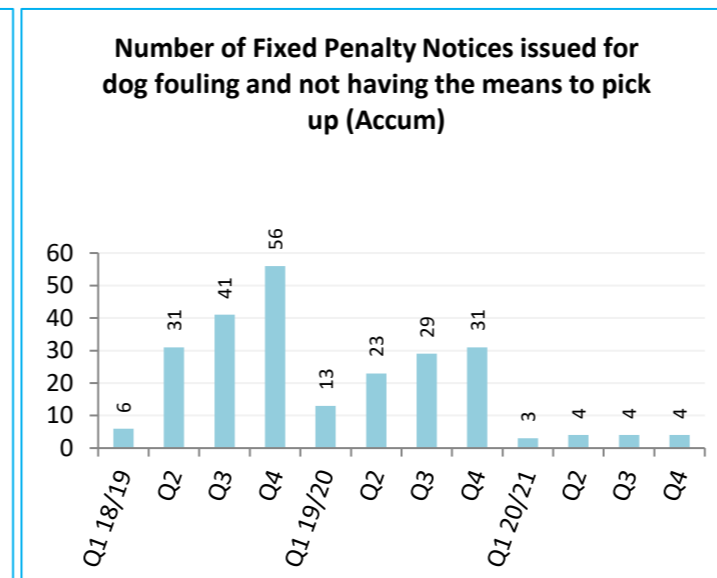
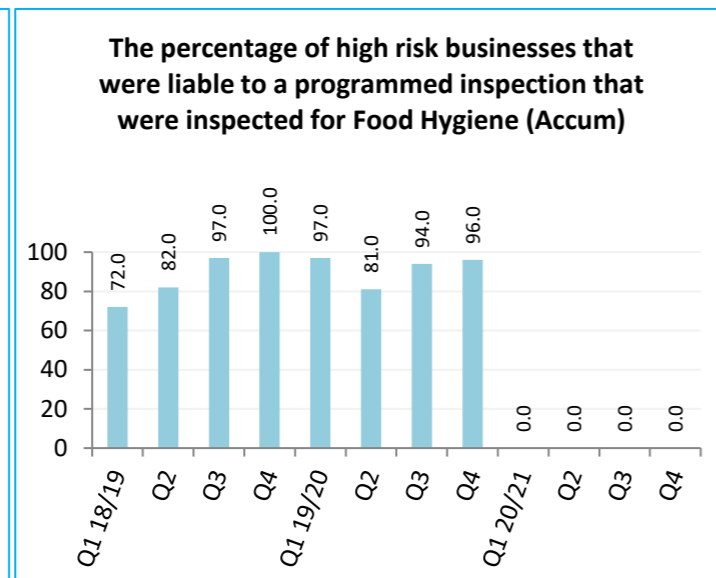
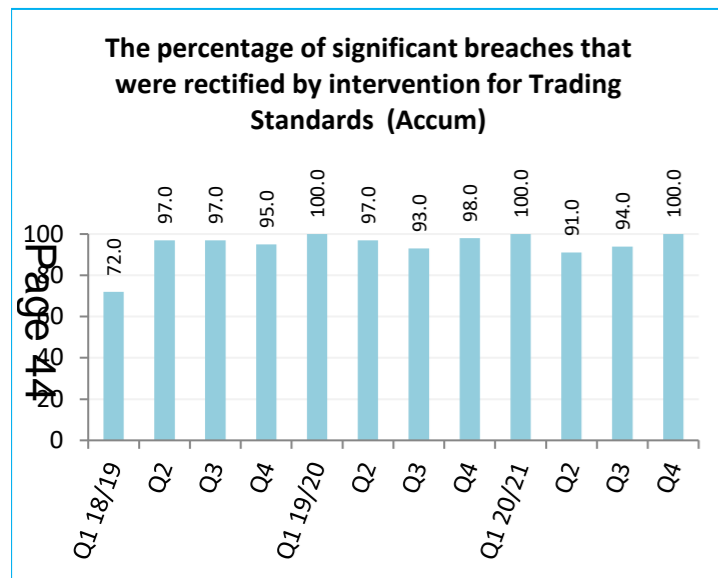
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Energy consumption - There was a noticeable increase for key sites during 2020/21, despite reduced occupancy, due to changed building ventilation requirements resulting from the Covid-19 Pandemic. I.e. increased airflows and ventilation - higher consumption and heat losses.

Renewable Electricity - For 20/21. This has been based on estimated values (from historical trends) due to limited Regeneration Meter access of certain sites (e.g. Care homes)

PUBLIC PROTECTION - Measures

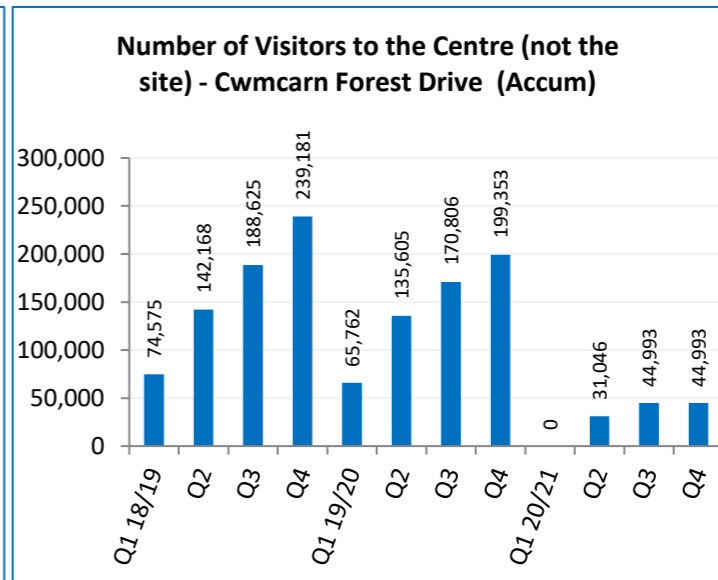
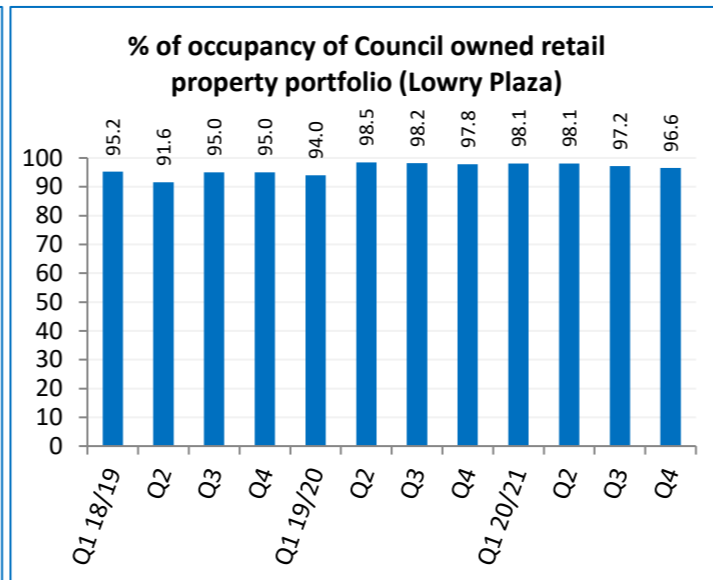
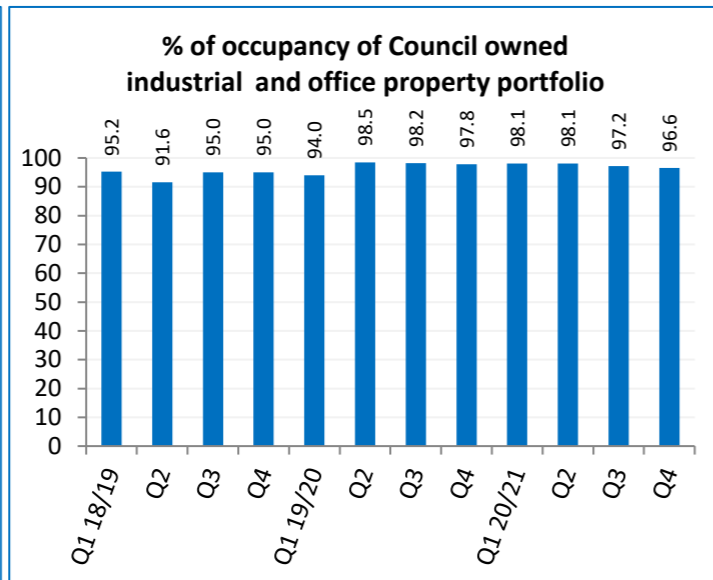
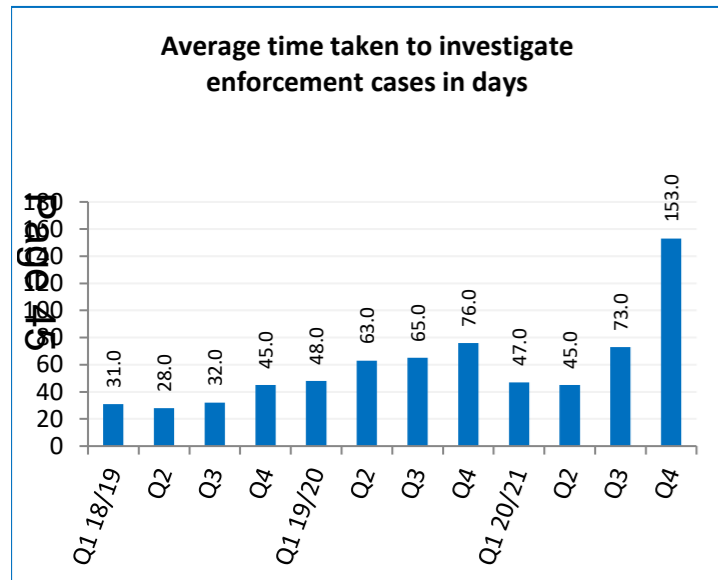
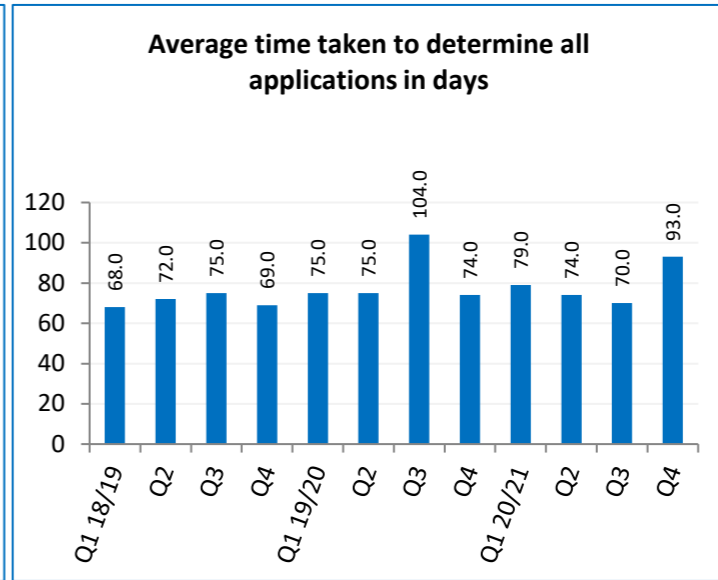
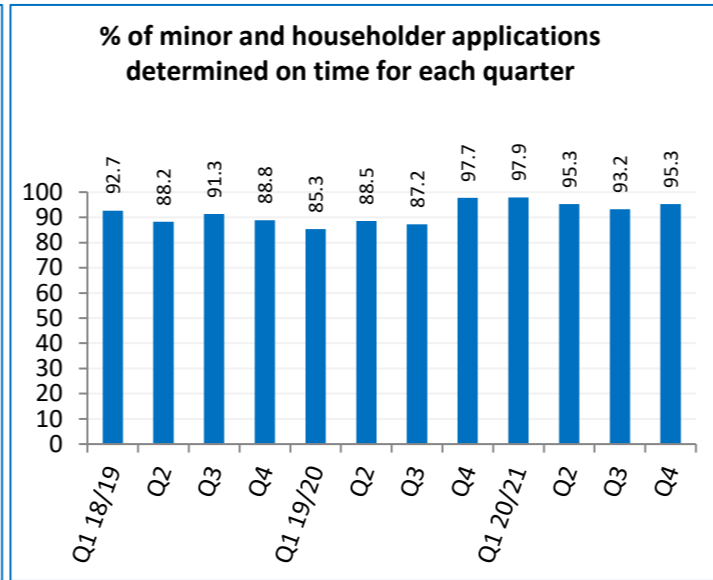
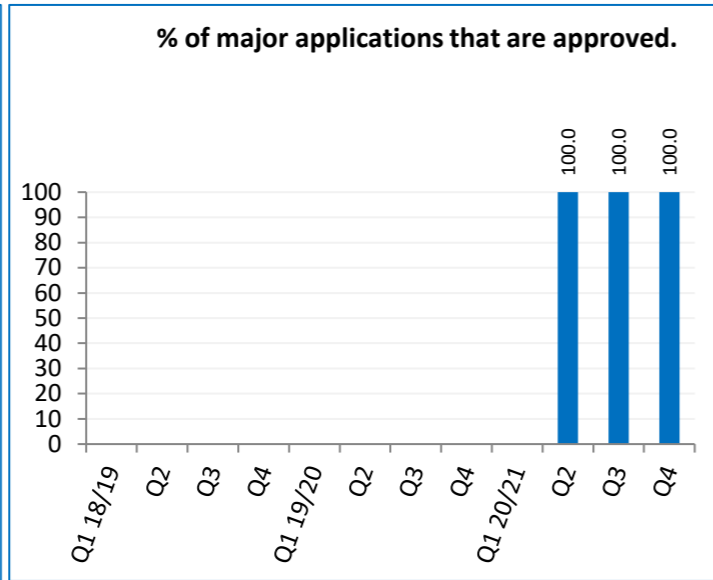
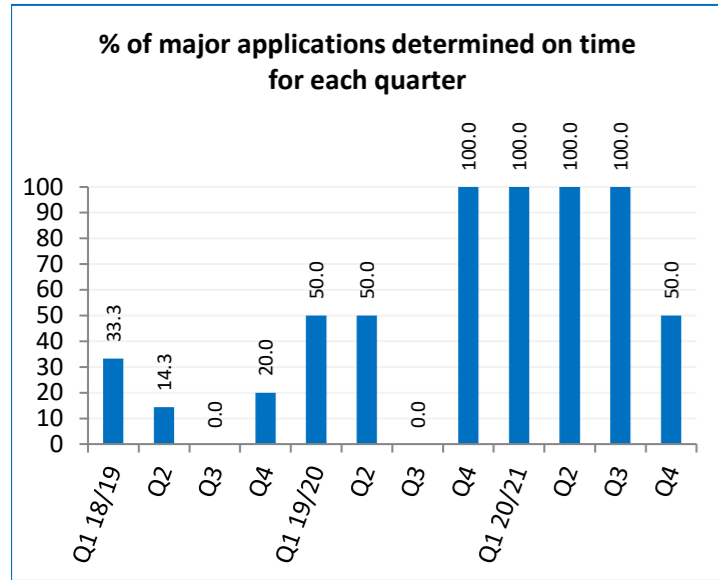


What is performance telling us?

10/11/20 (MG): All proactive **Trading Standards and Food Safety** work was suspended in March 2020 to provide the required response to the COVID pandemic, hence the figures have not been updated for this year.



REGENERATION & PLANNING - Measures



What is performance telling us?

Re: Number of Visitors to Cwmcarn - are low for 20/21 as the site was closed for most of the year.

Customer Intelligence



Household Survey - Very/Fairly Satisfied

Year	2015	2017	2020/21	Year	2015	2017	2020/21
Civic Amenity / Household Recycling Sites	86%	84%		Road Surfaces	52%	51%	
Garden & Food Waste Collections	91%	84%		Pavement Surfaces	65%	61%	
Refuse Collection	89%	83%		Drains & Gullies	68%	65%	
Recycling	93%	85%	89%	Signs & Road markings	82%	76%	
Cleanliness of streets (Street and Environment Cleansing 20/21)	65%	64%	59%	Street Lighting	89%	81%	
Parks & Play Area's	85%	83%		Winter Maintenance	72%	70%	
Recreation & Sports Grounds	88%	86%		Highway Management (Highway Maintenance 20/21)	61%	49%	60%
Country Parks	88%	93%	74%	Town Centre - Services & Amenities		60%	
Anti Social Behaviour - Community (Levels the same or better)	65%	54%		Town Centre - Shopping	60%	57%	
Crime - Community (Levels the same or better)	71%	63%		Quality of life - Local Town	70%	63%	
CCBC & Police deal with ASB & Crime	63%	51%		Quality of life - Local Neighbourhood	76%	64%	
				Local Transport Services - Overall			77%

Individual Service Surveys - Very/Fairly Satisfied:

Year	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Year	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Customer satisfaction with Licensing	N/A	100%	N/A	Customer Satisfaction with Health and Safety (%)	100%	85%	N/A
Trading Standards – Trader/Business satisfaction	99%	98%	100%	Customer Satisfaction with Food Safety (%)	99%	100%	N/A
Trading Standards –consumer advice satisfaction	98.75%	98.70%	98.00%	Customer satisfaction with Registrars	100%	100%	100%
Net Promoter Score - Leisure Customer Rating (0-10) Survey: How likely are you to recommend Leisure Lifestyle		61	56	Customer Satisfaction with Sport & Leisure measured against national benchmark		100%	100%

What is our customer intelligence telling us?

- Public perception (Household Survey satisfaction levels) are declining but this is inevitable with MTFP service reductions.
- Waste/recycling targets may have possibly reached a threshold/peak, given the focus on public behaviour.
- Street cleansing services have been constrained, so will see further deterioration in performance.
- Highways maintenance budgets are restricting opportunities to keep on top of, let alone improve highway conditions.
- Several years budgetary cuts to Parks, Recreation, Country Parks are reflected in the Household Survey results and will likely to continue to show decline in future years.
- The retail climate is proving challenging for our retailers and this is adversely impacting on vacancy rates and thus customer satisfaction in respect of our town centres.

There was NO Household Survey undertaken in 2019.

As part of the wider service transformation considerations, a revised Resident Survey was delivered - Nov 2020 to Jan 2021, as part of the new Caerphilly Conversation Engagement Plan.

Within the survey, citizens were also asked "How easy or difficult have you found accessing council services while offices have been closed during the lockdown period? The results showed:

- 24.5% Very easy
- 48.0% Quite easy
- 16.8% Quite difficult
- 10.6% Very difficult

A Shopper Attitude Survey was undertaken in 2019 to monitor the trends in shopper attitudes to compare the research, with previous surveys which have been carried out

Complaints: Between April 2020 and March 2021

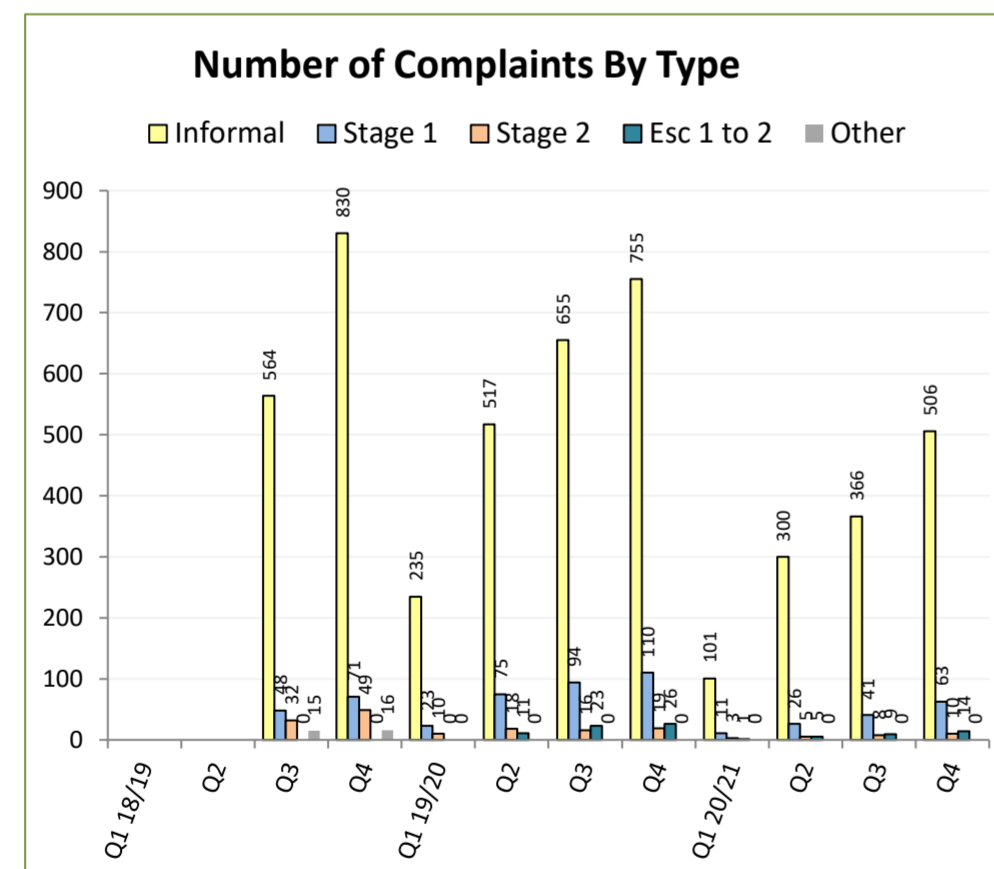
As recorded on the Corporate Complaints Register - Checked on 29th April 2021

Target Times (Working days): Informal = 20 days Stage 1 = 10 Stage 2 = 20 and Other = 20. Acknowledgements are issued in 5 Working Days.

Ongoing key issues identified. Summary of key findings as at Sept 2020 are

- Waste collection delays
- Waste spillages, relocation and replacement of bins/bags on/for collections
- CA Site access/availability
- Waste Collection & CA site staff behaviour/attitudes
- Foliage, tree overgrowth and street cleansing
- Littering, dig fouling, fly-tipping
- Street lighting & Traffic Management Controls
- Pot holes and resurfacing
- Parks availability & maintenance
- Antisocial behaviour during Covid
- Pest and vermin control
- Cemetery damage
- Parking enforcement
- Noise pollution (business & public)
- Maintaining Covid controls in public places

Any key actions being taken?



Complaints (current year)

Complaints By Type	Count	%	Complete In	Target Times
Informal	506	85.33%	452	89.33%
Stage 1	63	10.62%	55	87.30%
Stage 2	10	1.69%	9	90.00%
Esc 1 to 2	14	2.36%	12	85.71%
Other	0	0.00%	0	#DIV/0!
Totals	593	100.00%	528	89.04%

Complaints By Service	Count	%	Complete In	Target Times
Community & Leisure	339	57.17%	314	92.63%
Infrastructure	136	22.93%	117	86.03%
Property	2	0.34%	1	50.00%
Public Protection	65	10.96%	59	90.77%
Regeneration & Planning	41	6.91%	29	70.73%
Other	10	1.69%	8	80.00%
Totals	593	100.00%	528	89.04%



Possibly add a chart here for; Number of Service Requests (by Service)/Accumulative for year or by Period

Service Requests

Number of SRs by Service and percentage completed in target times	Standard	%	Members	%
Community & Leisure				
Infrastructure	8,855	97.00%	416	95.00%
Property				
Public Protection	3,864	100.00%		
Regeneration & Planning				
Other				
Totals				

Service Requests: What are we learning from the SR's?

Are there any particular learnings issues or matters arising identified from SR's?

Services started to investigate opportunities and functions around these data sets across all services in 2019/20. Only Highways/Infrastructure currently has an established mechanism (through MAYRISE) at present. Other services data is fragmented, but it is anticipated that new digital processes and applications will change this position.

Covid-19 lock-down has interrupted this progression. However, Public Protection received 3,864 Covid related Service Requests, of which 100% were responded to accordingly for businesses wanting advice or the public reporting businesses that were potentially non compliant .

Possibly add a chart here for; Number of FOI's (by Service) & Subject Access Rights?/Accumulative for year or by Period

Freedom of Information Requests

Number of FOIs by Service and percentage completed in target times	FOI's	%	SAR's	%
Community & Leisure				
Infrastructure				
Property				
Public Protection				
Regeneration & Planning				
Other				
Totals				

Freedom of Information Requests: What are we learning from the FOI's and/or Subject Access Rights requests?

Are there any particular learnings, issues or matters arising identified from FOI's/SAR's?

BIT are currently making enquires with the GDPR Team regarding available data/stats sets.

The GDPR Team started (mid 19/20) working on re-configuring parts of their database in order to produce the necessary reports. At present, they are not yet in a position to provide such data sets (was originally hoping to have something in Q4 of 19/20).

Regulatory - Inspectorate - Other Control Views

ISO 9001:2015 Certification
 Building Cleaning Services (BCS) has maintained their certification (April 2020).
 Networking Contract Services (NCS) has maintained their certification. Next full certificate renewal date - April 2021.
 Engineering Projects Group (EPG) has maintained their certification. Next full certificate renewal date - March 2022 (Feb 2020 Surveillance Visit highlighted a number of Minor and Major non-conformities that need re-work).

Regulatory Work Programme - Reports - Feedback

The Wales Audit Office completed a follow-up review of their previous work on the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy. A draft report was received in Q3 of 2019/20.

See separate data tab for any outstanding regulatory work programme, proposals and recommendations.



Compliments

A sample of compliments received by the various services across the Directorate are included below:

Sports and Leisure

The staff are always smiling and happy to help, good atmosphere, Great customer service.

My sister took my mother to have her covid vaccine at Newbridge leisure on Saturday and her car broke down. I am a key worker and couldn't travel to help her which meant she and my elderly mother who is 84 would have been stuck in a freezing cold car for hours. The staff went above and beyond to help them both. My sister and mother would like to send a big thank you to Gareth Paul and Justin (in his shorts) who tried to bump start the car. Also to Owen the manager who called his mother from her house with jump leads and to Emma for keeping them warm with hot drinks and arranging for a taxi. There is customer service and there is going above and beyond. Those guys deserve a medal.

The customer service at Heolddu is excellent, staff are always polite and welcoming, nothing seems to much trouble and everything thing is carried out with the utmost professionalism. Heolddu leisure centre is a great place to be.

I went for a swim at Risca centre and I was really impressed with all the measures that have been put in place. Really simple and straightforward to follow, great one way system & so good to have a lane to myself! Felt safe at all times and all the staff were very friendly and helpful. Really was a positive experience for my first swim in months and it means I feel comfortable going for more sessions. So thanks to everyone who has worked hard to put these measures in place.

During these difficult times, I'd like to take a moment to say thank you to all the staff at the leisure centre and on the telephones. As busy and as stressful as the reopening and now local lockdown must have been, everybody I've either spoken to or come across at the centre have been so helpful and friendly and sometimes people don't take the time out to say thank you. I hope you are all looking after yourselves as much as you are taking care of the customers.

Waste Strategy & Operations

Just a big shout out to the bin men in Gelligaer always stop to wave to my little girl and others she loves a Friday.

I would like you to pass on my thanks to the kind waste collectors who have been putting my bins outside my back gate after emptying for the last few Fridays.. I am elderly but active but this has helped enormously when raining or very cold. Thank you.

On behalf of all the residents of graig terrace Cf834hn we would like to comment on the hard work of the gentleman "mat" who cleaned our street last time and again this morning. A number of residents are saying how clean the street and all grass areas are it's lovely to see, every item he picks up, this was never done with the lady we had before, she would walk past litter too busy on her phone. People are so quick to complain but very few pass rewarding comments. Gratitude where it's due and we would appreciate if you would pass our gratitude on to mat. " amazing job" from all of graig terrace lengthened. Thankyou

My wife and I couldn't help noticing how clean the verges were last week, but it's preposterous that the council have to spend so much time and money through the thoughtless, selfish attitudes of some people. Well done to all involved on cleaning it up.

Public Protection - Whole Service

Received 79 formal compliments during the year, some examples are as below:

Community Safety Wardens

Just to say how impressed my residents and I are with the Community Safety Wardens and team members for their proactive approach in regard Blackwood issues. Please pass on my thanks and appreciation

Trading Standards

Re Covid 19 Compliance

Your two colleagues called in today to check how we were fairing with the new rules & regulations and to check if we had any further questions etc.

Firstly we appreciate the visit and up to date advice; as always we promise to a dear to it and let us know if the rules change etc

Secondly, I just wanted to let you know that the two gents who visited us today were clear, concise and helpful. Sometimes it's easy to criticise but I just wanted to let you know we appreciated their visit.

Re local shop not following guidelines. Many thanks for actioning this so promptly. I have just checked and they are abiding by all rules fully Thanks again in your speedy action to stop the spread

Everyone has commented on how helpful, constructive and supportive the team has been and during changes in regulations. Really positive working relationship!

Registrars

I would just like to say that the person who carried out the birth registration was so friendly and with everything going on, still made the process feel like a celebration. Having someone be kind and friendly makes all the difference

Customer Intelligence



I would like to say a very big thank you to the staff at Registrar Office for all the help they gave me this week. My Nephew returning to UK from Autraliar would not have happened without you. Thank you again. Thank you to you all for making our day special last Friday when we finally got married 😊

There were 3 members of your team there on the day and each one of them were so lovely and helpful. They couldn't have made our day any more special, especially under the current circumstances.

Tell us Once - Thanks very much for your help today, I am very grateful; you and your colleagues have been fantastic

Licensing

The Chief of Gwent Police sent thanks and compliments regarding the manner and way in which an officer engages keep them updated with current legislation and supports them in their role. We value your expertise in this area and I think it just goes to show that by working together in partnership we can achieve great things.

We would like to say thank you for visiting us on Friday – we were left feeling a lot more confident that we are getting things right. Also, we have placed stickers on the floor as recommended. We reopened the pub today. Thank you ,most helpful, and my thanks for all the queries you have dealt with since the lockdown. Much appreciated

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of you for your hard work in 2020, it has certainly been a challenge and I'm proud of the job Licensing have done under the horrible circumstances.

CCTV

Please pass on my thanks to the operator that dealt with my call , for being very helpful, professional and courteous.

Please pass on my thanks to the operator she was very good in dealing with me and my complaint.

Track & Trace

Thank you for all your support. I have advised other Primary Heads how efficient and reassuring you all are.(from a primary school)
Thank you so much once again – really, really grateful for your support AND PATIENCE

Environmental Health

Gareth displayed that he was a worthy ambassador for Caerphilly County Borough Council, and the Environmental Department, and we feel that the excellent level of assistance and support given to us by him and his colleagues throughout this episode is commendable.

Pest Control

Your rodent officer is very efficient in his responses to requests and is to be commended.
Please could you also extend our gratitude to the pest control team for resolving our issue with the wasps nest - it certainly appears that the nest has been eradicated. The officer was helpful, reliable and professional.

Food /Health & Safety Team

Thanks for taking the time to talk to me earlier, it was much appreciated and really useful, thank you so much

I'd like to thank you and your colleagues for the help given when we started the venture

I am grateful that you came in to see me and you wasn't abrupt at all and that shows great character and professionalism so thank you very much
Thank for your help with water damage to the shop , I really appreciate it .
Praise for the support and information provided and the professional and knowledgeable way the business was conducted.

Comments from Care Homes/Services re Covid support

Many thanks for all the help and advice, much appreciated

Many Thanks for your support and advice
We have, as ever, had great support from the Caerphilly EH team.
Yet again your support has been amazing and appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the whole team. You have all showed general support during this difficult time over the last year and you have always done your best to find the information that we have needed as quick as possible which again we have always appreciated so thank you from us all.

Pleased that our residents were vaccinated yesterday. Thank you for helping to make this happen

The Environmental health officers have worked tirelessly to guide and support us have gone above and beyond to offer support and have always exceeded our expectations. There are no words to express our gratitude

From Public Health Wales -THANK YOU to all for the amazing people you are and the job you are doing

Regeneration & Planning

Economic Development - congratulations on still having this team and providing grants for businesses. Spoke with Steve Wilcox - friendly, helpful, knowledgeable and tactful staff.

Rhymney Valley Foodbank - CCBC Regeneration Team have been absolutely fantastic and we have a system in place that is working brilliantly from my perspective. Demand has skyrocketed - it has doubled or more - with 40-60 parcels going out each week. But the response from community groups, the council and the trussel trust and individuals help keep food and donations coming in has been equally impressive.

Customer Intelligence



I am in the process of selling my property and found a number of planning conditions had not been discharged on the property. I have been dealing with Elizabeth Rowley who has been most helpful. She is a total professional, very courteous and provided the advice I required in a prompt fashions which is even more remarkable within the current climate. Elizabeth is an ambassador for your department and I would be grateful if you could forward on my sincere thanks to her.

Planning: Thank ER for her hard work and commitment on the planning application in the High Street and answering all my questions.

I would like to thank you (SM) and Glenn Cooper for the assistance CCBC is providing to CWH. I am confident that this venue has the potential to be a key entertainment attraction for the TC and wider area in the future. I look forward to working with Glenn on the wider funding projects proposed for the future and for his experience invaluable so far. Once again I would like to thank you.

Thank you for featuring my shop in Caerphilly Borough's choose your High Street Campaign. The video of Risca Pine Centre was well edited and created an excellent representation of my shop. The feedback from customers has been tremendous, with over 7k views on the video and so many lovely comments. I have had a lot of new customers over the last few days purely down to the video, I know this because they told me. It also reminded people who already knew I was there to visit. I am very impressed with the campaign, it's also made me aware of quite a few businesses in the borough that I never knew existed, hidden gems has definitely been the right theme for this campaign.

I own a business that operates in Caerphilly and Merthyr council areas. I found Merthyr council and Business Wales very unhelpful. I would like to give mention to Jeff Peters and Steve Wilcox in your Business Team as without their help and support.

Could you please let Christina Harrhy know that I just wanted to highlight Helens swift and efficient response to my query. It is a pleasure to report how nice it was for a member of the public to interact with a person from a council dedicated to public service.

Thank you so much for everything you are doing to help resolve this (development matter), it's very much appreciated. I am sure these actions will help with the situation.

Could she please pass on to Helen my thanks, y was amazing. We could not have asked for more. Everything was perfectly done and the Manor melts our hearts. So proud to be your first wedding back. We wanted to thank you sincerely for all your help to us throughout. Today was a success because of you. Thank you so much for helping to make this such a special day.

Infrastructure:

Congratulate operatives on the works 31/3/2020 and how they conducted themselves and with the quality and amount of work they did for us. Also like to mention the quality of tarmac that was used as it produced a quality finish.

I appreciate the pro active way in which some of your staff have handled a ward issue I recently raised with them. I can only say a most sincere 'diolch' not only for seeing to a request of mine quickly but in the way the issue was approached and dealt with. The issue was dealt with efficiently especially during this period of lockdown.

Closed Towpath due to leak: Thank you for your email regarding the Towpath at Pontywaun. Please would you be kind enough to thank everyone involved in getting this sorted. I appreciate this very much. Thanks for keeping me informed.

Significant drop in Canal level: I would just like to pass on my thanks for the message and update I received on 1/6/2020 from Kevin. Your prompt response and action at this challenging time is greatly appreciated.

I just wanted to say thank you for your help last week with regards to the Ty'n-Y-Graig Footbridge, and in particular your permission (via Caerphilly Council) for us to use the Llanbradach Community Centre as our base for operations. It was a great help for what might have otherwise been a logistical nightmare.

I would just like to let you know that my husband and I think CCBC are doing a fantastic job in these troubled times. We were very impressed by the number of workers doing all the jobs on the Newbridge bypass yesterday (grass cutting, litter picking, lighting maintenance and roundabout clearing) all by just blocking off one lane. Well done and thank you. Keep safe.

Wanted to thank us for allowing him to keep the barriers for a week in order for him to put queueing systems in place. It was very much appreciated.

Flooding: Council boys have been excellent fair play they have done all they can for us and is much appreciated.

Wanted to pass on thanks for your willingness to help. It made a massive difference to return to school this week.

I went on a site walkover with Ross Williams, Liam Kendrick & Dan Powell yesterday afternoon. It was a really productive visit and very encouraging to see how well all 3 of them were embracing the ideas of SuDS and sustainable development.

Ross did a very good job of helping the newer / more junior guys in highlighting potential constraints and opportunities relating to both drainage and the general design.

Ross is a good support network.

Thanks for getting the new crossing up and running. I'm sure it will be much appreciated by the residents of Panside and pupils of Newbridge comp.

I would like to thank all who were involved in my dropped kerb and tarmac - brilliant job. Thank you.

Pothole repair: report to completion 21 hours - that's what I call impressive. Please pass thanks to everyone concerned.

Flood gates: Mrs Roberts rang who said she was talking to a lady from the Council called Michelle that had been in touch with her regarding flood gates for her doors. If this was you, she was grateful that you took the time and couldn't speak highly enough about you.

Bereavement Services:

I have been going to Abercarn Cemetery for a number of years and recently returned following the closure due to Covid, I would like to compliment the Cemetery staff on the cleanliness and work done recently on mowing etc. It is usually good but so impressed at the moment. Thank You.

Please could you kindly send a message to the boys working in Bedwellty cemetery last week that my family would like to say a very big thank you for doing what they done to my grandparents grave it was very kind of them big thank you from my family.

Regulatory



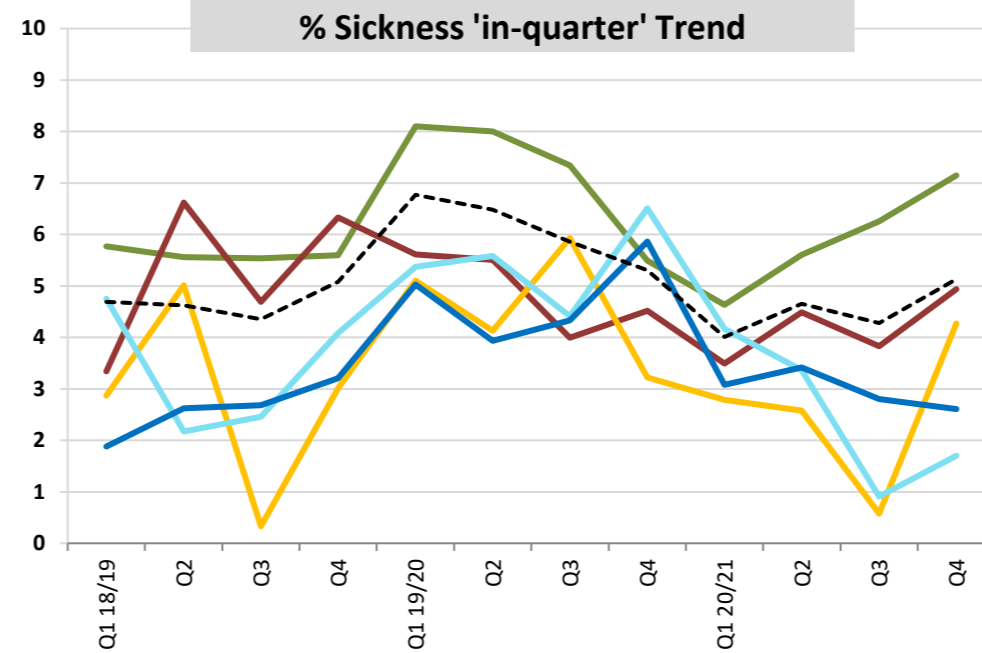
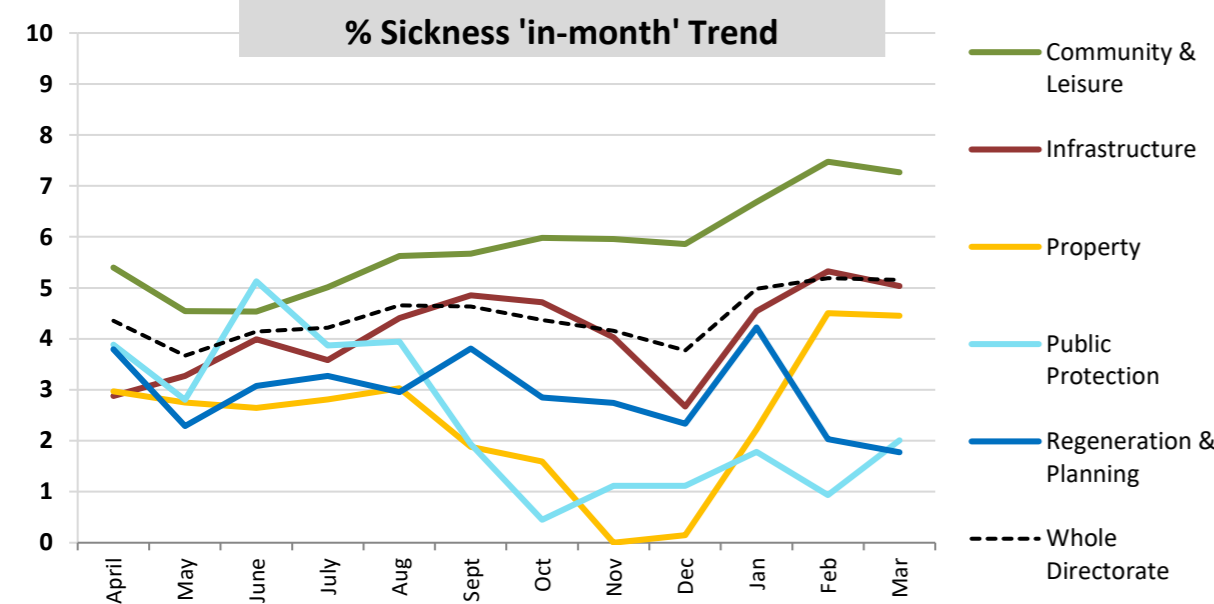
Extract from - Action Plan 2020 Response to Regulator Proposals

Number and reference of action	Name of Report	Regulator Proposal	Action	PREVIOUS UPDATE	Service Officer Responsible	When will be completed by	CURRENT UPDATE - September 2020	Status	Percentage completed
46	Asset Management (Land and Property) Strategy Review (September 2013)	P2: Ensure that the individual service asset management plans are developed as soon as possible and are used to inform the Council's financial planning process.	Develop Service Asset Management Plan (SAMP) and consider impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)	There are 22 SAMPS and 14 SAMPS have now been completed. The remaining 8 are in various stages of completion between 25%-75%. It is anticipated there could be a slow down in the pace of completion due to maternity cover, nevertheless the proposal will be completed later this year as those that are due to be completed are signed off. After this the monitoring of the SAMPS will them move into day to day business.	Mark Williams	Jan-Mar '14 (change of completion date to March 2018 due to number of reviews that affect the outcome). Date changed to March 2020 see update		In progress	90%
WAO Ref 1603A2019-20 Received Nov 19 Page 51	Delivering with less - the Impact on Environmental Health Services and Citizens The Council should consider how it can benefit from its relatively strong financial position to build long-term resilience and maintain financial and operational sustainability in the longer-term by: • considering, through the Council's 'Team Caerphilly' work, whether the environmental health service is resourced appropriately in the context of the Council's wider strategic objectives.	Draft report received, proposals will be added to the list with actions when finalised and the report presented to committee. Intended outcome/benefit: Build long-term financial and operational resilience of the service. Ensure that resources are used more efficiently Align corporate transformation approach with service sustainability actions	Management response: The Environmental Health services of the Council have had a longstanding aspiration to update and enhance software systems. It is anticipated that this will facilitate more efficient use of existing resources. Commercialisation opportunities are limited across these services, but any learning from the Council's transformation agenda will be adopted. Over recent years collaborative opportunities with other Authorities have been explored at length without identifying any significant benefits. However, this will be revisited should a suitable opportunity materialise.	Until the report is finalised, accepted and agreed by committee, no further details will be recorded (RR to check w/c 24/08/20)	Rob Hartshorn	Apr-22	The Public Open Space CCTV Control Room were audited twice in 2020/21 and maintained their accreditation for the NSI (National Security Inspectorate) Guarding Silver Award and Certificate of Compliance of Surveillance Camera Systems and Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.		



Staff	Head-count	FTEs	Over 55	Total Yr Leavers	Yr-New Starters	Vacant Posts	Agency Staff
Q4	1483	949.52	423	94	78	?	136

For details of STS & LTS refer to the Base data - Resources tab



What is our Workforce Information telling us?

Key issues identified:

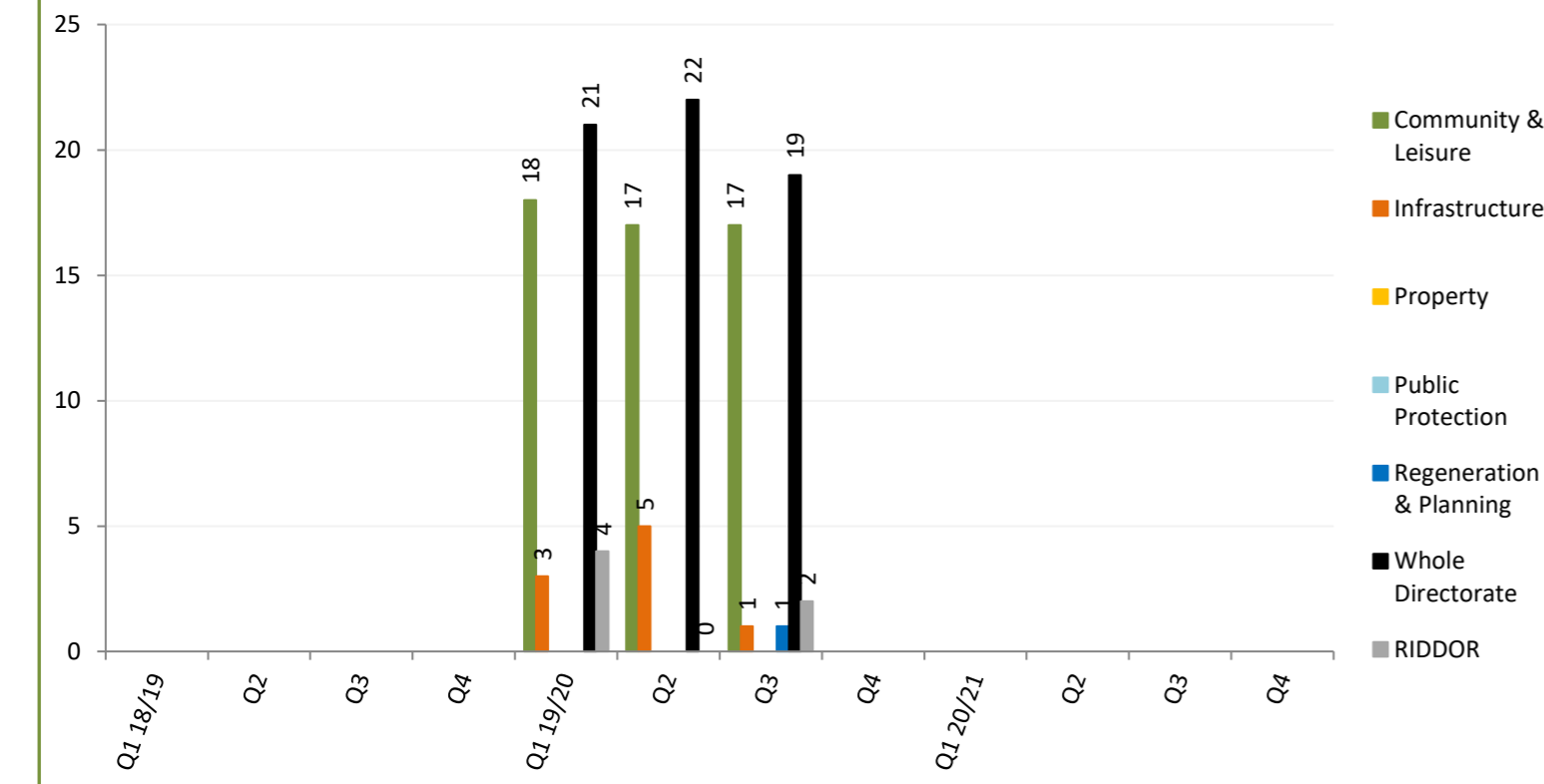
- Age profile and recent loss of experienced staff.
- Market competitiveness to attract and recruit quality / qualified personnel.
- Long-term sickness absence remains an issue and can affect staff morale.
- Career development opportunities are somewhat limited, in some service area's, whereas, Infrastructure Services actively promotes and supports career development.

Key actions being taken:

- Sickness absence scrutiny by Corporate Management Team (CMT).
- Consideration of amendments to sickness absence policy.
- Apprenticeship programmes being re-established.
- Business links to Universities/Colleges being strengthened.
- Service rationalisation and restructures to make better use of resources.
- Well-being of staff being considered through Well-being Group.
- The recruitment and retention of qualified and/or experienced staff in some technical areas (Property and Engineering) remains an issue and discussion with other Local Authorities (LA's) are being progressed to explore potential

Health and Safety (H&S) Number of Reported Accidents

For more information: See Quarterly Accident & Violent Incident Reports and Corporate Health & Safety Committee



What is our Assets Information telling us?

The Directorate operates a diverse range of front line services which rely on a significant level of depot infrastructure (Penmaen, Bedwas, Tiryberth, Penallta, Iswyn Park & Cwmcarn) and vehicles such as, Heavy and Light Goods fleet, vans, trailers, tractors and a large range of other plant and equipment.

The Directorate owns and manages 234 industrial units on 12 employment sites throughout the County Borough and 13 office buildings in Oakdale, Tredomen and Woodfieldside and two small individual premises. There is an urgent need to invest in the upgrade of these strategically important assets in order to ensure that they remain fit for purpose and meet the ongoing needs of our tenants. Funding secured through Brexit Economic Stimulus Fund to enhance a number of premises. Further funding needs to be identified to enable remaining stock to be upgraded.

A service review of Fleet Management and Maintenance has commenced. The Fleet Service is a critical support service to front line services, who operate circa 500+ vehicles.

The approach with Service Asset Management Plans (SAMPs) has been agreed at Corporate Management Team (CMT) and SAMPs for every service will be developed over the next 12-24 months. This will inform future asset rationalisations and/or alternative approaches to the locational delivery of services. To date finalised SAMP's have been completed for: Countryside, Infrastructure Highways, Infrastructure Depots and Office, Bereavement Services and the Waste and Leisure Services is in its final approval stage.

The Authority has a significant amount of green infrastructure, comprising; Parks and Gardens; Amenity Space; Natural Green Spaces; Green Corridors; Natural Green Spaces - there are 3 types that cover large parts of the county borough (Woodland and Scrub 18%;



What is our Financial Information telling us?

The finance table opposite is an extract for the annual **Budget Monitoring Report as prepared for Policy & Resources Scrutiny and the Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny scheduled as at the end of August 2020.**

Finance budget reports are periodically submitted to Scrutiny Committee and cover any aspects or particular issues of Service Delivery, Efficiency Savings and Implications, as identified by each of the core services within the directorate.

Property Services Budget is reported within the Corporate Services Finance Group for 2020/21 as follows:

Original Estimate 2020/21	Revised Estimate 2020/21	Anticipated Outturn 2020/21	Anticipated Variance 2020/21	
£000's	£000's	£000's	Under / (Over)	
4,903	4,903	4,672	231	Property Services

Original Estimate 2020/21	Revised Estimate 2020/21	Anticipated Outturn 2020/21	Anticipated Variance 2020/21	Budget Monitoring
£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	Under (Over)	Value
2,214	2,214	2,416	(202)	Regeneration & Planning
19,917	19,917	20,117	(200)	Infrastructure Services
7,450	7,450	7,387	63	Public Protection
21,673	21,673	22,721	(1,048)	Community & Leisure
			0	Property Services (P&R Scrut)
176	176	175	1	Directorate General
51,430	51,430	52,816	(1,386)	Sub Total
(8,834)	(8,835)	(8,487)	(348)	Transport Costs
42,596	42,595	44,329	(1,734)	Total

Table detailing annual Nett Budgets and MTFP Savings by service

Budget 2010/11	MTFP Savings	Budget 2011/12	MTFP Savings	Budget 2012/13	MTFP Savings	Budget 2013/14	MTFP Savings	Budget 2014/15	MTFP Savings	Budget 2015/16	MTFP Savings	Budget 2016/17	MTFP Savings	Budget 2017/18	MTFP Savings	Budget 2018/19	MTFP Savings	Budget 2019/20	MTFP Savings	Budget Monitoring
£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	
		5,029		5,128	215	5,700	7	4,932	759	4,338	628	3,857	332	4,018	274	2,560	575	2,246	528	Regeneration & Planning
		22,450		22,309	207	21,661	435	21,304	604	20,435	988	19,618	1,083	19,984	153	19,819	732	17,937	2,596	Infrastructure Services
3,948		4,118		5,996	34	7,323		7,269	143	7,233	123	7,143	520	7,224	168	7,235	295	7,240	389	Public Protection
18,626		18,140		18,041	73	21,669	264	20,152	1,538	18,779	2,141	18,136	1,361	18,490	309	21,492	617	20,953	1,700	Community & Leisure
				4,897		5,680		5,453	527	5,330	340	4,738	205	4,998	166	5,426	197	4,757	855	Property Services
		-194		-190	-4	-194	121	-197		0		162		164		168		172		Directorate General
22,574	0	49,543	0	56,181	525	61,839	827	58,913	3,571	56,115	4,220	53,654	3,501	54,878	1,070	56,700	2,416	53,305	6,068	NET DIRECTORATE

The 'Budget' values in the above table, are as reported as Revenue Budgets, to each respective scrutiny, at the start of each year.

It should also be noted, that service re-structures and interim arrangements, will have impacted and influenced the year-on-year comparative budget values.

For Property Services the periods 2012>2016 were linked with the Performance Management Unit (PMU) - the above budgets, exclude any Revenue allocation as related to the PMU.

Budget 2020/21	MTFP Savings																			Budget Monitoring
£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	£ ,000's	
2,214	211																			Regeneration & Planning
19,917	0																			Infrastructure Services
7,450	71																			Public Protection
21,673	183																			Community & Leisure
																				Property Services
176																				Directorate General
51,430	465	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NET DIRECTORATE



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<p>DC01 16/17</p> <p>Linked to CPA - CRR 02</p>	<p>ALL Services:</p> <p>Medium Term Financial Planning (MTFP):</p> <p>MTFP Strategy 2018/23</p> <p>Capital Budget Pressures</p> <p>Grant Funding</p>	<p>Budget pressures will potentially have a negative effect on service delivery across all services. Inadequate funds to maintain assets. Need to rationalise.</p> <p>1. Workforce Planning: less staff to deliver services. 2. Failure to maintain and/or improve service delivery. 3. Failure to take early decisions on which services should be cut could limit planning for changes. 4. Managing staff morale in light of cuts. 5. Revenue Support Grant (RSG) formula change. 6. National living wage. 7. Member/public expectation levels and reputation risk. 8. CCBC priorities moving forward. 9. National and Regional change agenda. 10. Inability to invest in assets e.g. progress 'Band B' of the 21st Century Schools Programme. See also DC23 below. 11. There is lack of security or sustainability in maintaining grant funded programmes. 12. Reduced maintenance of exist+CSing assets will lead to enhanced deterioration and increased replacement costs in future years. 13. Highway asset is continually growing year on year</p> <p>See also: Climate Change and Asset Management risks listed below.</p>	<p>1. Human Resources (HR) have a suite of policies agreed by Cabinet/Council to help downsize the workforce, although these will need to be kept under review. 2. Decisions taken so far have aimed to reduce rather than remove services. This will not be possible in the light of future projections. The Council has adopted a new Corporate Plan 2018-23 with revised Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Savings Principles. 3. The 2018/19 budget and an updated Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) were approved by Council on the 22nd February 2018. 4. Development of an appropriate communication strategy. 5. Consultation with the public, and affected service users. 6. Ongoing Asset rationalisation programme. 7. 4-year savings targets have been allocated to Heads of Service. 8. Business Improvement Board has been established and will oversee major projects focussing on service change. 11. Grant funded staff are appointed on fixed term contracts. 12. New innovative and efficient maintenance systems are being explored to maximise budget spend 13. New Risk based Highway Management Plan being developed. 14. Street lighting options being considered to save energy, reduce expenditure and# minimise Carbon emissions.</p>	<p>Updated Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) covering the period 2018/19 to 2022/23. Indicative savings requirement has been established for the four-year period 2019/20 to 2022/23. Heads of Service have identified further potential savings proposals for consideration. Public consultation has been undertaken on draft 2019/20 budget proposals and Council will be asked to approve the budget at its meeting of 21st February 2019. Variety of energy saving proposals are currently being consider with regard to the street lighting stock.</p> <p>Progress of MTFP implementation monitored at Senior Management Team (SMT) for Communities.</p> <p>Mitigating Action 13: This was completed in 2018/19. Mitigating Action 14: A 2 year programme to convert 17,000 lanterns to LED commenced in April 2019 (See also DC 18 Progress update item 9)</p>	High	High	High	High	Yes, the financial resources available will impact on the services we deliver and the way we deliver them. This will affect the community.	High
<p>DC04 16/17</p> <p>Page 54</p>	<p>Community & Leisure:</p> <p>Waste Management Service Continuity & Target Achievement</p>	<p>The Welsh Government (WG) drive for source segregated collections and substantial change to the recycling Material Recovery Facility (MRF) market and restrictions on exporting low grade recyclate could potentially affect service delivery to the public and/or target achievement if mitigation measures are not put in place. UK and Welsh Government proposals for a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers may also impact kerbside recycling rates.</p> <p>There has been some disruption to collection services as a result of issues with both staff and vehicle availability.</p> <p>The ability to meet future recycling and landfill diversion targets with our current collection, disposal and treatment framework.</p> <p>Specific areas that need to be considered are:</p> <p>i. Levels of contamination in our recycling; ii. Loss of food waste within residual waste; iii. Type of collection (WG blueprint or alternative); iv. Contractual arrangements for recycling and organics v. Appropriate levels of budget and staffing structure to support daily front line collection services and our future strategy; vi. Insufficient community participation in food recycling.</p>	<p>A Waste Review Board has been established, chaired by the Director and including relevant Senior Officers.</p> <p>i. Striving to attain WG targets. In 2019/20 the Council's recycling performance was 62.51%.</p> <p>As requested by NRW an independent analysis of our HWRC waste arisings was undertaken to assess the level of recyclability. This report on the exercise is now being considered and further dialogue with the regulator is programmed.</p> <p>ii. Continue to a deliver a range of local and national communications campaign to promote awareness of household waste recyclables.</p> <p>New measures in place to address residents placing in appropriate materials in the recycling bins.</p> <p>Food waste service campaign work including incentivisation scheme is synchronised with any national and seasonal initiatives.</p> <p>iii. Continue delivery of Project Gwyrdd to further reduce reliance on landfill.</p> <p>Working Group providing reports on update with Waste Review. Reconfiguration of collection rounds is being developed digitally and presently in the consultation stage with supervisors and frontline operatives shaping service.</p> <p>v. Long term organics contract in place; In relation to dry recyclables the dialogue with RCTCBC regarding the utilisation of their new MRF has ceased on their instruction. Interim arrangements in place and dialogue continues with the incumbent Contractor (Newport Paper) to continue delivery in the short term.</p>	<p>Waste Review - The Green (Food and Garden) Waste collection service has been reassessed with options being consulted on with a view of implementation during the Autumn 2021. New refuse collection rounds are also programmed in for implementation during the same time period.</p> <p>The Street and Environmental Cleansing has been reviewed with a proposal submitted for consideration. 9 new collection vehicles were delivered between December 2020 and February 2021.</p> <p>A booking system for the HWRC sites is being proposed and research on how the system is working across Wales together with a consultation exercise with residents is being progressed.</p> <p>The Authority is delivering a range of activities to support the National Be Mighty Recycling campaign aimed at making Wales the best nation in recycling.</p>	High	High	High	High	Yes, the purpose of the landfill directive is to divert biodegradable waste away from landfill to reduce pollution. A diverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems contributes to a 'Resilient Wales'. Failure to deal with waste properly affects future generations.	Medium
<p>DC11 16/17</p> <p>Linked to CPA CRR 06</p>	<p>Regeneration & Planning:</p> <p>Local Development Plan</p>	<p>The Adopted LDP was due to expire on 31st December 2021, however further to the Ministerial letter received by the Leader in September 2020 this is no longer the position. The Replacement Local Development Plan was well advanced, however, the Council withdrew that plan in July 2016 following local opposition to a number of development sites contained within the document. The Council has resolved to progress the preparation of a Strategic Development Plan and a new LDP in parallel. Work on the new plan commenced with the public consultation on the Delivery Agreement at the start of the 2020, which was impacted by the pandemic. This work recommenced on 25 January 2021 and concluded on the 29 March 2021</p> <p>The adopted LDP allocates land for the development of 8625 houses to be built over a 15 year period. The annual monitoring of the LDP indicates that many of the allocated sites are not available or viable within the required 5 year period, and there is therefore a shortfall of housing land. Housing developers will therefore submit applications to develop land that is not allocated in the LDP. The Council will consider the applications, but the lack of an adequate housing land supply will be a material planning consideration which could outweigh other policies in the plan. A refusal of planning permission may lead to an increase in appeals and award of costs if the Council is considered to have behaved unreasonably, e.g. where a reason for refusal is not based on any sound evidence.</p>	<p>The Adopted Local Development Plan (LDP) remains in force until it is superseded by the 2nd Replacement LDP. In the interim, officers are working closely with Welsh Government officials to agree the appropriate footprint for strategic planning for the Cardiff Capital Region.</p> <p>On 29th January 2018 the Cardiff Capital Region Cabinet agreed that work should commence on a Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the area.</p> <p>A formal report was considered by the Cabinet on the 10th June 2019 which determined the timeline for reporting this matter to all ten Councils. Caerphilly Council considered this mater in October 2019 and resolved to commence work on the SDP and a new LDP as soon as practicable.</p>	<p>Chief Planning Officers and Planning Policy lead officers were meeting regularly as a Project Group to progress various work streams necessary to establish the SDP project in advance of the formal commencement of plan preparation, however the expectation is that the CIC will become the Strategic Planning Body and this is not due to be set up until September 2021.</p> <p>It is unlikely that the housing land supply can be addressed in the short term.</p> <p>In the medium to long term a 2nd Replacement LDP will increase the land supply position.</p> <p>A number of significant applications have been submitted and approved by Welsh Government on appeal.</p> <p>Funding identified and approved for SDP and the new LDP.</p>	High	High	High	High	Yes, the lack of an LDP threatens the timely delivery of land for development, particularly housing and employment, making it more difficult to achieve the goal of prosperity.	Medium

Risks

Check status/relevance as at 2019/20 Q4 Report & update



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DC19 Linked to CMT 47	Property Services: Asset Management (Buildings / Property)	Insufficient budget to manage existing assets or pursue necessary development. The authority has too many buildings and insufficient capital programme allocation to maintain them. Additionally revenue budgets for building maintenance are being diverted to meeting the demands of the necessary legal standards, in particular health and safety legislation and that might well mean that normal building maintenance will suffer. 1. Maintenance of existing sites will not be to a required standard. 2. Disposal of assets must be managed carefully to minimise community and service impacts. 3. Community Asset Transfer as an option brings risks in relation to continued liability. 4. Asset disposal may not realise expected returns. 5. Inability to pursue issues that we would wish, to improve service provision and community outcomes e.g. **Band B of 21st Century Schools.	1. Development of asset management and rationalisation programmes 2. Cost benefit assessment before planned expenditure supported by business case where relevant 3. Early stakeholder and community consultation before asset disposal 4. Support for recipient organisations accepted for Community Asset Transfer 5. Long term view of the needs of local communities balanced against the need to secure budget savings in the short to medium term. 6. Services to identify what buildings they can realise as a consequence of Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) savings.	The Property Review Report 2019 and the revised Asset Management Strategy - Buildings and Land were approved by Cabinet in May 2019. The appointed asset management coordinator has assisted service areas with the production of Service Asset Management Plans (SAMPs). Significant progress made with status at October 2020 as follows: • Sale of Bedwellty and Chartist Gardens sites for residential development expected by March 2021 • The Statutory Maintenance compliance now excellent and outstanding remedial tasks generally negligible other than FRA tasks in schools • Pontygwindy House to be vacated summer 2021 and Cherry Tree House vacated early 2021	Medium	Medium			Potentially disposal of assets across the authority may affect some communities disproportionately in the short to medium term. However, this has to be balanced against the need to manage a 'fit for use' portfolio to secure provisions for future generations over a longer timeframe.	Medium
DC19 Continued Linked to CMT 47	Resources and ability To deliver	The projects workload is high and the proposed **21st Century Schools Band B programme could mean the existing team would be overstretched compromising their ability to deliver in line with the objectives of the various service areas. Recruitment is proving difficult and there is potential for retirements to exacerbate the situation.	Review Recruitment Strategy. Manage service area expectations. Utilise Private Sector Partners where appropriate	October 2020. Electrical and mechanical engineers appointed subject to formalities. Team has managed to fulfil all design commitments to date despite virus disruption. Perversely the virus should make it easier to recruit technical staff. Estates manager retires in March 2021 and his deputy is recovering from a stroke but is expected to return to work in November 2020. The estates team provide an important strategic and technical role and managing the leadership of the team over the coming months will be a key challenge	Medium	High				Medium
DC21 Linked to CPA CRR 01 Page 55	ALL Services: Exit from the EU (Brexit)	The decision to leave the EU and created considerable uncertainty. Moving forward it is difficult to determine what impact the exit from the EU will have in the medium to longer term for Caerphilly CBC and our communities. However, in the short-term possible negative impacts include the potential for workforce supply shortages in some areas and the possibility of some disruption to the supply of goods and services.	The Directorate is participating in the Corporate Brexit Working Group and undertook service specific analysis in preparation for the various Brexit scenarios. An example of Brexit considerations was: Street Lighting: We pre-ordered LED lamps for street lighting to achieve costs surety prior to Brexit as all lamps came from Europe.	There remains a great deal of uncertainty around the potential positive or negative impacts of the decision to leave the EU. The position is being monitored closely and CMT has established a Brexit Working Group, to further consider and monitor the potential consequences of Brexit and the mitigating actions that will be required to assist in managing risks. Services will continue to support business to mitigate any potential impacts of Brexit. We are also alert to the potential for community cohesion issues. We are working with partners regionally in support of multi-agency reporting arrangements. Through our Registration Service we are one of the local authorities supporting EU, EEA and Swiss citizens to complete the ID verification part of the EU Settlement Scheme.	Medium	Medium			Potential impacts are not yet fully understood but they are likely to be felt over the short, medium and longer-term.	Unable to assess currently due to the level of uncertainty.
DC23 Linked to CPA CRR 05	Community & Leisure: Greenspace and Landscape Services	Ash die back (Chalara farina) is the most significant disease to affect the UK tree population since Dutch Elm disease in the 1960's. The disease will result in the decline and death of the majority of ash trees in Britain. Unfortunately, many ash trees predominant line our roadside verges, so the disease will affect high risk locations. In our borough, ~ 37,400 + ash trees could be affected by this, requiring substantial resource, logistics and environmental considerations/implications, such as: a) Thorough surveys (to identify needs/requirements) b) The formulation of a Removal Strategy c) Budgeting and Finance d) Considerable clean-up and disposals e) Wider environmental impact (contaminations/biodiversity/eco systems) f) Wider impacts on road sweeping and weed treatment. All of which, will ultimately lead to damage to the environment and its infrastructure and have an effect on the 'look and feel' of the county borough.	Initial action to included: 1. CH to discuss at G10 meeting of Gwent chief executives with a view to them lobbying Welsh Government (WG) for funding 2. MSW to raise with the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA - with Tim Peppin) so that they can lobby WG for funding. Work is still progressing nationally for a funding model to be adopted by WG. Followed by: 3. Write, approve and implement a Removal Strategy and 4. Secure appropriate Funding Streams to implement the Removal Strategy. 5. Source and secure wider partnership and collaborative arrangements to implement all necessary works. 6. Clarify known 'hot-spots' for initialising works, to control and manage any associated public risks/disruptions.	It is already known, that this will require a substantial cost implication due to the logistics and labour intense nature of addressing such matters. Considered the content and guidance as available from The Tree Council publication: ASH DIE-BACK: an Action Plan Toolkit First published February 2019 Recently published research by the University of Oxford, Fera Science, the Sylva Foundation and the Woodland Trust calculated that this disease will have a significant cost impact across the country, due to the significantly high levels of mortality rates to the tree species affected (75%+). Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) have set up a working group comprising of Local Authority, Welsh Government, Natural Resource Wales (NRW) for the 1st December to look at the issue of Ash Die-Back. Work is still progressing nationally for a funding model to be adopted by WG. Some Green Infrastructure funding was received in 2020-21 to allow for some felling. We continue to fell any trees noted with significant ash die back whether this is identified during routine inspections, service requests or during ad-hoc site visits. Green Recovery Funding was received in 2021 from WLGA, £111K was allocated to deal with Ash Die Back across the county borough. Members will be asked to consider a budget to allow the programme to continue over the next three years.	High	High	High	High	Level unknown at present	Unknown
DC05 15/16	Community & Leisure: Sport & Leisure Services	Budget pressures through efficiency savings could result in reduced level of service to our residents. We may not have the funding to deliver our Sport & Active Recreation Strategy. Leisure is not a statutory service and liable to future budget reductions, therefore, the future sustainability of current service model is questionable over the medium to longer term. However, the service is well respected and valued and has a potential role in contributing to reducing obesity levels across the borough. Therefore, an alternative strategy has been agreed.	The Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-29 was approved by Cabinet on 14th November 2018. This is a broad ranging strategy that sets out the future purpose and direction of sport and leisure services delivered by the Council over the next 10 years. The Strategy aims: • to encourage healthy lifestyles and support our residents to be 'more active more often' • by encouraging a collective responsibility and approach to provide and promote appropriate opportunities across a range of organisations • to promote positive messages about health and physical activity • to improve standards of performance and celebrate local success in sport	Following a period of public consultation, on the 8th November 2018 the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny committee recommended to Cabinet that the Sport & Active Recreation Strategy be approved. Cabinet endorsed the Sport & Active Recreation Strategy (SARS) 2019 -2029 on the 14th November 2018 and it was formally implemented on 1st January 2019. Examples of delivery against the Strategy include: • the development of an Athletics Track in Oakdale that will support Education, community use and future club development • the enhancement of 2 x multi use 3G pitches at Lewis School, Pengam and Ysgol Cwm Rhymini, Fleur de Lys. • accessing funding from a Sport Wales to support the development of an enhanced outdoor facility at St Cenydd Campus from an aged and poorly maintained Astro Turf Pitch (ATP) to a new multi-use 3G facility; • working collaboratively with Play Wales and Welsh Government (WG) to access funding that supports and increases opportunity for play development through the medium of sport and physical activity and enhanced play activity in our leisure centres, parks and tourism venues. • maximising the realignment of the Welsh Government Free Swim Initiative (FSI) capital funding allocation to improve the provision and opportunity of aquatics across our portfolio of leisure centres. An example includes the provision of aquatic based spin bikes at Heolddu LC (The first in south - east Wales) building upon the significant growth in (group) cycling across the UK. • A significant investment into the enhancement of the fitness suite provision at Newbridge Leisure Centre – scheduled to open later this year • A broad and varied range of taster and competition activities delivered in partnership with primary and secondary schools across the county borough engaging thousands of young people in active recreation • Supporting engagement with the 'Daily Mile' aimed at encouraging primary school aged children to become more active on a more regular basis • A range of intergenerational 'return to' activities that have seen people aged 18-75 re-engage with active recreation, EG: Walking Netball, Walking Football and Walking Rugby. • The Positive Futures programme, working in collaboration with a range of stakeholders, including Gwent Police,	Medium	Medium			Yes, the opportunity to access good quality leisure facilities has the potential to contribute to all 7 well-being goals.	Low Short-Term



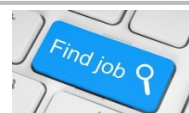
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<p>DC18 18/19</p> <p>Linked to CPA CRR 04</p>	<p>ALL Services:</p> <p>Climate Change</p>	<p>Not being prepared for the impacts associated with climate change. For Caerphilly this will manifest as a more volatile weather pattern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More severe storms resulting in damage to trees and buildings. 2. Increase in winter rainfall resulting in flooding, affecting people, property and infrastructure, including availability of outdoor sport pitches. 3. Extreme Weather Conditions: Difficulty in modifying temperatures in some of our buildings (incl. Housing) could lead to increased financial burden, uncomfortable environment conditions (dangerous temperatures) affecting people's health, wellbeing and delivery/receipt of effective services. 4. Changes in species including a decline in native species, changes in migration patterns and increases in alien and invasive species, including pests and disease. 5. Reduction in summer rainfall resulting in reduced river flows and water availability. 6. Increase in levels of extreme weather such as snow/ice which could potentially impact on not only the travelling public but the elderly/frail and those in fuel poverty. 7. Grass fires. 8. Vehicles being used by the authority are outdated and therefore consuming more fuel and producing higher levels of emissions. 9. (New) Extremities in foliage growth, and the reduction in both street/highways cleansing, and weed control, will have a direct impact on future maintenance and environmental damage controls, potentially leading to systematic failures and increased costs to the authority for response repairs (e.g. Footpaths; Highways; Gullies; Drainage; Cycle-ways) as well as public liabilities. 	<p>A Local Climate Impact Profile (LCLIP) has been prepared and links to other plans including Highways Winter Maintenance Plans, Business Continuity Plans & Emergency Plans etc.</p> <p>Mitigation work being undertaken includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Tree Management Strategy and implementation of resources to manage tree stock. (See DC 24 - Ash Die Back Risk above) 2. Assessing the condition of trees. (See DC 24 - Ash Die Back Risk above) 3. Assessing the vulnerability of drainage infrastructure in excessive rainfall 4. Installing flood risk measures at priority vulnerable locations 5. Considering climate change in the Asset Management Programme 6. Street lighting options being considered to reduce Carbon emissions (See DC 01 - Action 14 above) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resources are in place for surveying our tree stock and tree works being undertaken in accordance with survey recommendations. 2. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (Engineering) in place. Sustainable Drainage Approval Body (SAB) implemented from 7 Jan 2019 to improve control and approval for drainage infrastructure on new developments. 3. Climate emergency declared by full council and decarbonisation strategy and action plan combined with an energy prospectus have been adopted by the Council with a number of actions/ projects being progressed. 4. Electric vehicle charging infrastructure being rolled out in public car parks and council strategic sites and switch to ELV council fleet has commenced with the delivery of a number of smaller electric vans. 5. Street lighting: switch to LED combined with night switch off now fully implemented to achieve carbon reduction and avoid significant additional energy costs. 	High	High	Medium	Medium	<p>Yes - there is an impact to a 'Resilient Wales' by not proactively addressing the operational response to climate change. The contribution to global issues and a 'Globally Responsible Wales' is met through low carbon planning and sustainable development. There is a direct impact to Health also.</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Short, Medium & Long Term</p>
<p>DC20 19/20</p> <p>Page 56</p>	<p>Infrastructure:</p> <p>Asset Management (Highways)</p>	<p>Highways Management / Claims / Litigation:</p> <p>Highways Act 1980 / Flood and Water Management Act 2010 / Well Managed Highway Infrastructure - Code of Practice.</p> <p>Failure to maintain/sustain a safe, efficient and effective transport and land drainage infrastructure, by not delivering timely quality engineering solutions which have regard to the value of the built and natural environment, would ultimately affect inward investment, community mobility and future well-being of our citizens (including air pollution/carbon emissions/shaping our future).</p> <p>See also comments above re: Medium Term Financial Planning and Climate Change risks.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and implement a Highway Management Plan (HMP). 2. Adhere to relevant sections of the 'Well Managed Highway Infrastructure - Code of Proactive (2016). 3. Secure funding and deliver appropriate engineering solutions to prevent further deterioration of the Highways Assets (including Street Lighting). 4. Further embed the principles of a "risk based approach" to highways maintenance (intervention criteria). 5. Develop a Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP) that provides an overview of asset management for the Highway Infrastructure maintained by CCBC 	<p>For the Mitigating Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was completed in 2018/19 - October 2018 - HMP: presented to Regen/Environment Scrutiny and Cabinet for approval, adoption and implementation. 2. October 2018 - Adoption and implementation of the 'Well Managed Highway Infrastructure - Code of Proactive (2016) - Where relevant. (Procedures, policies, practices) 3. Funding now secured through SALIX and delivery of replacement programme commenced April 2019 for the LED Street Lamp replacement and part night lighting programme. Completion anticipated by the end of December 2020. 4. Was completed in 2018/19. 5. November 2016 HAMP presented to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee and cabinet for approval, adoption and implementation. A review of the HAMP is now under way with specific Annual Status and Options Reports (ASOR) also presented to scrutiny on 14/05/2019 with additional funding figures now developed on funding levels required to maintain or improve highway. These to be presented to Cabinet in due course. <p>See also, comments above in the Medium Term Financial Planning and Climate Change risk group.</p>	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	<p>Yes - there is an impact to a 'Resilient/Prosperous Wales' by not proactively addressing the rate of highway deterioration. Also, through 'good engineering solutions' we could improve 'Globally Responsible Wales' by embracing and planning for low carbon and sustainable developments.</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Medium & Long-Term</p>
<p>DC24 2020 New</p> <p>Linked to CPA CRR 11</p>	<p>Fleet</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poor standards of maintenance and lack of drivers hours controls leading to non-compliance with the terms of the Authorities Goods Vehicle Operators licence – These issues may lead to suspension, curtailment or even revocation of the operator's licence. This would mean that the authority would be prohibited from operating any vehicles over 3.5 tonnes gross weight, for example refuse collection or highway maintenance vehicles. 2. MOT failures - Vehicles presented for MOT testing and found to be in an unroadworthy condition are likely to have been in use as such risking road safety and regulatory action. These vehicles are also likely to be unreliable and risk reputational damage to the authority should an accident occur because of a defect. 3. Lack of or untimely completion of driver defect reports - Driver defect reporting is a mandatory requirement of goods vehicle operator licensing and fundamental to safe and reliable vehicle operation of all sizes and types of vehicles. 4. Poor budgetary controls and our inability to create timely and accurate charges/recharges to client groups – Essential to maintaining cash-flow and manage finances – service areas, partners (SFS) & clients. 5. Appropriate and timely vehicle taxation, plating and insurance cover in order to remain in compliance – Risks regulatory action and significant financial penalties. 6. Timely training and education of vehicle and service operatives, to fully understand regulatory requirements and correct operation of fleet vehicles – Risk of non-compliance and damage to vehicles with associated costs. 7. Appropriate repair & maintenance scheduling – risks, for clarity of and ability to respond to service demands and maintaining an active fleet. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work is ongoing to improve all areas of compliance with the requirements of the operators licence since the DVSA Fleet inspection, including major changes to the driver defect reporting system, standards of safety inspections and repairs, close monitoring of Mot test performance and investment in new diagnostic and testing equipment. 2. Changes to the scope of vehicle maintenance such as thorough cleaning of vehicles prior to inspection and the removal of road wheels as part of annual service will improve general vehicle condition and ensure vehicles remain safe and compliant throughout the year. 3. Return to hand written driver defect reporting with strict management of reports submitted. 4. Introduction of financial Month end procedures which ensure timely recharges and invoicing of work carried out for 3rd parties, including obtaining order numbers prior to invoicing. 5. Use of the fleet management system to its fullest extent will ensure vehicle road tax, MOT and insurances are renewed in a timely manner. 6. Service area supervisors have undertaken Operator Licence understanding training and driver referral systems have been implemented to address areas where non compliance are identified which trigger retraining. 7. Monthly advance planning of vehicle maintenance operations distributed to users well in advance to aid operational planning. Service areas are also now invited to become involved in the planning of annual maintenance to assist service delivery. 	<p>A Fleet Service Review has been undertaken with a number of improvements identified and in progress. An Action Plan is being drafted for presentation to the Transformation Board on 8th July 2021. A new Fleet & Vehicle Maintenance Manager has been appointed and supported by an Assistant Transport Manager / Compliance Officer post has been secured to make the necessary improvements. A Fleet Review Officer post (in the Policy Team) has also been developed to undertake a detailed review of vehicle utilisation as part of our switch to electric and ultra low emission vehicles.</p>	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	<p>Yes - Prosperity: Resilience: Healthier: Cohesive Communities: Globally Responsible</p>	<p>Low</p>



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	Fleet Continued...	8. Stability of staff, adequate resourcing, use of technology, better control of our office and workshop environments, securing quality management of business processes, supplies and client outputs. 9. Contract management with SFS, to maximise the value of the managed fleet contract to the Council. 10. Constant fleet vehicle reviews and use across the Council, with a view to reducing costs, fuel use, materials consumption, carbon emissions, environmental impacts, complaints and improving client satisfaction and Council reputation.	8. The fleet management office has suffered a staff turnover which has impacted upon the service levels, similarly, despite advertisement we have been unsuccessful in obtaining a vehicle technician. Team meetings now take place where fleet staff are encouraged to become involved in improvement measures and ideas. 9. Meetings with the managed service provider have been held where the added value of the contract has been discussed and areas remaining outstanding such as community benefits are being addressed. 10. A detailed review of user fleets is underway including detailed work on ultra low emissions vehicles.							
DC25 2020 New Link to CPA CRR 12	Coronavirus (COVID-19)	Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus that presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever (high temperature), a cough, or shortness of breath. Most cases appear to be mild, however, symptoms may progress to a severe pneumonia. COVID-19 can cause severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. CCBC considerations are therefore: 1. Protecting staff (HR advice/exposure/travelling/movements/homeworking). 2. Protecting communities (exposure/access to support - particularly vulnerable persons and vulnerable communities). 3. Ability to maintain and deliver service continuity if there are significant staff away from work (self-isolation/sickness/caring responsibilities) 4. Ability to provide critical Social Care services. 5. Ability to provide clear advice and guidance to staff, schools, communities to reassure and to mitigate concerns and 'misinformation and speculation' within the workforce and the communities we serve. 6. Ability to deal with contaminated areas/de-contaminations (resourcing). 7. Ability to keep abreast of and share all relevant advice and guidance as circulated from Central Government, Welsh Government, Public Health Wales, Local Health Boards, Department of Health & Social Care and other advisory/intervention bodies.	The Council has put comprehensive arrangements in place to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. Subsequently, arrangements have been put in place to support recovery processes, locally, regionally, and nationally.	Currently; - Corporate Management Team (CMT) and key senior officers will be meeting on a daily basis from Mon 16th March 2020. - Internal Coronavirus Group meeting twice weekly cycles and due to meet daily. - Management Network briefing to discuss Human Resource (HR) response. - Managers checking Business Continuity Plans. - Human Resources (HR) reacting to Central Government & Public Health Wales advice as it is issued - Staff returning from areas recognised by the Government, or affected by the coronavirus, including close contacts are self-isolating as medical suspension. - Chief Executive and Leader are in regular dialogue with ABUHB, Public Health Wales, Welsh Government (WG) and Welsh Local Government Association (WLGGA). - HR advice issued to officers/offices/staff to: Catch It - Bin It - Kill It. - Intranet and public advice regular updated. Public health advice on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is also available via the all-Wales Health Protection service on 0300 003 0032 during working hours (and with access via this number to out of hours services) Guidance for self-isolation can be found on the following weblink: https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/	Medium	Medium			Yes - Resilience: Healthier: Cohesive Communities: Globally Responsible	Medium Based on current Government /Health Board concerns (March 2021)



Currently, within the CCBC Corporate Plan, there are 6 Well-being Objectives (with a suite of outcomes set over five years - 2018/2023). Three of those objectives are coordinated through this Directorate. See below:



WBO 2 – Enabling Employment

This objective has 5 medium to long-term outcomes. The 2020-21 delivery year has been an unprecedented year for the objective of Enabling Employment. The Covid-19 pandemic has presented unique challenges for the economy, with far-reaching consequences for both employers and employees. The first quarter of the year saw an almost total stall in employment across many sectors, followed by a slow and intermittent recovery throughout the remainder of the year, which was impacted by further lockdowns. Although the Furlough scheme has provided security for many employees, mass redundancy and unemployment has been an inevitable feature of the economic fallout from the pandemic. Internally, the initial onset of the pandemic also saw large sections of the Council's workforce redeployed to priority service areas (for example ESF employment programme staff were redeployed to support foodbanks and free school meals), resulting in unavoidable effects on employment support capacity. Unsurprisingly, these major external factors have had a significant impact on the progress of the Wellbeing Objective within the reporting period. However, at an overall level and taking into account the challenges of the pandemic, this objective is judged to be **progressing satisfactorily**, particularly in relation to employment support.

What has gone well?

Employment programmes (please note, although only the CfW and CfW+ programme sit within this directorate, for the purpose of the Wellbeing Objective figures have been collated from all CCBC employment programmes, including those ESF programmes that sit within Education (Bridges into Work2, Inspire 2 Work, Working Skills for Adults 2, Nurture, Equip and Thrive)

- **256 participants supported into employment** - Despite the major challenges to employment presented by the pandemic, the Council's employment programmes continued to deliver a high-quality employment support service which supported customers into employment throughout the year. Whilst these challenges did ultimately result in outcomes falling below target across the various employment programmes, it is felt that this can be justified given the unprecedented circumstances of the reporting period. Employment managers from other authorities have also confirmed that this is indicative of performance levels across Wales over the past year. Detailed performance figures for each programme are contained within Appendix 1.
- **Positive Outcomes for 16-24 age group** – The picture in terms of young people (aged 16-24) was far more positive, with delivery generally running according to profile. This is of particular importance given that this age group were determined to have been most at risk with regards to employment prospects as a result of the pandemic.
- **40% "Into Employment" conversion rate** (as an average across all programmes) - Figures for job entries must also be considered in the context of lower engagement figures generally. Engagement of new customers in general was a significant challenge over the past year, due to issues including shielding, childcare and limitations to public transport. When this lower rate of engagement is taken into account, the conversion rate of engagements to job entries is extremely positive.
- **Support for customers with disabilities and work limiting health conditions** – Employment programmes also continued to provide excellent support for customers with disabilities and work limiting health conditions, despite the fact that the pandemic and subsequent increased risks to health exacerbated barriers for many of these individuals. For example, the Communities for Work Plus programme met Welsh Government targets for supporting those with disabilities, with 20% of all job entries relating to participants with either a disability or work limiting health condition.
- Staff members from employment teams have been flexible in adapting and responding to the challenges of the pandemic and remote working. With face to face contact severely limited, employment mentors have had to adjust to supporting customers via remote means (phone and video calls), whilst maintaining the same quality of service. The restrictions of lockdowns have also led to the emergence of new barriers for customers in relation to remote working considerations. A shift to remote communication has resulted in increased demand for online training and interviews, meaning that employment staff have had to adapt their services to support customers in developing new digital skills to enable them to participate in the labour market.
- **Social Media engagement** – As a response to the challenges presented by the pandemic, all employment programmes within the Authority have worked closely together to adapt and develop an updated and co-ordinated approach to engagement in our most deprived communities. Most notably, in the latter part of the year this engagement activity has included a focused effort to greater expand our social media presence, which has resulted in real outcomes in terms of increased engagement.
- **Business Liaison** – With the economic challenges of the past year, maintaining contact with employers has been more important than ever. The ongoing work of the Business Liaison Team, based within the employment programmes, has ensured that employment officers have been able to respond quickly to changes in labour market demand. An ongoing dialogue with local employers has enabled employment teams to anticipate upcoming opportunities and plan participant training accordingly, supporting employers to recruit successfully at each stage of the economy's re-opening after each lockdown.

Procurement

Significant progress has been made on the implementation of Themes, Outcomes and Measures (TOMs) and their formal adoption via the Social Value Portal. From early 2020/21 the TOMs methodology is being included in all relevant procurement processes in line with the Programme for Procurement (2018-2023). In addition, the team continue to be actively involved with a National TOMs Framework for Wales via the WLGA and supported by the National Social Value Taskforce Wales (NSVT Wales). Caerphilly CBC specific and National TOMs for Wales have been designed to help Caerphilly CBC and other organisations measure and maximise the Social Value they create through the delivery of their services across the 7 Well-being Goals and importantly they will allow organisations to report Value created as a financial contribution to society. A draft of the Council's Social Value Policy has been developed and is being readied for consultation.

An exceptional response was received from suppliers & contractors for the annual Food Bank appeal despite the current pandemic. Donations were received from 56 suppliers & contractors totalling over £8,000.

Well-being Objectives



In addition to the above the team were awarded winners status at the Go Awards Wales 2020 for the Social Value category and recognised at the National Go Awards.

City Deal Alignment

In March 2020, a Full Business Case (FBC) was approved by the Cardiff Capital Region Cabinet for Homes for all the Region – the Housing Investment Fund (HIF). The HIF will provide capital funding to housing sites that are determined as being unviable on account of abnormal infrastructure or remediation costs. In January 2021 the Council submitted three applications to the Cardiff Capital Region, 2 of which have been successful and can progress to the next stage of assessment.

As part of the work to identify land for the Plot Shop, the Strategic Planning team have worked closely with colleagues from Housing, Property and Parks to identify a large number of potential sites for consideration. Consultation with key stakeholders was undertaken to establish any significant constraints to development and a shortlist of sites that were deemed acceptable in principle for development and were located in areas that would appeal to the self-build market were identified. However after extensive investigation it was considered that the majority of the sites identified would not be viable at this time. Officers are however continuing to work with colleagues from neighbouring authorities to identify opportunities to bring sites forward which are viable and may be attractive for self build.

What has not gone well?

Employment Programmes

- Employment programme outcomes have fallen below profile within 2021/21, as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic. There are many factors that have contributed to this profile variance, from the effect of lockdowns on individuals through to the wider impact on the economy in general. Poor IT access, low digital skills and lack of equipment has hampered delivery as many participants either do not have access to or are unable to use the internet.
- In particular, outcomes relating to Economically Inactive participants, those aged 25+ and those from the most deprived communities have been the most negatively impacted. Whilst all customers have experienced increased barriers as a result of the pandemic, these groups in particular have been disproportionately impacted due to factors including childcare/home schooling considerations and also by shielding due to increased medical vulnerability.
- Referrals to employment programmes from Job Centre Plus (JCP) have fallen dramatically over the course of the pandemic, due to JCP office closures, staff redeployment and a removal in the conditionality for customers to demonstrate job seeking activity as a requirement of their claim. This has contributed significantly to general lower engagement numbers across the employment programmes, given that JCP has always been the main referrer into these programmes. Consequently, this has demonstrated the problem of an over-reliance on one dominant referral source; and forward planning for the employment programmes will include a focus on how teams can grow additional referral sources moving forward.

Training outcomes for the period were also low. Many training providers were not running courses during the earliest lockdown phases; and the limited provision that was available was delivered online, excluding those with lack of digital skills and/or appropriate equipment. In addition, many accredited courses and licences, which are a requirement of specific vocations (e.g. CSCS), were not able to be granted without assessment conducted face to face, which was not an option during the strictest lockdown periods.

Procurement

The current pandemic has impacted some suppliers, service providers and contractors ability to proactively deliver community benefits / social value outcomes. However, the team are supporting these suppliers to remove barriers and reduce emerging risks that would prevent agreed outcomes being met.

Housing Stock Investment

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Housing Repair Operations (HRO) and Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) works have been suspended for much of the year, with the exception of emergency repairs and works to voids. As a consequence, neither HRO or WHQS have recruited any apprentices or been able to accommodate work placements during 2020/21. It is anticipated that apprenticeships and placements will be made available during 2021/22.

Impact

Employment

Despite falling below profile (primarily due to the lower numbers of participants who chose to engage), employment programmes still achieved the following headline outcomes in 2020/21, representing very real successes for those customers who felt able to engage throughout the pandemic. The impact of gaining employment is significant and presents a very clear route of poverty and social exclusion for many customers in deprived communities. For those customers who may have become unemployed as a result of the pandemic and were then supported back into employment, these outcomes may have prevented a long-term reliance on benefits and potential other issues including debt and housing concerns which may arise from longer-term unemployment. The following figures represent stats from all of the Council’s employment programmes (funded by both WG and ESF):

Total Participants Supported	718		
		Qualifications Gained	78
		Vocational Training	56
		Voluntary Placements	6

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Job Entries

256

(Please note: these figures may include some double counting of participants due to customers becoming eligible for different programmes at different stages; however each outcome claimed represents a separate event).

Procurement

Successful suppliers, service providers & contractors continue to deliver community benefit / social value initiatives as part of contract arrangements, which include but are not limited to Targeted Recruitment & Training, Community, Educational and Supply Chain initiatives. A number of initiatives have been delivered and supported throughout the year as part of various projects and programmes of work. Further case studies to follow in due course.

Lessons learned/Need to Improve

- As a service we have had to adapt and review our operating methods - the service has been operating on a mainly remote basis, which has produced some positives and has identified some areas where efficiencies can be made by operating more remotely; however it is evident that for many customers, particularly those who are most vulnerable and excluded, a return to face to face contact will be necessary once restrictions allow.
- Need to identify more intensive engagement methods to engage Economically Inactive participants. Learnt importance of not having over-reliance on DWP/Jobcentres for engagement, as this presents significant impact upon engagement outcomes if JCPs lock down
- Identified need to further build relationships and promotion of programmes internally within CCBC, to maximise internal referrals received
- Need to revisit relationships formed previously with partners to retain contact and encourage new referrals

Future Focus

- Respond to continuing economic recovery maintaining close links with employers to gain labour market intelligence and enable us to be responsive to emerging opportunities
- Develop relevant training pathways for demand sectors (e.g. hospitality) as economy begins to reopen in many sectors
- Plan and develop new initiatives to engage Economically Inactive participants
- Collaborate with other CCBC ESF employment programmes to develop exit plans as we transition into final year of funding
- Work with other authorities within CCR to develop pilot initiatives as precursor to potential future funding, including Shared Prosperity Fund (in line with Cardiff Capital Regional Skills Partnership **Employment and Skills Plan**)



WBO 4 - Promote a modern, integrated and sustainable transport system that increases opportunity, promotes prosperity and minimises the adverse impacts on the environment

This objective has 6 long-term outcomes. **Good progress** continues to be made in relation to most of the key outcomes related to this Well-being Objective. To date, we have:

- Continuing to implement programmed works as referenced in the Integrated Network Maps for Active Travel Routes (15 year plan), that was formally approved by Welsh Government in February 2018
- Caerphilly continues to work with the delivery of the South Wales Metro and a £30m jointly funded investment package for Metro Plus schemes has been agreed with Welsh Government at the start of 2019/20.
- Work on site investigation for Llanbradach Park and Ride, as part of Metro plus schemes, has been completed. Feasibility design is ongoing.
- Discussions in relation to the Nelson to Ystrad Mynach passenger services have started, but are in relatively early stages. This line is still currently used as a freight line, transporting coal from the opencast mine in Merthyr Tydfil.
- The issue of protecting a route between Caerphilly to Newport, to potentially allow the reinstatement of a public transport route, is with Transport for Wales for consideration as part of their Metro Enhancement Framework. This is a long term aspiration.
- Improvements to bus stops in the Caerphilly basin have been substantially delivered in 2019/20. Design and construction of the first phase of 200 Mid Valley area bus stops is progressing well with delivery of approx. 100 stops in 2019/20 with the remainder in 2020/21.
- Broadband improvements to Risca area continued through 2019/20. 7,500 homes in Risca have been connected to the Virgin broadband network with a 350Mb speed and capability for up to 500Mb speed at the property. The Risca scheme was second in country in the initial take up with sales figures at around 33%. Virgin Media are now in the process of building their fibre network in Caerphilly town over an 18 month period to connect 12,500 homes. Connectivity of the first homes is expected to go live at the end of February 2020 with 300 – 480 homes per month thereafter. This Plan has connectivity at its heart, promoting accessibility, the Metro and digital and Broadband improvements that support innovation and improves accessibility for all.
- The £30m jointly funded investment package for Metro plus schemes across the region has been progressed in 2019/20. The key project for the authority within this programme is the Caerphilly Interchange. The initial feasibility work for this project has been completed and the final draft Placemaking Plan has been presented to key stakeholders. The Caerphilly Interchange is a key aspect of the Placemaking Plan. The **Caerphilly Placemaking Plan** covers many other Regeneration aspects and proposals within the Town. A wider public consultation will be undertaken in early 2020.

The progress we have made in 2020/21:

Despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic TfW are progressing the detailed design for the **Core Valley Lines (CVL) transformation programme**. The Rhymney line is part of the South Wales Metro Project (2019 to 2024). A WelTAG Stage 1 study was commissioned via TfW and completed for the Central Rhymney line Park & Ride (P&R) study. This confirmed support for the Llanbradach and Ystrad Mynach P&R proposals. A WelTAG Stage 2 study has been commissioned and will be completed in 2021/22.

The £30m jointly funded investment package for Metro plus schemes across the region has been progressed in 2020/21. The key project for the authority within this programme is the Caerphilly Interchange. A RIBA Stage 1 study, commissioned via TfW, was completed. Working with the Design Commission for Wales, work has begun on commissioning the RIBA Stages 2 & 3 study/design in 2022/22 along with the WelTAG Stage 2. Wider public consultation will be undertaken during 2021/22 as part of the Caerphilly 2035 project.

A dialogue is being maintained with WG & TfW officials to discuss the ongoing CVL committed investment and the Council's Metro plus aspirations. This dialogue includes both the longer term aspirations for the Ystrad Mynach to Nelson rail line and the Caerphilly to Newport corridor Metro improvements. Through the Cardiff Capital Region Transport Authority (CCRTA), Officers are working with WG to identify future Metro strategic priorities.

The second phase of the Mid Valley area bus corridor improvements progressed in 2020/21 with the delivery of 60 bus stop improvements with the limited funding award from WG. Further funding has been secured in 2021/22 to complete the bus corridor improvement programme for the county borough that will improve accessibility for passengers.

TfW are still developing proposals for a 4 trains per hour service on the Ebbw Valley Railway that would require significant improvements to Crumlin and Newbridge stations, with a view to delivery by 2024. Details of the revised business case are expected to be shared by TfW with key stakeholders in 2020. This work has somewhat been delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic and the significant impact it has had on public transport services.

The Ystrad Mynach to Penpedairheol and Cefn Hengoed active travel route (INMC24) has been substantially completed. The outstanding works will be completed in Q1 of 2021/22.

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£980k was secured from WG's in year Sustainable Travel Covid Response grant. This funded a social distancing schemes in Blackwood (widened footways and with Parklets), Risca and Fleur-de-Lis (bus stop improvement) and active travel schemes in Maesycwmmmer (pedestrian crossing), Nelson (one way , footway and cycleway) and Ystrad Mynach (Lewis Street cycleway).

Installation of new electric vehicle 22kw fast charge points for residential / public use in 11 of the Council's public car parks.

Virgin Media have continued to accelerate their lightning build throughout Caerphilly Borough, where customers will be able to take benefit from the new Gig 1 service – delivering average broadband speeds of 516mbs download (50x faster than the standard UK broadband). **Virgin are nearing the end of the fibre network construction in Caerphilly, with 10.5k homes reached to date, the final 1.5k homes to be reached by July 2021.** Sales penetration in the area has been great with 39%* of customers choosing to take service with us.

*%based on 12 month average

The impact of our work, including what have we learnt and where do we need to improve:

Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic has significant impacted on the country in many tragic ways, one of the positives has been the increase in active travel and the greater interest in improving local infrastructure. This has been evidenced by the significant public engagement with the consultation on the review of the adopted Active Travel Integrated Network Map (almost 3000 hits/responses). The use of on line data mapping has proved to be very effective and easy to use. This form of public engagement should be used more extensively for future consultations.

The near completion of the bus corridor enhancement programme means that all residents across the county borough will benefit from accessible bus stop infrastructure and passenger transport information.

WG is providing increasing sums for Active Travel grant funded schemes, so we need to build up our capacity into increase our development and delivery of the Active Travel infrastructure programme.

What is our future focus?

Continue to make progress with the above activities. In particular:

Complete the review of the Active Travel Integrated Network Map and development of the new Active Travel Network Map.

Increasing out capacity for faster delivery of the Active Travel infrastructure programme

Progress the detailed architectural design for Caerphilly Interchange and target the new UK Levelling Up Fund for its delivery my March 2025.

Design of the Llanbradach and Ystrad Mynach Park & Ride schemes and design.

Review the updated business case for the Ebbw Valley Railway ensuring the Council's priorities for Crumlin and Newbridge are taken into account.

Continue to develop the EV charging infrastructure for public, taxi and public transport use.



WBO 5 - Creating a County Borough that supports a Healthy Lifestyle in accordance with the Sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Summary of progress:

This objective has 2 long-term outcomes, and at present, the objective is judged to be **progressing well**. The differences and impacts made in this 3rd year of a 5-year plan, are outlined below.

What went well in 2020/21.

Key progress and achievements were:

- The development of an Athletics Track in Oakdale that will support Education, community use and future club development.
- The enhancement of 2 x multi use 3G pitches at Lewis School, Pengam and Ysgol Cwm Rhymini, Fleur de Lys.
- Accessing funding from a Sport Wales to support the development of an enhanced outdoor facility at St Cenydd Campus from an aged and poorly maintained Astro Turf Pitch (ATP) to a new multi-use 3G facility.
- Working collaboratively with Play Wales and Welsh Government (WG) to access funding that supports and increases opportunity for play development through the medium of sport and physical activity and enhanced play activity in our leisure centres, parks and tourism venues.
- Maximising the realignment of the Welsh Government Free Swim Initiative (FSI) capital funding allocation to improve the provision and opportunity of aquatics across our portfolio of leisure centres. An example includes the provision of aquatic based spin bikes at Heolddu LC (The first in South - East Wales) building upon the significant growth in (group) cycling across the UK.
- A significant investment into the enhancement of the fitness suite provision at Newbridge Leisure Centre – scheduled to open later this year.
- A broad and varied range of taster and competition activities delivered in partnership with primary and secondary schools across the county borough engaging thousands of young people in active recreation.
- Supporting engagement with the 'Daily Mile' aimed at encouraging primary school aged children to become more active on a more regular basis.
- A range of intergenerational 'return to' activities that have seen people aged 18-75 re-engage with active recreation, EG: Walking Netball, Walking Football and Walking Rugby.
- The Positive Futures programme, working in collaboration with a range of stakeholders, including Gwent Police,.
- Over 30 young people engaged and trained as part of the 'Coach of the Future' programme .
- Supporting the Caerphilly Challenge Series and over 3000 pupil visits to various outdoor venues.
- More than 1400 clients engaging in the National Exercise Referral Scheme (NERS) in programmes such as Cardiac Rehabilitation, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Diabetes and Obesity.

Healthy Schools: 20 schools have now achieved the Healthy Schools National Quality Award. This equates to 23% of our schools. This is well above the national target of 10%.

Period Dignity: The period dignity working group continues, and during the pandemic, we sent out over 1200 packs of sanitary products to Free School Meal registered girls aged 10-18. Additionally, products were also delivered out to our communities and all schools, to distribute where necessary. Eco friendly products have been purchased from the 2019/20 grant, and distributed to all schools.

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The impact of our work, including what have we learnt and where do we need to improve:

Healthy Schools: Unfortunately, due to covid-19 the Healthy Schools Scheme has currently been suspended, due to many key Public Health Wales staff being redeployed to other areas. This has meant we haven't been able to support any schools in achieving the National Quality Award since March 2020. A full review on whether accreditations can continue will take place in April 2021.

Period Dignity: Develop a structured process that ensures products are delivered directly to schools and made freely available to girls throughout the year (primary and secondary). Develop educational resources that supports our young peoples knowledge on eco-friendly products.

Our focus for the future:

Healthy Schools: A full review on whether accreditations can continue will take place in April 2021.

Period Dignity: Ensure grant money is utilised to provide girls with eco-friendly produces. All young people receive education on the need for using eco-friendly products, as well on how to use them correctly. Develop a more suitable logistical plan, ensuring products are distributed to schools and girls more frequent.

Conclusion



Highlights coming out of the information

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What have we learnt and what needs improving and why?

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Are we? 1. Involving 2. Collaborating 3. Thinking long-term 4. Integrating 5. Preventing (& Sustainable)

Conclusion



Progress against priority actions from last quarter	By whom	By when	Update
Despite the significant effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, service priorities and Well Being Objectives have generally been well progressed with only 1 priority showing as black (not yet started) and 2 showing as red (started but not progressing well) out of a total of 41 priorities.			

Priority actions for next quarter - What support is needed from Corporate Management Team	By whom	By when	Update
Progressing key service reviews in the Waste Service and Fleet Management Service			
Implementing Recovery Plans following the Pandemic (new)	Dir/HoS	Ongoing	
Progressing the demolition of the properties on Hafodrynys Road in accordance with the Welsh Government (WG) Air Quality Direction	Dir/HoS	Ongoing	
Progressing with key 'Regeneration Actions' linked to the external funding streams, WG Regional Strategies and the Authority's emerging Placemaking Plan.	Dir/HoS	Ongoing	
Take part of deep dive 'review' into understanding absence	Dir/HoS	1st quarter update	
Update Risk Register - especially those that are part of the CPA risk register	Dir/HoS	Jul-21	

Feedback recognition and actions from Corporate Management Team	By whom	By when	Update
Recognition and appreciation for how hard people have worked through the pandemic.	Chief Exec and Director		

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Grouping	Description	COMMUNITY & LEISURE - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	Q1 18/19	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 19/20	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 20/21	Q2	Q3	Q4
WS & O	Refuse & Cleansing	WS&O - Average number of working days taken to clear fly-tipping incidents reported to the authority during the year	Quarterly	Number	5.0	Hayley Jones	New			2.50	5.00	4.00	6.42	1.70	0.86	2.70	2.14	2.31
WS & O	Refuse & Cleansing	WS&O - The percentage of municipal waste collected by local authorities and prepared for reuse and/or recycled, including source segregated biowastes that are composted or treated biologically in another way [WMT009] (Accum)	Quarterly (accum)	%	58.0	Hayley Jones	70.49	68.76	66.50	65.08	65.60	66.63	62.77	59.80	59.06	61.37	61.05	61.92
WS & O	Refuse & Cleansing	Average time (days) to collect bulky waste items	Quarterly	days	N/A	Hayley Jones	15.30	13.00	13.90	11.10	7.40	5.04	16.18	6.01	10.63	17.30	10.08	5.59
WS & O	Refuse & Cleansing	Number of; Missed waste and recycling collections (food, garden, waste, recycling) (Accum)	Quarterly (accum)	Number	N/A	Rhodri Lloyd & Melanie Jones					2,086	4,382	4,891	6,561	3,030	6,247	8,451	10,706
WS & O	Refuse & Cleansing	Missed waste and recycling collections as a % of total collections undertaken (food, garden, waste, recycling) (Accum)	Quarterly (accum)	%		Hayley Jones					0.06	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.07
Transport	Fleet Vehicles	Vehicle Availability (%) - Refuse (RCVs)	Quarterly	%	85.0	Lynne Price					76.70	82.98	88.15	76.32	85.84	78.84	77.53	75.04
Transport	Fleet Vehicles	Vehicle Availability (%) - Recycling	Quarterly	%	85.0	Lynne Price					83.55	87.86	81.55	79.63	83.33	85.09	84.72	90.71
Transport	Fleet Vehicles	Vehicle Availability (%) - Green Waste	Quarterly	%	85.0	Lynne Price					90.38	90.33	92.87	84.77	91.45	89.43	91.20	89.29
Sports & Leisure	Finance (Costs)	S&L - Net cost per visit to indoor sport facilities (£'s)	Quarterly	£'s	1.58	Jeff Reynolds	1.35	1.60	1.61	1.50	1.48	1.26	1.07	1.10	N/A	N/A	23.14	N/A
Sports & Leisure	Customer Satisfaction	Net Promoter Score - Leisure Customer Rating (0-10) Survey: How likely are you to recommend Leisure Lifestyle to friends and family (% Promoters scoring 9-10 less % Detractors scoring 0-6)	Quarterly	Number	53.0	Jeff Reynolds	59.00	58.00	58.00	61.00	61.00	62.00	60.00	56.00	53.00	45.00	61.00	64.00
Sports & Leisure	Sport & Health Engagement	Number of participants in Sports Development and NERS activities (Accum)	Quarterly (accum)	Number	85,468	Jared Lougher					16,846	36,838	57,542	71,574	0	3,915	6,056	6,936

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Grouping	Description	COMMUNITY & LEISURE - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
Sports & Leisure	Sport & Health Engagement	S&L - PAM017 (LCS002b) - Number of visits to indoor & outdoor sport facilities per 1,000 population	Annual	No/1,000	9,000	Jeff Reynolds	7,593.0	7,791.5	7,191.5	7,292.8	5,973.0	315.0	
Sports & Leisure	Sport & Health Engagement	S&L - % Children age 11 yrs able to swim 25 metres (Yrly)	Annual	%	76.0	Jeff Reynolds	62.5	54.0	54.0	47.0	36.5	0.0	nil - swimming lesson programme suspended due to COVID
Green Spaces	Outdoor Facilities	GS - Number of visitors to Country Parks	Annual	Number	1,350,000	Philip Griffiths		1,200,000	1,450,000	1,520,000	1,530,000		
Transport	Carbon Management	T&F - CCBC Operating Fleet - Tonnes CO2 emissions from Diesel Consumption (Yrly)	Annual	Tonnes		Lynne Price	3,834	3,893	3,884	3,795	3,647	3,416	
Transport	Carbon Management	Number of electric vehicles	Annual	Number		Mike Headington	0	0	0	0	0	3	

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Grouping	Description	INFRASTRUCTURE - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	Q1 18/19	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 19/20	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 20/21	Q2	Q3	Q4
TEG	Demand & Response	TEG - The total number of planning applications sent back to the Planning authority within the required timescale	Quarterly	Number		Andrew Vick	156	66	94	118	109	79	80	91	111	70	109	130
TEG	Demand & Response	TEG - The total number of planning applications received	Quarterly	Number		Andrew Vick	166	112	94	120	124	80	83	92	113	72	105	136
TEG	Enforcement	Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) - Number of Notices Issued	Quarterly	Number		Dean Smith					3,145	2,729	2,771	2,882	32	1,423	1,550	568

Grouping	Description	INFRASTRUCTURE - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
TEG	Highway Adoptions	TEG - Number of highway adoptions completed	Annual	Number		Andrew Vick	12	21	15	8	5	9
TEG	Highway Safety	TEG - Number of casualties per 100,000 vehicle kilometres of local roads reported during the year	Annual	Number		Andrew Vick	23.1	19.2	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
TEG	Bus Services	TEG - Subsidy per bus passenger (£)	Annual	£		Geraint Roberts	0.72	0.71	0.68	0.73	0.90	2.89
EPG	Inspections	EPG - Number of general bridge inspections	Annual	Number	Under Review	Jonathan Abraham	130	190	140	178	115	172
EPG	Inspections	EPG - Number of general inspections for confined space culverts	Annual	Number	Under Review	Jonathan Abraham	60	55	54	95	34	51
EPG	Inspections	EPG - Number of Principle Inspections (PI's - 6 Yr Cycles)	Annual	Number	12.0	Julian Higgs	0	4	1	8	12	0
HOG	Road Conditions	HOG - THS012 The percentage of principal (A) roads, non-principal (B) roads and non-principal (C) roads that are in overall poor condition [Yrly]	Annual	%	4.5	Gareth M Richards	6.61	6.53	5.66	5.20	4.50	3.90
HOG	Highway Repairs	HOG - Eng 5 Average time taken to rectify highway surface defects that were identified for this period (No of days) [Yrly]	Annual	Number of Days	42.0	Gareth M Richards	37.0	33.0	44.9	43.0	32.8	43.6
HOG	Highway Maintenance	HOG - Percentage of budget spent on Planned Maintenance against Reactive Maintenance (APSE - Relates to carriageway works only)	Annual	%	70.0	Gareth M Richards		56.60	54.70	63.24	58.30	NYA

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Grouping	Description	CORPORATE PROPERTY - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
STATUTORY TESTING	Compliance for Key Disciplines	% Corporate Buildings (excluding leased out buildings and housing) with valid certification for periodic electrical, annual gas, annual legionella and fire risk assessment testing and inspection.	Annual	Percentage	100%	Alun Ford		99.75	99.75	100.00	100.00	100.00
STATUTORY TESTING	Overdue Remedial Tasks for Key Disciplines	Total (No.) overdue P1 & P2 remedial tasks for corporate Buildings (excluding leased out buildings and housing) and arising from periodic electrical, annual gas, annual legionella and fire risk assessment testing and inspection.	Annual	Number	0	Alun Ford		699	699	391	87	45
CONDITION	Value of Backlog Maintenance - Urgent	Total estimated value of URGENT works for corporate buildings (excluding leased out buildings and housing) based on latest condition surveys (£'s) - Priority 1	Annual	£	0	Alun Ford			2,332,000	1,181,000	923,869	796,401
CONDITION	Value of Backlog Maintenance - Essential	Total estimated value of ESSENTIAL works for corporate buildings (excluding leased out buildings and housing) based on latest condition surveys (£'s) - Priority 2	Annual	£	Reduction	Alun Ford			20,189,000	21,238,000	22,236,374	19,653,382
DISPOSALS	Capital Receipts	Total value of in year capital receipts for the sale of land and property (£'s)	Annual	£	None	Tim Broadhurst				1,354,390	765,500	
ENERGY	Consumption Electricity	Total electricity used in eleven core corporate offices (kWh) <i>(Ty Penallta, Ty Tredomen, Foxes Lane, Mill Road, Cherry Tree House, Tir-y-Berth, Ty Bargoed, Ty Gilfach, Ty Graddfa, Ty Pontywindy and Woodfieldside Units 1,2,3 & 6)</i>	Annual	kWhrs	Reduction	Paul Rossiter		4,347,629	3,510,070	3,460,037	3,248,957	3,751,030
ENERGY	Consumption Electricity	Total electricity used in Ty Penallta Office (kWh)	Annual	kWhrs	Reduction	Paul Rossiter		1,811,718	1,252,998	1,389,032	1,275,496	1,962,782
ENERGY	Consumption Gas	Total gas used in eleven core corporate offices (kWh) <i>(Ty Penallta, Ty Tredomen, Foxes Lane, Mill Road, Cherry Tree House, Tir-y-Berth, Ty Bargoed, Ty Gilfach, Ty Graddfa, Ty Pontywindy and Woodfieldside Units 1,2,3 & 6)</i>	Annual	kWhrs	Reduction	Paul Rossiter		3,059,382	2,626,774	2,700,675	2,479,956	2,520,117
ENERGY	Renewable Electricity Generation	Total annual renewable electricity generation via Council owned photovoltaic arrays (kWh)	Annual	kWhrs	Increase	Paul Rossiter				621,790	666,872	746,090

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Grouping	Description	PUBLIC PROTECTION - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	Q1 18/19	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 19/20	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 20/21	Q2	Q3	Q4
Trading Stds	Enforcement & Support	The percentage of significant breaches that were rectified by intervention for Trading Standards (Accum)	Quarterly (accum)	%	100%	Jacqui Morgan	72	97	97	95	100	97	93	98	100	91	94	100
Food Safety	Inspections	The percentage of high risk businesses that were liable to a programmed inspection that were inspected for Food Hygiene (Accum)	Quarterly (accum)	%	100%	Michele Wehden	72	82	97	100	97	81	94	96	Not available	Not available	0	0
Env Health	Enforcement	Number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for dog fouling and not having the means to pick up (Accum)	Quarterly (accum)	Number		Jillian Nott	6	31	41	56	13	23	29	31	3	4	4	4
Env Health	Enforcement	Number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for littering (Accum)	Quarterly (accum)	Number		Jillian Nott	48	73	92	109	17	34	51	77	7	16	17	26

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Grouping	Description	REGENERATION & PLANNING - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	Q1 18/19	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 19/20	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 20/21	Q2	Q3	Q4
Planning	Applications Processing	% of major applications determined on time for each quarter	Quarterly	%	50%	Ryan Thomas	33.3	14.3	0.0	20.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0
Planning	Applications Processing	% of major applications that are approved.	Quarterly	%	90%	Ryan Thomas										100.0	100.0	100.0
Planning	Applications Processing	% of minor and householder applications determined on time for each quarter	Quarterly	%	80%	Ryan Thomas	92.7	88.2	91.3	88.8	85.3	88.5	87.2	97.7	97.9	95.3	93.2	95.3
Planning	Applications Processing	Average time taken to determine all applications in days	Quarterly	Days	65	Ryan Thomas	68.0	72.0	75.0	69.0	75.0	75.0	104.0	74.0	79.0	74.0	70.0	93.0
Enforcement	Enforcement	Average time taken to investigate enforcement cases in days	Quarterly	Days	84	Ryan Thomas	31.0	28.0	32.0	45.0	48.0	63.0	65.0	76.0	47.0	45.0	73.0	153.0
Regeneration	Industry/Office Provision	% of occupancy of Council owned industrial and office property portfolio	Quarterly	%	98	Allan Dallimore	95.2	91.6	95.0	95.0	94.0	98.5	98.2	97.8	98.1	98.1	97.2	96.6
Regeneration	Retail Provision	% of occupancy of Council owned retail property portfolio (Lowry Plaza)	Quarterly	%	95	Allan Dallimore	62.5	62.5	62.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Destination & Events	Tourism	Number of Visitors to the Centre (not the site) - Cwmcarn Forest Drive (Accum)	Quarterly (accum)	Number	250,000/yr	Antony Bolter	74,575	142,168	188,625	239,181	65,762	135,605	170,806	199,353	0	31,046	44,993	44,993

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Grouping	Description	COMMUNITY & LEISURE - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
WS & O	PAM's	PAM010: The percentage of highways inspected of a high or acceptable standard of cleanliness	Annual	%		Tudor Lewis		96.8	96.4	96.5	96.2	0.0	
WS & O	PAM's	PAM011: The percentage of reported fly tipping incidents cleared within 5-working days	Annual	%		Tracy Gwyther		99.7	99.8				Deleted 18/19
WS & O	PAM's	PAM035: Average number of working days taken to clear fly-tipping incidents reported to the authority during the year	Annual	Number		Tracy Gwyther				2.5	4.1	1.9	New 18/19
WS & O	PAM's	PAM030: The percentage of municipal waste collected by local authorities and prepared for reuse and/or recycled, including source segregated bio wastes that are composted or treated biologically in another way	Annual	%		Hayley Jones		65.5	66.7	63.0	62.5	61.9	
WS & O	PAM's	PAM031: The percentage of municipal waste collected by local authorities sent to landfill	Annual	%		Hayley Jones		4.2	1.2				Deleted 18/19
WS & O	PAM's	PAM043: Kilogram of residual waste generated during the year per person	Annual	Kg		Hayley Jones				162.0	156.1	274.1	New 18/19
Sports & Leisure	PAM's	PAM017: The number of visits to local authority sport and leisure centres during the year where the visitor will be participating in physical activity, per 1,000 population	Annual	Number /1,000		Jeff Reynolds	7,593.0	7,791.5	7,191.5	7,292.8	5,973.0	315.0	See Base Data - Performance tab
Sports & Leisure	PAM's	PAM041: Percentage of National Exercise Referral Scheme (NERS) clients who continued to participate in the exercise programme at 16 weeks	Annual	%		Jared Laughler & James Craig				51.0	52.0		New 18/19
Sports & Leisure	PAM's	PAM042: Percentage of National Exercise Referral Scheme (NERS) clients who reported an increase in leisure minutes at 16 weeks	Annual	%		Jared Laughler & James Craig				73.0	76.0		New 18/19

Can/Are any of the PAM's collected or measured QUARTERLY?

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Grouping	Description	INFRASTRUCTURE - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
HOG	PAM's	PAM020: The percentage of principal (A) roads, that are in overall poor condition	Annual	%		Gavin Barry (John Cumper)		4.30	4.60	3.90	4.10	3.00	
HOG	PAM's	PAM021: The percentage of principal (B) roads, that are in overall poor condition	Annual	%		Gavin Barry (John Cumper)		3.70	3.60	3.40	3.30	2.40	
HOG	PAM's	PAM022: The percentage of principal (C) roads, that are in overall poor condition	Annual	%		Gavin Barry (John Cumper)		8.70	7.30	6.60	6.00	4.90	

Grouping	Description	PUBLIC PROTECTION - Measures	Frequency	Unit of Measure	Target	OWNER	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
	PAM's	PAM023: The percentage of food establishments which are 'broadly compliant' with food hygiene standards	Annual	%		Michele Wehdon		95.0	94.8	95.7	95.6	95.8	

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Resource Tab:

1. In-Month - STS - SHORT TERM SICKNESS Only

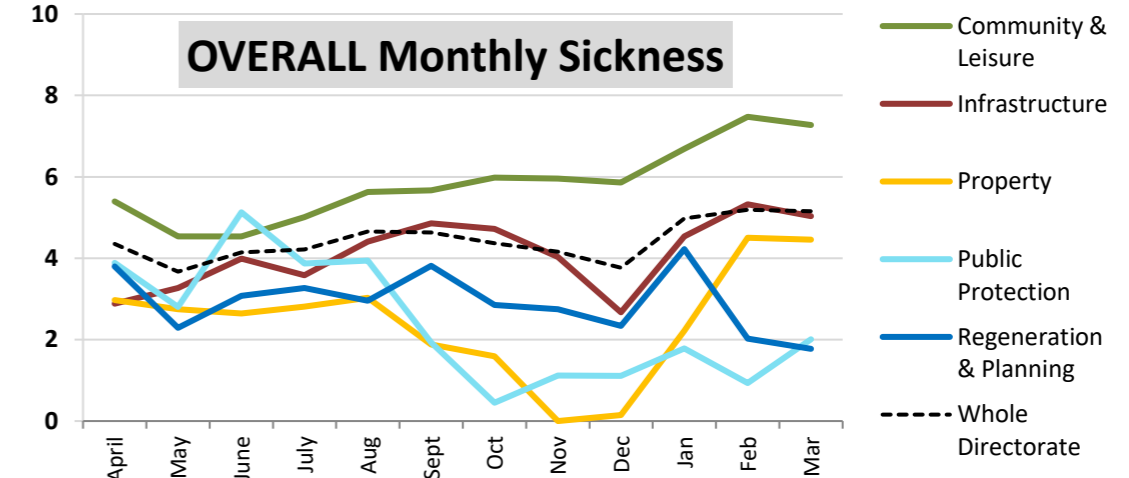
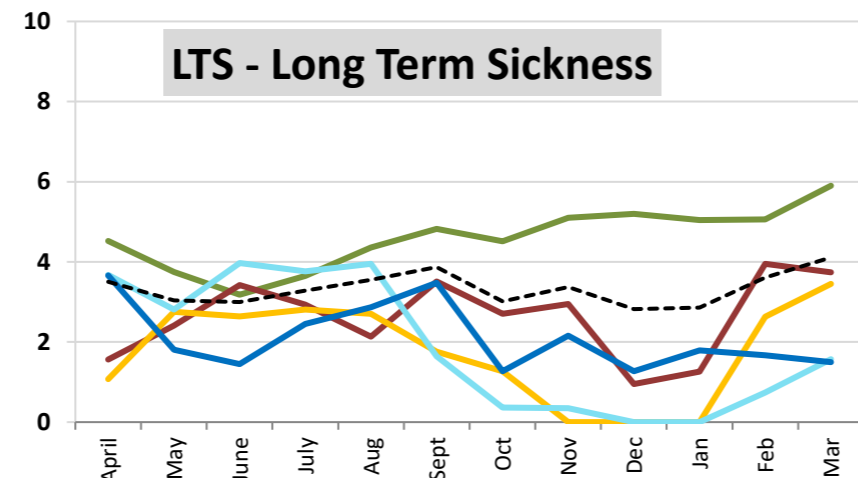
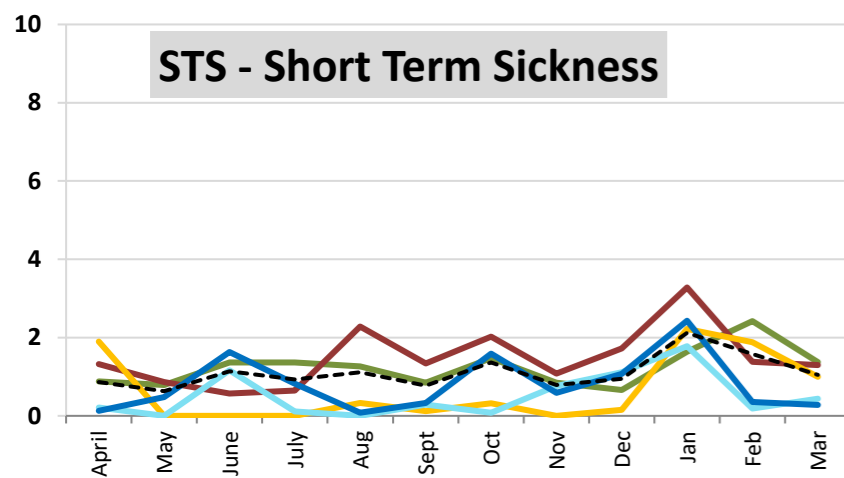
Staff Sickness Stats (%)	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Community & Leisure	0.88	0.79	1.36	1.36	1.26	0.85	1.47	0.85	0.66	1.64	2.42	1.37
Infrastructure	1.32	0.86	0.57	0.65	2.28	1.34	2.02	1.08	1.72	3.28	1.38	1.30
Property	1.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.12	0.32	0.00	0.15	2.22	1.88	1.00
Public Protection	0.21	0.00	1.16	0.11	0.00	0.29	0.08	0.76	1.11	1.78	0.19	0.44
Regeneration & Planning	0.13	0.48	1.63	0.82	0.08	0.33	1.59	0.59	1.07	2.43	0.35	0.28
Whole Directorate	0.86	0.63	1.14	0.93	1.11	0.77	1.36	0.79	0.95	2.12	1.58	1.05

2. In-Month - LTS - LONG TERM SICKNESS Only

Staff Sickness Stats (%)	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Community & Leisure	4.52	3.75	3.18	3.65	4.36	4.82	4.51	5.10	5.20	5.04	5.06	5.90
Infrastructure	1.56	2.41	3.42	2.93	2.13	3.51	2.70	2.95	0.95	1.26	3.95	3.74
Property	1.07	2.75	2.64	2.81	2.70	1.76	1.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.63	3.45
Public Protection	3.67	2.81	3.97	3.76	3.95	1.64	0.36	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.74	1.57
Regeneration & Planning	3.66	1.81	1.45	2.45	2.87	3.48	1.27	2.16	1.27	1.79	1.67	1.50
Whole Directorate	3.50	3.04	3.00	3.28	3.55	3.87	3.01	3.37	2.82	2.86	3.61	4.11

3. In-Month - OVERALL - TOTAL Sickness

Staff Sickness Stats (%)	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Community & Leisure	5.40	4.54	4.54	5.01	5.62	5.67	5.98	5.96	5.86	6.68	7.47	7.27
Infrastructure	2.88	3.27	3.99	3.58	4.41	4.85	4.72	4.03	2.67	4.54	5.33	5.04
Property	2.97	2.75	2.64	2.81	3.03	1.88	1.59	0.00	0.15	2.22	4.50	4.45
Public Protection	3.89	2.81	5.13	3.87	3.95	1.93	0.45	1.12	1.11	1.78	0.93	2.01
Regeneration & Planning	3.79	2.29	3.08	3.27	2.95	3.81	2.85	2.74	2.34	4.22	2.03	1.77
Whole Directorate	4.35	3.67	4.14	4.22	4.66	4.63	4.37	4.16	3.77	4.98	5.19	5.16



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1. In-Quarter - STS - SHORT TERM SICKNESS Only

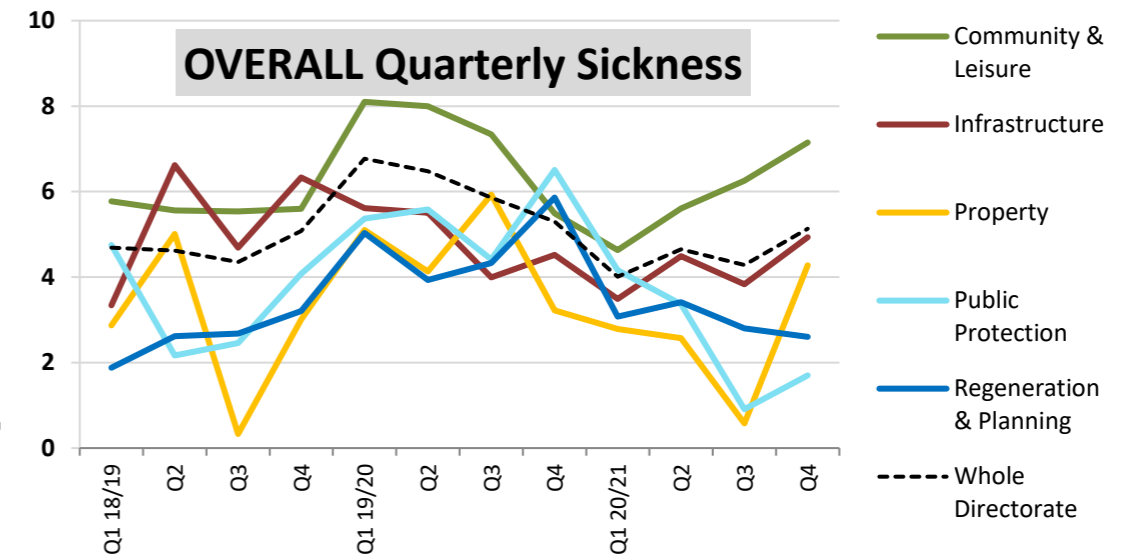
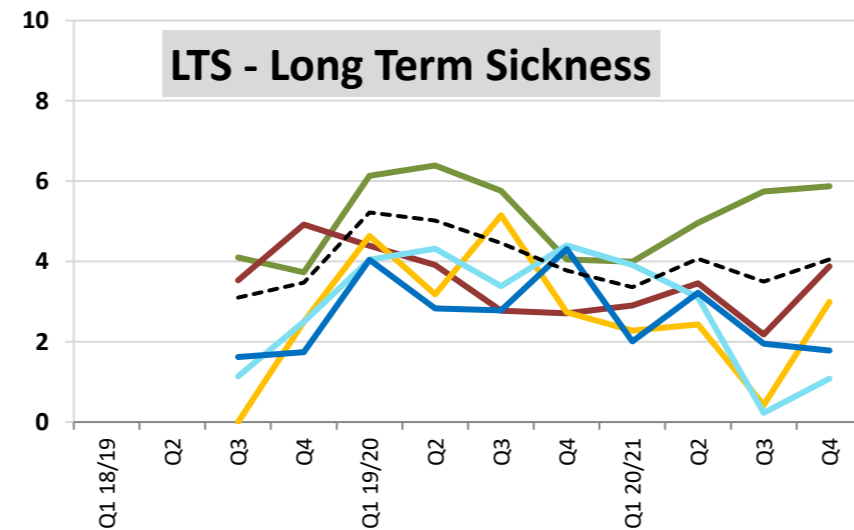
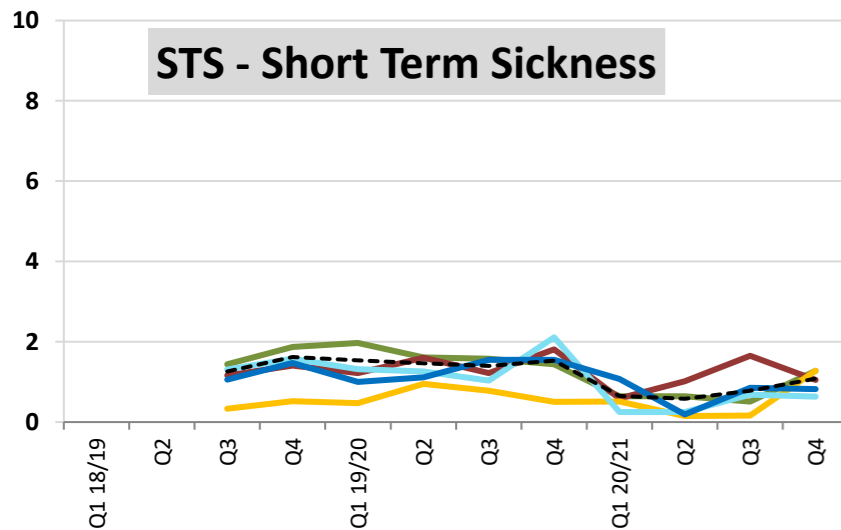
Staff Sickness Stats (%)	Q1 18/19	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 19/20	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 20/21	Q2	Q3	Q4
Community & Leisure			1.44	1.87	1.97	1.61	1.58	1.44	0.64	0.64	0.51	1.28
Infrastructure			1.16	1.41	1.22	1.60	1.22	1.81	0.59	1.02	1.65	1.05
Property			0.33	0.52	0.47	0.95	0.78	0.50	0.51	0.15	0.16	1.28
Public Protection			1.31	1.58	1.32	1.26	1.03	2.11	0.25	0.25	0.68	0.63
Regeneration & Planning			1.06	1.47	1.00	1.11	1.55	1.55	1.07	0.19	0.85	0.82
Whole Directorate			1.26	1.62	1.54	1.46	1.40	1.53	0.65	0.58	0.78	1.08

2. In-Quarter - LTS - LONG TERM SICKNESS Only

Staff Sickness Stats (%)	Q1 18/19	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 19/20	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 20/21	Q2	Q3	Q4
Community & Leisure			4.10	3.73	6.13	6.39	5.76	4.05	3.99	4.96	5.74	5.87
Infrastructure			3.53	4.92	4.39	3.91	2.77	2.71	2.90	3.46	2.18	3.88
Property			0.00	2.50	4.64	3.18	5.15	2.73	2.28	2.43	0.42	2.99
Public Protection			1.14	2.50	4.04	4.32	3.38	4.40	3.91	3.11	0.23	1.08
Regeneration & Planning			1.62	1.74	4.04	2.83	2.78	4.31	2.01	3.22	1.95	1.78
Whole Directorate			3.10	3.47	5.22	5.02	4.46	3.77	3.36	4.07	3.50	4.05

3. In-Quarter - OVERALL - TOTAL SICKNESS Only

Staff Sickness Stats (%)	Q1 18/19	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 19/20	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 20/21	Q2	Q3	Q4
Community & Leisure	5.77	5.56	5.54	5.60	8.10	8.00	7.34	5.49	4.63	5.60	6.26	7.15
Infrastructure	3.34	6.62	4.69	6.33	5.61	5.51	3.99	4.52	3.49	4.49	3.83	4.94
Property	2.87	5.01	0.33	3.01	5.10	4.13	5.93	3.22	2.79	2.58	0.58	4.27
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Whole Directorate	4.69	4.62	4.35	5.08	6.77	6.48	5.86	5.30	4.01	4.65	4.28	5.13



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Resource Tab:

Rolling 12 months (Test)

Staff Sickness Stats (%)	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Community & Leisure												
Infrastructure												
Property												
Public Protection												
Regeneration & Planning												
Whole Directorate												

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Resource Tab:

Customer Tab:

Number of Complaints By Type	Q1 18/19	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 19/20	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 20/21	Q2	Q3	Q4
Informal			564	830	235	517	655	755	101	300	366	506
Stage 1			48	71	23	75	94	110	11	26	41	63
Stage 2			32	49	10	18	16	19	3	5	8	10
Esc 1 to 2			0	0	0	11	23	26	1	5	9	14
Other			15	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whole Directorate	0	0	659	966	268	621	788	910	116	336	424	593

Health and Safety (H&S)
Number of Reported Accidents

Number by Service & Type	Q1 18/19	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 19/20	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 20/21	Q2	Q3	Q4
Community & Leisure					18	17	17					
Infrastructure					3	5	1					
Property												
Public Protection												
Regeneration & Planning							1					
Whole Directorate					21	22	19					
RIDDOR					4	0	2					

RAG Key

Score	RAG	Status
0	Black	Not yet started or too early to report any progress (achievements/changes)
1	Red	Started but not progressing well
2	Amber	Started with reasonable progress achieved
3	Green	Going well with good progress



ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021

**SUBJECT: SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION STRATEGY –
 PROGRESS UPDATE**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members of the scrutiny committee with an update of the progress made in delivering the Council's Sport & Active Recreation Strategy 2019 - 2029.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Following a period of extensive customer and stakeholder consultations across a period of 10 weeks, on the 8th November 2018 the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny committee recommended to Cabinet that the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (SARS) be approved. Cabinet endorsed the Sport & Active Recreation Strategy 2019 - 2029 on the 14th November 2018. The SARS was implemented on 1st January 2019.
- 2.2 The SARS sets out an ambitious and holistic vision for the delivery of sport and active recreation across the county borough aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of our communities.
- 2.3 Despite the Covid-19 global pandemic presenting substantial and unprecedented challenges, significant progress has been made in delivering against the ambitions set out in the SARS and improving the opportunities that exist for residents across all parts of the county borough.
- 2.4 A number of collaborative arrangements have been developed which in turn have led to substantial sums of external funding being leveraged to support improvements and enhancements to the current infrastructure across the county borough. This approach has resulted in significant increases in the scope, level and experience of the opportunities made available to residents.
- 2.5 A range of future projects, developments and prospects have been identified and established that will continue to increase opportunities for residents to engage in sport and active recreation across a range of environments and formats.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider and acknowledge the progress made to date in delivering the Sport & Active Recreation Strategy.
- 3.2 Officers to prepare suitable update report(s) to the Scrutiny Committee in accordance with its Forward Work Programme.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To provide the Scrutiny committee with an update on progress with implementation of the strategy and to outline the response to the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 Following a period of extensive and exhaustive customer and stakeholder consultations across a period of 10 weeks, on the 8th November 2018 the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny committee recommended to Cabinet that the Sport & Active Recreation Strategy be approved. Cabinet endorsed the Sport & Active Recreation Strategy (SARS) 2019 -2029 on the 14th November 2018 and it was formally implemented on 1st January 2019.
- 5.2 The SARS sets out an ambitious and holistic vision and future purpose for the delivery of sport and active recreation across the county borough, establishing key principles which inform future direction and action.
- 5.3 The adoption of the SARS has provided officers and staff with a clear roadmap to support the establishment of appropriate policy development, collaborative arrangements and exploration of funding sources to support both facility and programme expansion.
- 5.4 The SARS also articulated the following strategy purpose, principles and priorities to further inform this approach, namely:
 - to encourage healthy lifestyles and support our residents to be 'more active more often'
 - by encouraging a collective responsibility and approach to provide and promote appropriate opportunities across a range of organisations
 - to promote positive messages about health and physical activity
 - to improve standards of performance and celebrate local success in sport
- 5.5 Despite the impact and unprecedented challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, significant progress has been made in delivering against the ambitions set out in the SARS. These are set out in more detail below.
- 5.6 A central tenet of the SARS is that the Council through Sport & Leisure Services will adopt a supportive / enabling role in the delivery and development of sport and active recreation opportunities and will not, in all cases, be the primary provider.
- 5.7 This approach has led to a range of collaborative initiatives being developed and established, resulting in a number of exciting developments that have significantly improved the opportunity and landscape for residents of the county borough. Examples include:

- the development of the 100% Welsh Government funded Athletics Track in Oakdale that will support Education, community use and future club development which opened in July 2021
- the enhancement of 2 x multi use 3G pitches at Lewis School Pengam and Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymini, Fleur de Lys.
- accessing funding from a Sport Wales managed collaborative funding avenue that includes Football Association of Wales (FAW), Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) and Hockey Wales (HW) to support the development of an enhanced outdoor facility at St Cenydd Campus from an aged and poorly maintained Astro Turf Pitch (ATP) to a new multi-use 3G facility that will significantly improve the experiences both in terms of curriculum delivery and community use.
- working collaboratively with Play Wales and Welsh Government (WG) to access funding that supports and increases opportunity for play development through the medium of sport and physical activity and enhanced play activity in our leisure centres, parks and tourism venues.
- partnership working with colleagues in Education and the 21st Century Schools programme which has delivered a number of key projects which have benefited both our learners and the wider community
- maximising the realignment of the Welsh Government Free Swim Initiative (FSI) capital funding allocation to improve the provision and opportunity of aquatics across our portfolio of leisure centres. An example includes the provision of aquatic based spin bikes at Heolddu LC (The first in south - east Wales) building upon the significant growth in (group) cycling across the UK.

5.8 A further key principle of the SARS is that the council will directly provide where the need is clearly identified and when others do not have the expertise or capacity to do so. It is also clear that the Sport & Leisure Services brand is widely established and trusted across a broad range of stakeholders providing high quality, innovative and safe facilities and activities. Evidence is gathered in this regard through an industry recognised and accepted system called the Net Promotor Score, whereby written and verbal feedback is collected through a range of media.

5.9 Establishing and delivering this principle across the core elements of Sport & Leisure Services, i.e. Leisure Lifestyle, Sport Caerphilly, Caerphilly Adventurers and National Exercise Referral Scheme (NERS), has resulted in an array of exciting, creative and innovative opportunities and developments to residents to engage in sport and active recreation, some examples include;

- A significant investment into the enhancement of the fitness suite provision at Newbridge Leisure Centre – scheduled to open later this year
- A broad and varied range of taster and competition activities delivered in partnership with primary and secondary schools across the county borough engaging thousands of young people in active recreation
- Supporting engagement with the 'Daily Mile' aimed at encouraging primary school aged children to become more active on a more regular basis

- The continued delivery of the well-established and much respected 'Disability Six Nations'
 - The Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10k and 2k delivered in partnership with CCBC Tourism and Welsh Athletics – now a well-established and key date in the Welsh Athletics competition calendar
 - A range of intergenerational 'return to' activities that have seen people aged 18-75 re-engage with active recreation, e.g.: Walking Netball, Walking Football and Walking Rugby.
 - The Positive Futures programme, working in collaboration with a range of stakeholders, including Gwent Police, to provide a range of positive experiences and opportunities to our young and most vulnerable people through the powerful medium of sport and active recreation, aimed at ensuring a brighter future for its participants while hopefully steering young people away from the attraction of antisocial behaviour and other associated crime.
 - Over 30 young people engaged and trained as part of the 'Coach of the Future' programme
 - Supporting the Caerphilly Challenge Series and over 3000 pupil visits to various outdoor venues
 - Continued and ongoing support for all local clubs and organisations in areas such as talent identification, club growth, access to various funding streams and exploring, where appropriate, Community Asset Transfer (CAT) opportunities
 - In excess of 1400 clients engaging in the National Exercise Referral Scheme (NERS) in programmes such as Cardiac Rehabilitation, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Diabetes and Obesity. Further programmes such as the prevention of cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary disorders outline how the growing and broad scope of the NERS
- 5.10 The SARS further acknowledges that the county borough benefits from an exciting and mature network of outdoor provision that supports opportunity for engagement in sport and active recreation.
- 5.11 On the 25th November 2020, Cabinet formally adopted the Caerphilly Green Infrastructure Strategy, which had previously been considered and unanimously supported by the Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on 1st October 2020. The vision of the Strategy is ***“Caerphilly will be a green and healthy place to live with an established, multi-functional green infrastructure of high - quality spaces interlinked by a network of corridors that benefit both people and nature”***.
- 5.12 The Green Infrastructure Strategy maps facilities such as parks, public open space, green corridors etc. which are scored against a set of criteria. This data can then be used as the planning basis for both policy and strategy formulation and initiatives, allowing for specific prioritisation. Our parks are used to support a vast range of clubs and organisations covering a collection of sports including football, rugby, cricket, tennis and bowls, engaging thousands of residents per annum in active recreation.
- 5.13 In support of the Green Infrastructure Strategy, a number of key developments and improvements have also taken place to help shape the outdoor environment and improve the scope and access for residents to participate in active recreation, some examples include:

- the improvement of land drainage on a number of sports pitches, such as the 'The Ynys' football pitch, Pengam, to bring them back into beneficial use and to increase active participation.
 - the installation of a number of new skate parks / outdoor gyms in collaboration with Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) and /or local community groups [including exclusive play equipment]; Examples include new Skate Parks in Bargoed and the Penllwyn and Outdoor Gyms in Penyrheol and Fochriw
 - various infrastructure improvements in parks to improve usage (e.g. the planned completion of the jogger's path at The Showfield, Blackwood; and completion of a cycle link path in Caetwmpyn Park, Newbridge to connect town centre provision with active recreation opportunities)
 - working in collaboration with Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO) and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) to develop the 'green prescription' initiative and increase use of green space. This is a pilot project, currently targeting the north of the county borough with focused improvements at Rhymney Park
 - Actively maintaining 800km of Public Rights of Way (PROW) throughout the county borough
- 5.14 The work of the Caerphilly Adventures Team is also essential in creating opportunities, particularly for young people, to engage in active recreation in an outdoor setting across our county parks. Examples include the development of Paddle Boarding at Pen y Fan and various cycling initiatives at Cwmcarn Fforest Drive.
- 5.15 It should also be noted that the Caerphilly Adventures Team, working closely and collaboratively with the Council's Education Service, also directly supported 1,700 Education other than at school (EOTAS) visits, 1,700 Specialist Resource Based Visits and 300 Family Sessions – all of which included active recreation as the key and central tenet.
- 5.16 As stated earlier in this report, the impact of COVID 19 from February 2020 presented a range of unprecedented challenges for Sport & Leisure Services and the residents of Caerphilly County Borough. The cessation of the sport and leisure provision resulted in the service staff being initially redeployed to support the continued delivery of key and essential services. This included the provision and delivery of free school meals, supporting the implementation and delivery of the Test, Trace & Protect service, supporting the reopening of Household Waste Recycling Centres, assisting with community support programme for vulnerable residents, and more latterly, organising throughout of arrivals at the Mass Vaccination Centre at Newbridge Leisure Centre.
- 5.17 Sport & Leisure Services however quickly flexed and adapted services through efficient and targeted communications to ensure that residents were able to continue to engage with and participate in sport and active recreation. Examples included:
- the development of a dedicated free to access You Tube channel providing a range of Group Exercise classes that would traditionally be available in leisure centres
 - enhanced developments to the Leisure Lifestyle 'app' to support digital access and engagement – resulting in close to 15,000 downloads
 - targeted provision of bespoke activity for customers registered on the National Exercise Referral programme. This included virtual and hard copy resources
 - school holiday programmes delivered virtually in collaboration with a range of local clubs and organisations
 - ongoing and regular communication with key user groups and National Governing Bodies

- a collaboration with other local authorities in Gwent to provide an 'open membership' for residents to visit their nearest facility (when appropriate) to reduce travel requirements and comply with Welsh Government guidance
- 5.18 Further to the above, the service will continue to work closely with a broad range of stakeholders to ensure that services are re-shaped and appropriate to meet the requirements and expectations of residents in a post pandemic environment. At present it is not clear what shape that would take, however initial indications suggest that there is an appetite for a return to physical buildings but that access to and participation in outdoor based activity has become more ingrained.
- 5.19 The information presented above provides a detailed overview of the work that has been undertaken since the SARS was formally implemented on January 1st 2019. Members however should note that a range of programmes, developments and investments are also scheduled for either commencement or completion across the next 6 – 12 months. These include but are not limited to:
- the development of a Hockey Hub at Sue Noake Leisure Centre, Ystrad Mynach through the replacement of the existing facility, funded by the Welsh Government (administered by Sport Wales in collaboration with FAW, WRU, HW)
 - the replacement of the existing ATP at Idris Davies High School with a new, multi-use 3G pitch aimed at improving opportunities and experiences for young people and local clubs / organisations
 - further partnership with school hubs to ensure appropriate agreements are in place to support community access to and use of sport and active recreation spaces
 - playing a key and integrated role to assist in shaping the future development opportunities that exist at Cwmcarn Fforest Drive from an active recreation perspective
 - working closely with the Royal British Legion and other employment-based organisations to provide and create opportunities for training and potential future employment
 - continued support for clubs and organisations that wish to explore Community Asset Transfer opportunities as a mechanism to ensure long term sustainability and provide mechanisms for growth
 - further development of the digital infrastructure and communication platforms to create access and opportunities for hard to reach groups and other organisations that may wish to explore active recreation and wellbeing as part of workforce development strategies and practice
 - continued exploration of options for a new, contemporary wellbeing / leisure centre to support the population growth in the Caerphilly Basin area

Conclusion

- 5.20 Sport & Leisure Services have worked extremely hard to ensure that the principles, vision and ambitions set out in the SARS are the focus for day to day operation and longer term policy and development planning, fully embracing the scope, opportunities and challenges this represents.
- 5.21 The response to the Covid-19 pandemic by staff across the sport and leisure service has been exemplary and has been well recognised by customers and other stakeholders.
- 5.22 It is clear that significant progress has been made, however the service is absolutely clear that there is much more work to complete and that the environment, post Covid-19, is likely to present a number of major and in some cases, more nuanced challenges.

- 5.23 Throughout the pandemic evidence has been gathered across a range of environments of the importance leading a healthy lifestyle can have on supporting nations and its citizens to be able to actively combat any future pandemics, but also ease pressure on health provision.
- 5.24 On a more positive note, there is a wide evidence base of the positive impacts of engaging with and leading a healthy lifestyle in areas such as personal health, educational attainment, mental health, regeneration and social wellbeing. The adoption and implementation of the SARS has provided a robust policy platform upon which further efforts in support of these aims can be achieved.
- 5.25 Positive progress has been made in a relatively short period and against the backdrop of a global pandemic. Many more challenges lay ahead however it is clear that the approach being adopted by the service and with its various partners and stakeholders is resulting in tangible improvements for the residents of the county borough.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 The report has assumed that the council will continue its delivery of the SARS and meet the ambitions outlined within the Strategy in a post Covid-19 environment.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Scrutiny committee with a progress update and as such an Integrated Impact Assessment is not required at this time

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report at this time
- 8.2 Individual projects associated with the delivery of the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy will be subject to robust business cases and financial planning and specific decisions by either cabinet or council.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 1972.

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Background Papers:

Report to Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee – 8th November 2018, Draft Sport & Active Recreation Strategy 2019 – 2029

Report to Cabinet – 14th November 2018, Draft Sport & Active Recreation Strategy 2019 – 2029

Sport & Active Recreation Strategy 2019 – 2029

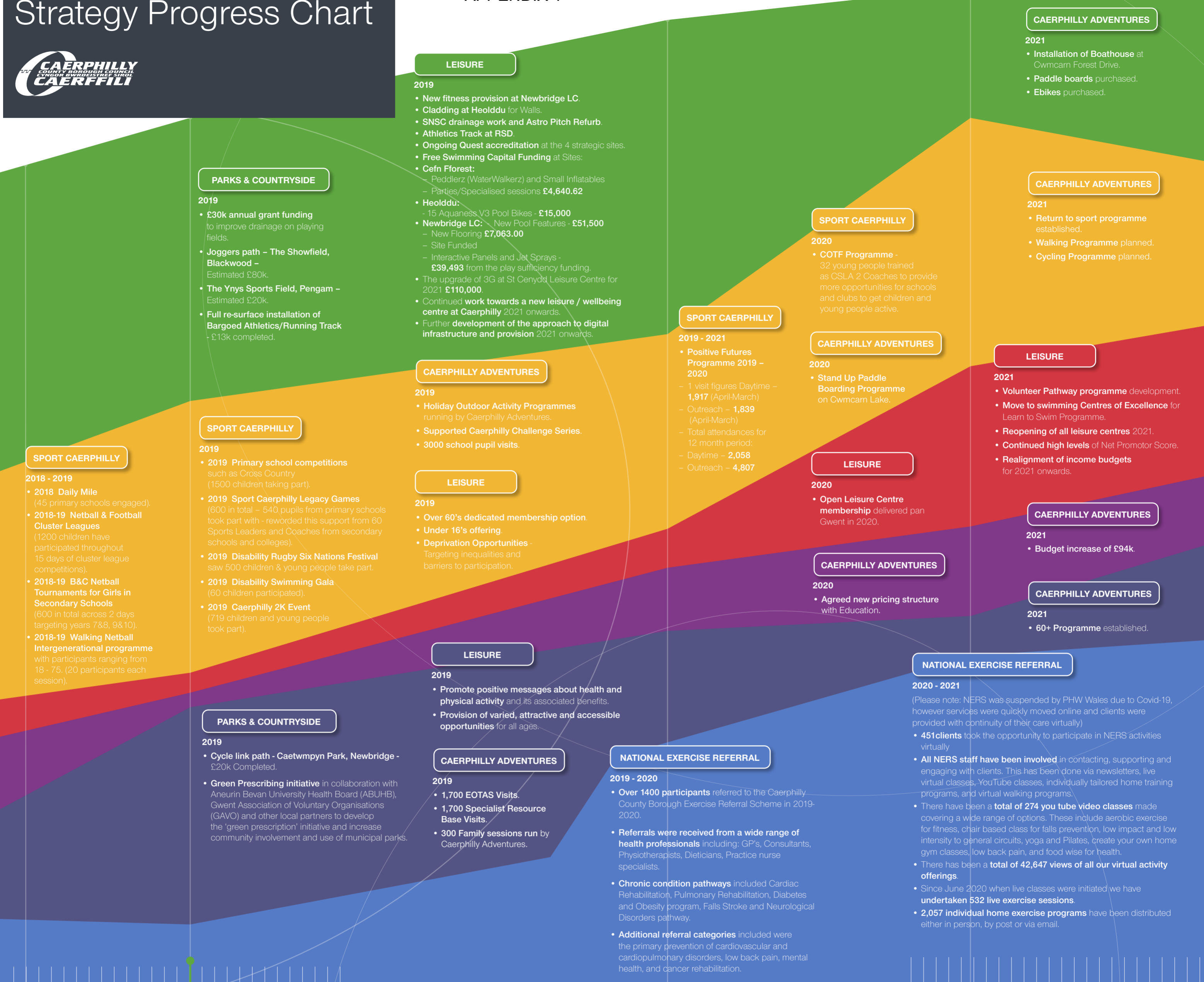
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Appendix 1 – Infographic displaying SARS delivery progress to date

Strategy Progress Chart



APPENDIX 1



LEISURE

- 2019**
- New fitness provision at Newbridge LC.
 - Cladding at Heolddu for Walls.
 - SNSC drainage work and Astro Pitch Refurb.
 - Athletics Track at RSD.
 - Ongoing Quest accreditation at the 4 strategic sites.
 - Free Swimming Capital Funding at Sites:
 - Cefn Fforest:
 - Peddlerz (WaterWalkerz) and Small Inflatables
 - Parties/Specialised sessions **£4,640.62**
 - Heolddu:
 - 15 Aquaness V3 Pool Bikes - **£15,000**
 - Newbridge LC: New Pool Features - **£51,500**
 - New Flooring **£7,063.00**
 - Site Funded
 - Interactive Panels and Jet Sprays - **£39,493** from the play sufficiency funding.
 - The upgrade of 3G at St Cenydd Leisure Centre for 2021 **£110,000**.
 - Continued work towards a new leisure / wellbeing centre at Caerphilly 2021 onwards.
 - Further development of the approach to digital infrastructure and provision 2021 onwards.

PARKS & COUNTRYSIDE

- 2019**
- £30k annual grant funding to improve drainage on playing fields.
 - Joggers path – The Showfield, Blackwood – Estimated £80k.
 - The Ynys Sports Field, Pengam – Estimated £20k.
 - Full re-surface installation of Bargoad Athletics/Running Track - £13k completed.

SPORT CAERPHILLY

- 2019**
- 2019 Primary school competitions such as Cross Country (1500 children taking part).
 - 2019 Sport Caerphilly Legacy Games (600 in total – 540 pupils from primary schools took part with – reworded this support from 60 Sports Leaders and Coaches from secondary schools and colleges).
 - 2019 Disability Rugby Six Nations Festival saw 500 children & young people take part.
 - 2019 Disability Swimming Gala (60 children participated).
 - 2019 Caerphilly 2K Event (719 children and young people took part).

CAERPHILLY ADVENTURES

- 2019**
- Holiday Outdoor Activity Programmes running by Caerphilly Adventures.
 - Supported Caerphilly Challenge Series.
 - 3000 school pupil visits.

LEISURE

- 2019**
- Over 60's dedicated membership option.
 - Under 16's offering.
 - Deprivation Opportunities - Targeting inequalities and barriers to participation.

LEISURE

- 2019**
- Promote positive messages about health and physical activity and its associated benefits.
 - Provision of varied, attractive and accessible opportunities for all ages.

CAERPHILLY ADVENTURES

- 2019**
- 1,700 EOTAS Visits.
 - 1,700 Specialist Resource Base Visits.
 - 300 Family sessions run by Caerphilly Adventures.

NATIONAL EXERCISE REFERRAL

- 2019 - 2020**
- Over 1400 participants referred to the Caerphilly County Borough Exercise Referral Scheme in 2019-2020.
 - Referrals were received from a wide range of health professionals including: GPs, Consultants, Physiotherapists, Dieticians, Practice nurse specialists.
 - Chronic condition pathways included Cardiac Rehabilitation, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Diabetes and Obesity program, Falls Stroke and Neurological Disorders pathway.
 - Additional referral categories included were the primary prevention of cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary disorders, low back pain, mental health, and cancer rehabilitation.

SPORT CAERPHILLY

- 2020**
- COTF Programme - 32 young people trained as CSLA 2 Coaches to provide more opportunities for schools and clubs to get children and young people active.

SPORT CAERPHILLY

- 2019 - 2021**
- Positive Futures Programme 2019 – 2020
 - 1 visit figures Daytime – **1,917** (April-March)
 - Outreach – **1,839** (April-March)
 - Total attendances for 12 month period:
 - Daytime – **2,058**
 - Outreach – **4,807**

CAERPHILLY ADVENTURES

- 2020**
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding Programme on Cwmcam Lake.

LEISURE

- 2020**
- Open Leisure Centre membership delivered pan Gwent in 2020.

CAERPHILLY ADVENTURES

- 2020**
- Agreed new pricing structure with Education.

CAERPHILLY ADVENTURES

- 2021**
- Installation of Boathouse at Cwmcam Forest Drive.
 - Paddle boards purchased.
 - Ebikes purchased.

CAERPHILLY ADVENTURES

- 2021**
- Return to sport programme established.
 - Walking Programme planned.
 - Cycling Programme planned.

LEISURE

- 2021**
- Volunteer Pathway programme development.
 - Move to swimming Centres of Excellence for Learn to Swim Programme.
 - Reopening of all leisure centres 2021.
 - Continued high levels of Net Promotor Score.
 - Realignment of income budgets for 2021 onwards.

CAERPHILLY ADVENTURES

- 2021**
- Budget increase of £94k.

CAERPHILLY ADVENTURES

- 2021**
- 60+ Programme established.

NATIONAL EXERCISE REFERRAL

- 2020 - 2021**
- (Please note: NERS was suspended by PHW Wales due to Covid-19, however services were quickly moved online and clients were provided with continuity of their care virtually)
- 451 clients took the opportunity to participate in NERS activities virtually
 - All NERS staff have been involved in contacting, supporting and engaging with clients. This has been done via newsletters, live virtual classes, YouTube classes, individually tailored home training programs, and virtual walking programs.
 - There have been a total of 274 you tube video classes made covering a wide range of options. These include aerobic exercise for fitness, chair based class for falls prevention, low impact and low intensity to general circuits, yoga and Pilates, create your own home gym classes, low back pain, and food wise for health.
 - There has been a total of 42,647 views of all our virtual activity offerings.
 - Since June 2020 when live classes were initiated we have undertaken 532 live exercise sessions.
 - 2,057 individual home exercise programs have been distributed either in person, by post or via email.



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