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Dyddiad: Dydd Mercher, 27 Medi 2017

Annwyl Syr/Fadam,

Bydd cyfarfod **Cabinet** yn cael ei gynnal yn **Ystafell Sirhywi, Tŷ Penallta, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach** ar **Dydd Mercher, 4ydd Hydref, 2017** am **2.00 pm**. i ystyried materion a gynhwysir yn yr agenda canlynol. Mae croeso i chi ddefnyddio'r iaith Gymraeg yn y cyfarfod, a dylid rhoi cyfnod rhybudd o 3 diwrnod gwaith os ydych yn dymuno gwneud hynny. Bydd cyfieithu ar y pryd yn cael ei ddarparu ar gais.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir,

Chris Burns
PRIF WEITHREDWR DROS DRO

AGENDA

Tudalennau

- 1 I dderbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb
- 2 Datganiadau o Ddiddordeb.

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I gymeradwyo a llofnodi'r cofnodion canlynol:-

- 3 Cynhaliwyd y Cabinet ar 20fed Medi 2017.

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I dderbyn ac ystyried yr adroddiad(au) canlynol y mae angen penderfyniadau gweithredol arnynt: -

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Cynghorwyr

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A Swyddogion Priodol.



CABINET

COFNODION Y CYFARFOD A GYNHALIWDYD YN NHŶ PENALLTA, TREDOMEN AR DDYDD MERCHER, 20FED MEDI 2017 AM 2.00 P.M.

YN BRESENNOL

Y Cynghorydd D.V. Poole - Cadeirydd

Cynghorwyr:

C.J. Cuss (Gofal Cymdeithasol a Lles), N. George (Gwasanaethau'r Gymdogaeth), C.J. Gordon (Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol), Mrs B.A. Jones (Cyllid, Perfformiad a Llywodraethu), P.A.Marsden (Addysg a Chyflawniad), S. Morgan (Economi, Isadeiledd a Chynaliadwyedd), L. Phipps (Cartrefi a Lleoedd) a Mrs E. Stenner (Yr Amgylchedd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd).

Ar y cyd gyda:

C. Burns (Prif Weithredwr Dros Dro), C. Harry (Cyfarwyddwraig Corfforaethol - Cymunedau) a N. Scammell (Cyfarwyddwraig Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol Dros Dro a Swyddog Adran 151).

Hefyd yn Bresennol:

R. Harris (Rheolwr Archwilio Mewnol), M. Williams (Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Eiddo Dros Dro), J. Reynolds (Rheolwr Cyfleusterau Chwaraeon a Hamdden) a C. Evans (Swyddog Gwasanaethau Pwyllgor).

1. YMDDIHEURIADAU DROS ABSENOLDEB

Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb oddi D. Street (Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol - Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol).

2. DATGANIADAU O DDIDDORDEB

Derbyniwyd datganiadau o ddiddordeb gan y Cynghorwyr C. Gordon (Eitem 7 - Cynigion i Gychwyn Ymarfer Ymgynghori i gau Canolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith), Mrs B. Jones, S. Morgan a Mrs L. Phipps (Eitem 5 - Pwyllgorau Rheoli Canolfannau Cymunedol – Cynrychiolaeth CBSC). Mae manylion wedi eu cofnodi gyda'r eitem berthnasol.

3. CABINET - 6ED MEDI, 2017

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 6ed Medi 2017 (rhifau cofnod. 1-7) a'u llofnodi fel cofnod cywir.

MATERION SYDD ANGEN PENDERFYNIADAU GWEITHREDOL

4. POLISI DIWEDDAREDIG GWRTH-DWYLL, LLWGRWOBROWYO A LLYGREDD A PHOLISI DIWEDDAREDIG GWRTH-WYNGALCHU ARIAN

Roedd yr adroddiad, a gyflwynwyd i'r Pwyllgor Archwilio Arbennig ar 25ain Gorffennaf 2017, yn ceisio am gymeradwyaeth y Cabinet ar gyfer (?) y Polisi diweddaredig Gwrth-Dwyll, Llwgwrwobrowyo a Llygredd a'r Polisi Gwrth-Wyngalchu Arian.

Nododd yr Aelodau fod yr Awdurdod wedi ymdrechu i gynnal lefel uchel o onestrwydd a chywirdeb wrth gynnal ei fusnes, a chyda llywodraethu corfforaethol yn parhau i fod yn yrrwr busnes allweddol, mae'r angen i gynnal, adolygu a diweddarau blaenoriaethau allweddol yn rhan bwysig o hyd o'r offer llywodraethu.

Mae'r Polisi Gwrth-Dwyll, Llwgwrwobrowyo a Llygredd a'r Polisi Gwrth-Wyngalchu Arian yn elfennau allweddol o fewn cyfres o bolisiau sy'n canolbwyntio ar atal twyll a drygioni ac yn nodi'r safonau y mae'r sefydliad yn gweithredu ar eu cyfer.

Nodwyd bod y polisiau presennol wedi cael eu hadolygu ddiwethaf yn 2011 ac maent bellach wedi'u diweddarau i roi cyfrif am newidiadau gweithredol ac i adlewyrchu arfer gorau a chydymffurfiaeth barhaus â gofynion deddfwriaethol presennol. Er ei bod yn annhebygol y bydd y Polisi Gwrth-Wyngalchu Arian yn arbennig o berthnasol i'r gweithgareddau o ddydd i ddydd, mae'n eistedd ochr yn ochr â'r Polisi Gwrth-Dwyll, Llwgwrwobrowyo a Llygredd a bydd yn cynyddu ymwybyddiaeth ac yn rhoi arweiniad i Aelodau a Swyddogion os mae sefyllfa bosibl yn codi gyda symiau mawr o arian parod.

Mae'r ddau bolisi yn gweithredu fel datganiadau o agwedd y Cyngor tuag at dwyll a llygredd ac yn cynnwys yr elfennau allweddol canlynol: -

- Byddant yn gymwys i Aelodau a Swyddogion;
- Byddant yn gymwys i drydydd partïon sy'n delio â'r awdurdod;
- Byddant yn sail i ddiwylliant yr awdurdod;
- Pennir rôl a chyfrifoldebau Aelodau a Swyddogion wrth gyfrannu at ddiwylliant o onestrwydd a natur agored; a
- Mae hyfforddi ac ymwybyddiaeth yn ffactorau sy'n cyfrannu'n allweddol.

Diolchodd y Cabinet i'r Swyddog am yr adroddiad a gofynnodd am ragor o wybodaeth am ba mor aml y mae'r Polisiau'n cael eu hadolygu. Esboniodd y swyddogion na fu newid sylfaenol i'r polisi dros nifer o flynyddoedd, felly, roedd angen diweddariad mewn meysydd o gwmpas strwythur staff ac ati, er mwyn sicrhau bod y ddogfen yn gyfoes.

Ystyriwyd y Polisiau yn fanwl, a awgrymwyd rhai mân newidiadau. Yn ogystal, gofynnodd Aelod am ragor o wybodaeth am wyliadwriaeth a gweithrediadau cudd a'r Polisiau perthnasol. Nododd yr aelodau fod canllawiau penodol ynghylch gwyliadwriaeth o dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Pwerau Ymchwilio 2000, sydd â chyfeiriad penodol at weithrediadau o dan y Ddeddf Trwyddedu a Safonau Masnach, o ran meysydd eraill, mae proses sefydlog er mwyn cymeradwyo unrhyw weithgareddau gwyliadwriaeth, sy'n cael eu cynnwys mewn polisiau unigol.

Yn dilyn ystyriaeth a thrafodaeth, cynigiwyd ac eiliwyd bod yr argymhelliad yn yr adroddiad yn cael ei gymeradwyo. Cytunwyd ar hyn yn unfrydol drwy godi dwylo.

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo'r Polisi diweddaredig Gwrth-Dwyll, Llwgwrwobrowyo a

Llygredd a'r Polisi diweddaedig Gwrth-Wyngalchu Arian yn unol â'r rhesymau a gynhwyswyd yn adroddiad y Swyddogion ac yn ddarostyngedig i fân ddiwygiadau.

5. PWYLLGORAU RHEOLI CANOLFANNAU CYMUNEDOL

Datganodd y Cynghorwyr Mrs B. Jones, S. Morgan a Mrs L. Phipps ddiddordeb yn yr eitem hon (gan eu bod yn Gynrychiolwyr Aelodau enwebedig ar Bwyllgorau Rheoli Canolfannau Cymunedol y Cyngor).

Gofynnwyd yn yr adroddiad am gymeradwyaeth y Cabinet am enwebiadau ar gyfer cynrychiolaeth Aelodau ar Bwyllgorau Rheoli Canolfannau Cymunedol y Cyngor.

Nodwyd, o dan ddarpariaethau cyfansoddiad y pwyllgorau rheoli canolfannau cymunedol, y gall y Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol (a Chyngor Cymuned neu Dref lle y bo'n briodol) enwebu cynrychiolydd o'r ward lle mae'r ganolfan wedi'i lleoli, i wasanaethu ar bwyllgorau o'r fath. Mae'n ofynnol cwblhau enwebiadau o'r fath yn dilyn etholiadau lleol.

Diolchodd y Cabinet i'r Swyddog am yr adroddiad ac fe ystyriodd y rhestr o Aelodau Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol a enwebwyd fel aelodau pwyllgor ex-officio o'r canolfannau a gwnaeth awgrymiadau ar gyfer gwelliannau.

Yn dilyn ystyriaeth a thrafodaeth, cynigiwyd ac eiliwyd bod yr argymhelliad yn yr adroddiad yn cael ei gymeradwyo. Cytunwyd ar hyn yn unfrydol drwy godi dwylo.

PENDERFYNWYD, am y rhesymau a gynhwyswyd yn adroddiad y Swyddogion ac yn amodol ar fân newidiadau i'r enwau a ddarparwyd, gymeradwyo'r enwebiadau fel y manylir arnynt.

6. DYMCHWEL YSGOLION CYFUN OAKDALE A PHONTLLAN-FRAITH

Gofynnwyd yn yr adroddiad am gymeradwyaeth i ddymchwel ysgolion cyfun gwag Oakdale a Phontllan-fraith a sicrhau cymeradwyaeth am yr arian i dalu am y costau hyn.

Nodwyd, ers cwblhau Ysgol Uwchradd Islwyn newydd, nid oes angen gweithredol am (?? – ddim yn siwr) adeiladau Ysgolion Cyfun Oakdale a Phontllan-fraith, a gafodd eu gwagio ar ddiwedd mis Mehefin 2017. Nid ydynt yn hawdd eu defnyddio ar gyfer diben arall ac maent yn parhau i dynnu costau, gan gynnwys Cyfraddau Annomestig Cenedlaethol.

Mae pryderon diogelwch parhaus gan fod pobl wedi torri i mewn i'r eiddo gwag ar sawl achlysur. Mae'r adeiladau ar glo gyda larymau ac wedi'u hyswiro a chynhelir archwiliad yn wythnosol. Yn ychwanegol, penodwyd deilydd allwedd, a byddai'n cael ei alw allan pe bai larwm yn seinio. Mae hyn i gyd yn tynnu costau.

Argymhellodd yr adroddiad fod yr adeiladau'n cael eu dymchwel ac i gwblhau arolygon i hwyluso gwaredu'r safleoedd. Fodd bynnag, er mwyn darparu ar gyfer y gwasanaethau sy'n cyflenwi Canolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith, byddai angen gwaith dargyfeirio gwasanaethau drwy'r safle, am gost amcangyfrifedig o £97,000.

Diolchodd yr Aelodau i'r Swyddog am yr adroddiad a chafwyd trafodaeth. Ar ôl ystyried y costau sy'n gysylltiedig â dargyfeiriadau ar gyfer mynediad i Ganolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith, ac wrth ystyried ymarfer ymgynghori ar gyfer cau Canolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith, roedd yr Aelodau o blaid argymhell bod y gwaith dymchwel yn cael ei gaffael cyn gynted ag y bo modd ar gyfer y ddau safle, fodd bynnag, dylai unrhyw waith dymchwel i Ysgol Gyfun Pontllan-fraith gael ei ohirio tan i'r cyfnod ymgynghori ar gyfer cau Canolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith ddod i ben.

Yn dilyn ystyriaeth a thrafodaeth, cynigiwyd ac eiliwyd bod yr argymhelliad yn yr adroddiad yn cael ei gymeradwyo. Cytunwyd ar hyn yn unfrydol drwy godi dwylo.

PENDERFYNWYD, am y rhesymau a gynhwyswyd yn adroddiad y Swyddogion, ac fel yr amlinellwyd yn y cyfarfod ac wrth ddefnyddio cyllid o'r gronfa wrth gefn a glustnodwyd yn unol â Rheolau Sefydlog yr Awdurdod ar gyfer contractau: -

- (i) o ran Ysgol Gyfun Oakdale, i symud ymlaen cyn gynted â phosib gyda dymchwel yr adeiladau, caffael y safle angenrheidiol ac ymchwiliadau eraill;
- (ii) o ran Ysgol Gyfun Pontllan-fraith, i gaffael ar gyfer (?) dymchwel yr adeiladau, ar gyfer yr ymchwiliadau angenrheidiol o'r safle ac ymchwiliadau eraill ond peidio â mynd ymlaen hyd nes y daw'r ymgynghoriad ar y bwriad i gau Canolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith i ben.

7. CYNIGION I GYCHWYN YMARFER YMGYNGHORI I GAU CANOLFAN HAMDDEN PONTLLAN-FRAITH

Datganodd y Cynghorydd C. Gordon ddiddordeb yn yr eitem hon (gan ei fod yn defnyddio'r cyfleusterau yng Nghanolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith), penderfynwyd bod y diddordeb yn bersonol ac felly nid oedd yn ofynnol iddo adael y cyfarfod tra trafodwyd yr eitem.

Gofynnwyd yn yr adroddiad am gymeradwyaeth y Cabinet i gychwyn ymarfer ymgynghori ar y bwriad i gau Canolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith ar y cyd ag agor Ysgol Uwchradd Islwyn a chefnogi gwerthu a datblygu campws Ysgol Uwchradd/Canolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith.

Disodlodd Ysgol Uwchradd Islwyn, a agorodd ym mis Mehefin 2017, Ysgolion Uwchradd Pontllan-fraith ac Oakdale. Cefnogir y cyfleuster newydd gan gyfleusterau Chwaraeon a Hamdden sy'n cynnwys neuadd chwaraeon pedwar cwrt, 4 cwrt tenis, cae 3G defnydd deul pêl-droed a rygbi a stiwdio ddawns amlbwrpas.

Mae Canolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith gyfredol, sy'n cynnwys neuadd chwaraeon pum cwrt, dau gwr sgwash, ystafell ffitrwydd fach, stiwdio ddawns amlbwrpas, cae pêl-droed 3G, yn cefnogi cyflwyno addysg gorfforol y cwricwlwm, rhaglen gymunedol fywiog ac hefyd mae'n brif ganolfan ar gyfer Anturiaethau Caerffili, Gwasanaeth Addysg Awyr Agored Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili.

Nododd y Cabinet, ar ôl cau Ysgol Uwchradd Pontllan-fraith, fod rhaglen ddymchwel wedi'i datblygu i baratoi'r safle i'w ddefnyddio yn y dyfodol.

Er mwyn parhau i gyflwyno'r defnydd cymunedol a Rhaglen Anturiaethau Caerffili, byddai angen adnoddau sylweddol mewn meysydd megis T.G., ffonau ac iechyd a diogelwch er mwyn cynnal y gwasanaeth mewn modd diogel a phriodol.

Yn ogystal, nododd y Cabinet nad yw'r Strategaeth Gwasanaeth Chwaraeon a Hamdden sy'n dod i'r amlwg, sydd heb ei mabwysiadu'n llawn, yn cydnabod Pontllan-fraith fel Canolfan Hamdden strategol bosibl ac felly mae agor Ysgol Uwchradd Islwyn yn gyfle i drawsnewid grwpiau defnyddwyr presennol heb unrhyw golled o wasanaeth.

Mae trosglwyddo Anturiaethau Caerffili i Goedwig Cwmcarn yn ddarostyngedig i achos busnes ar wahân. Amcangyfrifir bod cost y trosglwyddo oddeutu £75,000- £85,000.

Er mwyn parhau i gwrdd â galw'r gymuned a darparu cyfleuster a gymeradwyir gan Gymdeithas Bêl-droed Cymru ac o ganlyniad yn cefnogi darparu setiau cystadleuol ar ben uchaf pyramidau cystadlu, mae'n ddyhead y bydd y cae pêl-droed 3G yng Nghanolfan

Hamdden Pontllan-fraith yn cael ei adleoli i Ysgol Gyfun Coed Duon, er nad oes unrhyw arian wedi'i neilltuo at y diben hwn. Os na fydd arian ar gael, bydd swyddogion yn ceisio cynnig rhywfaint o'r cyfleuster hwn neu'r cyfan ohono yng Nghanolfan Rhagoriaeth Chwaraeon y Cyngor yn Ystrad Mynach.

Diolchodd yr Aelodau i'r Swyddogion am yr adroddiad a chafwyd trafodaeth. Holodd Aelod pam nad oedd y cae 3G yn Ysgol Uwchradd Islwyn yn addas, ac os yr ystyriwyd hyn tra bod y cyfleuster yn cael ei adeiladu. Eglurodd y swyddogion fod safonau sefydlog yn ofynnol ar gyfer caeau 3G ar lefel gystadleuol uwch, mae'r cyfleusterau sydd ar gael yn yr ysgol yn addas ar gyfer gweithgareddau cwricwlaidd aml-ddefnydd, ond nid ydynt yn cwrdd â gofynion Cymdeithas Bêl-droed Cymru.

Yn dilyn ystyriaeth a thrafodaeth, cynigiwyd ac eiliwyd bod yr argymhelliad yn yr adroddiad yn cael ei gymeradwyo. Cytunwyd ar hyn yn unfrydol drwy godi dwylo.

PENDERFYNWYD am y rhesymau a gynhwysir yn adroddiad y Swyddog, ac fel yr amlinellir yn y cyfarfod: -

- (i) yn unol â'r achos busnes a nodir yn yr adroddiad, dylid ymgynghori ar y bwriad i gau Canolfan Hamdden Pontllan-fraith;
- (ii) dylid cyflwyno adroddiad pellach ar ganlyniad yr ymgynghoriad ddiwedd yr Hydref 2017.

Terfynwyd y cyfarfod am 2.50 p.m.

Cymeradwywyd a Llofnodwyd eu bod yn gofnod cywir yn amodol ar unrhyw gywiriadau a wnaed yn y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 4ydd Hydref, 2017.

CADEIRYDD

Gadewir y dudalen hon yn wag yn fwriadol



CABINET – 4TH OCTOBER 2017

SUBJECT: PHASING OUT OF COMMUNITIES FIRST, PROPOSALS FOR REVISED WELSH GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES AND ASSOCIATED STAFF RESTRUCTURE

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

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- 1.1 The attached report, which was presented to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 19th September 2017, outlined the phasing out of the Communities First programme and the proposed implementation of the Legacy and Employment Fund, together with the proposed departmental re-structure and recruitment period which will enable a seamless transition to the Welsh Government's (WG) revised priorities and associated funding. Members were asked to consider if the proposals detailed within the report are appropriate and effective against the funding and policy criteria offered by WG, and their views were sought on the approach to the phasing out of Communities First and the proposed approach to the new programme, associated milestones and staff structure, prior to presentation of the report to Cabinet for consideration.
 - 1.2 Officers outlined the background of the programme and the current staff structure, details of which were contained in the report and its appendices. Since 1st April 2012, Communities First has been a Community Focused Tackling Poverty Programme, concentrating on the most deprived communities in Wales. The programme is funded by WG and has an annual budget of £2.902m. On 14th February 2017, following a period of engagement with communities and stakeholders, it was confirmed that Communities First would be phased out between 31st March 2017 and 1st April 2018, and that funding will continue at 70% of 2016/17 levels until 31st March 2018.
 - 1.3 It was explained that 2017/18 is intended to be a transition period which secures the legacy of Communities First whilst moving to a fresh approach to building resilient communities. Central to this approach will be the "Three E's" (employability, empowerment and early years). A full restructure of the Community Regeneration Team will be required in order to continue delivering the Communities for Work and LIFT programmes, as well as implementing the new Welsh Government initiatives, which will be funded from 1st April 2018. Both the Employment Support Fund and Legacy Fund (which are successors to the existing Communities First programme) were explained in more detail throughout the report.
 - 1.4 Members were also advised of the potential impact of these changes to third sector organisations. The Communities First programme has contributed to the funding of a number of posts across Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO), Groundwork Caerphilly and Senghenydd Youth Drop In Centre (SYDIC), and a reduction in the current funding is likely to have a major impact upon the Council's voluntary sector partners. Additionally, from 1st April 2018, it is only Local Authorities that will be awarded the new Legacy and Employment Support Funds.
 - 1.5 In response to a Member's query regarding the focus of the new programme, Officers explained that it would promote access to employment and encourage users to gain sustainable employment. Discussion took place regarding the WG policies to promote

economic and employment opportunities in Wales and it was explained that WG are due to publish their economic strategy in the near future which will set out their plans moving forward. Members were also reminded of the benefits that the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal will bring to the area, including the Metro transport network which will improve access to work opportunities. Members also referenced the strong economic prospects within Cardiff and expressed a need for these to be more evenly distributed across the county borough and wider region.

- 1.6 Discussion took place regarding the success of the Communities First programme within the county borough. Officers explained that Caerphilly is regarded as having one of the most successful programmes within Wales, having secured the highest number of people into employment, together with other positive outcomes.
- 1.7 Queries were received regarding the impact on staff in view of the funding reductions and proposed restructure. It was explained that some Communities First staff have secured alternative employment in recent months, and therefore a number of posts detailed within the proposed restructure would be subject to a recruitment process. It was confirmed that a number of the Communities First-funded positions within the voluntary sector have also been vacated.
- 1.8 Reference was made to the Communities First budget for 2016/17 and the amounts allocated to salaries and projects. Officers explained that the budget allocation is set by WG and that there has been a need to secure additional funding to cover salary payments and transport costs associated with the programme.
- 1.9 Following consideration of the report, the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended to Cabinet that for the reasons contained therein, the approach to the phasing out of Communities First, and the approach to the new programmes, associated milestones and staff structure be approved.
- 1.10 Members are asked to consider the recommendation.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 19th September 2017 - Agenda Item 8



REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19TH SEPTEMBER 2017

**SUBJECT: PHASING OUT OF COMMUNITIES FIRST, PROPOSALS FOR
REVISED WELSH GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES AND ASSOCIATED
STAFF RE-STRUCTURE.**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To outline the phasing out of the Communities First programme and the proposed implementation of the Legacy and Employment Fund.
- 1.2 To outline the departmental re-structure and recruitment period enabling a seamless transition to the Welsh Government's revised priorities and associated funding.
- 1.3 Members to consider if the proposals detailed within the report are appropriate and effective against the funding and policy criteria offered by Welsh Government.
- 1.4 Members views are sought on the approach to the phasing out of Communities First and the proposed approach to the new programmes, associated milestones and staff structure prior to seeking Cabinet approval.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Since 1st April 2012, Communities First has been a Community Focused Tackling Poverty Programme with a geographical focus, concentrating on the most deprived communities in Wales.
- 2.2 The programme has been based on 52 Clusters (groups of Lower Super Output Areas) across Wales, identified through the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation. Within Caerphilly there are currently four clusters:
 - Caerphilly Basin
 - Mid Valleys East
 - Mid Valleys West
 - Upper Rhymney Valley

The current Communities First areas are included in **Appendix 1**.

- 2.3 The programme has delivered against 101 performance indicators across the themes of Prosperity, Health and Learning. Staff funded by the programme have been expected to deliver against the key indicators identified, enabling us to clearly demonstrate their role within the programme. In addition to the Communities First programme there are currently two Council funded Community Regeneration Coordinators who have provided management support for the Communities First programme as well as providing support to communities outside the programme. These teams work collaboratively with the Communities 4 Work

programme funded through the European Social Fund (ESF) and the LIFT team also funded by Welsh Government. The current full Community Regeneration team structure is included in **Appendix 2**.

- 2.4 In addition, Communities First has funded 8 delivery staff based in Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO), 4 delivery staff and 65% of a management post in Groundwork, as well as the Manager, revenue costs and 2.5 full-time equivalent youth workers in Senghenydd Youth Drop In Centre (SYDIC).
- 2.5 On 11th October Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children, made a statement which outlined Welsh Government's intention to create a more prosperous nation of resilient communities. The Cabinet Secretary announced that he is "*minded to phase out the Communities First Programme while establishing a new approach to meet the challenges of the future*".
- 2.6 On the 14th February 2017, following a period of engagement with communities and stakeholders, the Cabinet Secretary confirmed that Communities First would be phased out between 31st March 2017 and 1st April 2018. Communities First funding will continue at 70% of 2016/17 levels until 31st March 2018.
- 2.7 The coming year provides the opportunity for a transition period which secures the legacy of Communities First whilst moving to a fresh approach to building resilient communities. Central to this approach are the 'Three E's':
- **Employability:** ensuring communities are ready and able to work
 - **Empowerment:** making sure communities are engaged and empowered to have their voices heard in the decisions that affect them; and
 - **Early Years:** giving children the best start in life
- 2.8 A full restructure of the Community Regeneration team will be required in order to continue delivering the Communities for Work and LIFT programmes, as well as implementing the new Welsh Government initiatives, which will be funded from 1st April 2018. Both the Employment Support Fund and Legacy Fund, which are successors to the existing Communities First programme, are explained in more detail throughout the report.
- 2.9 In previous years the Communities First grant has been awarded to the Third Sector as well as Local Authorities, and where Local Authorities have been the grant recipients a partnership approach to delivery through Collaborative Agreements has been accepted. However, from 1st April 2018 Local Authorities only will be awarded the new Legacy and Employment Support funds. The Communities for Work and Employment Support delivery and structure are prescribed by Welsh Government and delivered by Local Authorities on their behalf through a Memorandum of Understanding. These programmes cannot be outsourced. The Legacy programme should be an integral part of both programmes, providing the administration and wider support for those with complex barriers to employment. In addition the new Legacy programme should influence the re alignment of core public sector budgets. Whilst elements of the Legacy fund could be delivered by third sector organisations they would have to be appropriately procured.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The programmes contribute to the Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2016. Moving forwards into the new way of working will still need to evidence commitment to the 'five ways of working'
- *A prosperous Wales*
 - The programmes aim to support, young people, adults and families to achieve their personal goals which may include raising aspirations, children's development, and employability skills and build life skills for their future. In addition they support families to

improve their resilience, financial management, and literacy skills as well as support them to gain confidence to move on to employment support programmes, which aim to support and grow our economy.

- *A resilient Wales*
 - Many of the programmes encourage delivery of and use of local community based provision for sustainability of local resources.
- *A healthier Wales*
 - The Healthy schemes are embedded into practice across many of the programmes projects, encouraging healthy eating and activity, as well as reinforcing healthy behaviour messages, like no smoking. There are also key health messages throughout the various projects. Using local community based provision for delivery of the programmes encourages walking rather than driving to settings and groups. Employment project participants are supported to access public transport.
- *A more equal Wales*
 - The programmes have a main objective to encourage opportunities to return / start employment as the main route out of poverty. Reduce the impact of poverty on children, young people, adults and families through supporting them to access interventions, building confident and resilient communities and promoting positive development and attainment.
- *A Wales of cohesive communities*
 - A criticism of the Communities First, LIFT and Communities for Work programmes is the geographical targeting of postcodes, this also acts as a way to support those communities in the most concentrated areas of need. The geographical nature enables targeting of resources; creation of well resourced quality community based provision and builds a value to their local area, which other families want to access. However, joint planning and collaboration with the other three anti poverty programmes and ESF non CF employment support has attempted to mitigate this issue.
- *A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language*
 - Facebook pages and communications are now bilingual so that choices can be made as well as having translation into other languages as needed.
- *A globally responsible Wales*
 - Wellbeing is embedded through practice, including programme / project delivery and the new specification designs.

4. THE REPORT

The Transition Plan

- 4.1 Communities First funding from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 is 70% of 2016/17 levels. It is for Caerphilly County Borough Council as the Lead Delivery Body (LDB) to profile the funding throughout the year. Welsh Government has given LDBs maximum flexibility to spend grant awards in a way that suits local need. The LDBs can choose to fund Communities First projects through to March 2018, or phase out funding and activities and transition to a new approach at an earlier point.
- 4.2 The phasing out of Communities First has provided an opportunity to adopt a more integrated and targeted approach, in particular with the Housing Division, stitching the various programmes together for greater impact in some of our most deprived housing estates. It also offers opportunities to join up public services more widely, both across the Council and with partners, to maximise their impact and ensure value for money at a time when public funding is under pressure.
- 4.3 An **Outline** transition plan was submitted to Welsh Government on **31st March 2017**. The plan set out Caerphilly's approach to the transition, our intended timescales and type of projects to be continued in year. The Welsh Government endorsed Caerphilly's Outline Plan on 12th April 2017. The plan is attached in **Appendix 3**.

- 4.4 A **full** transition plan was submitted on **31st May 2017**. Due to the timescales Welsh Government recognised that these were subject to formal processes and agreement and are not yet fully endorsed by the Council.

The Phasing Out of Communities First

- 4.5 The Communities First budget received from WG for 2016/17 was approximately £2.902m. Following the announcement from the Cabinet Secretary, for 2017/18 this budget has reduced by 30% to approximately £2.031m (a saving of £870k). For the period between 2018 and 2020, (whilst the employability support element of the programme will be protected), we have received confirmation from WG that our allocation from the Legacy fund will be £547k per annum.
- 4.6 This is a fundamental change to both the depth and breadth of the programme as we know it and consequently this will require a different delivery model for both the short and longer term.
- 4.7 The phasing out of the programme will be flexible to reflect the reduction in budget and an expected continual reduction in staff resources. The Communities First team will adopt a whole area approach rather than a dedicated cluster area approach, utilising staff expertise across all areas. Areas will be prioritised according to greatest need as identified above and delivery in non priority areas gradually withdrawn between 1st April 2017 and 31st June 2017. Projects identified for continuation at present will be phased out over a longer period to 31st December 2017; and staff contracts have been extended accordingly. Therefore, to ensure a seamless transition from Communities First to the new way of working will require a re-structure and recruitment period between 1st January 2018 and 31st March 2018.
- 4.8 Both GAVO and Groundwork Caerphilly have opted to utilise the total 2017/18 budget available from April 1st 2017 until December 2017. Whilst this is not ideal from a delivery perspective it has been agreed that this approach be accepted to enable both organisations to effectively manage their own transition from Communities First to meet their organisational needs. Early indications of the end date for each has enabled us to factor this into our transition arrangements. The Caerphilly contribution from Communities First to both GAVO and Groundwork is relatively small in comparison to contributions from other Local Authority areas. For example in Blaenau Gwent, where GAVO has been the Lead Delivery Body for the programme. It is also worth noting that the wider voluntary sector is under increasing pressure with reduced funding outside of Communities First.
- 4.9 Cluster Managers have considered the projects in the 2016/17 delivery plans and utilised project performance figures, participation levels, budget allocations & value for money and links to the 3 E's agenda (Employment in particular) to determine which projects to take forward. Consideration has also been made as to whether particular projects could be delivered by partners where appropriate, either in the near future or the longer term.
- 4.10 Cluster Managers have also discussed outline delivery through the transition phase with the Senior Employment Mentor in the borough; ensuring projects meet not only the direct employability support needs of participants but also their wider needs e.g. improved mental health & wellbeing and digital skills.
- 4.11 The database for monitoring participant numbers and outcomes will be maintained throughout the transitional period, providing evidence for reporting purposes but also continually informing the development of the legacy programme.
- 4.12 In line with the WG focus on Employment as the best route out of poverty, the delivery of employability support & associated opportunities for training will remain a priority. However to reflect the reduction in budget allocation during 2017/18, there will be a reduction in the number of single courses previously arranged by individual Clusters. The team will take a joint approach to delivery of courses, so whilst there will be less individual courses available, they will be open to a larger number of participants from a wider range of areas. Communities for

Work and LIFT participants will continue to benefit from Communities First training provision where appropriate.

- 4.13 Work undertaken as part of the digital inclusion agenda will continue, supporting participants' digital literacy levels and enabling them to fully participate in an increasingly digital world. This will include the provision of basic IT training and accredited training where required. To support the sustainability of this provision in our communities as the programme phases out we will continue to maintain & develop the already substantial network of digital volunteers operating in the borough, primarily via the Digital Friday's initiative.
- 4.14 Most elements of delivery work undertaken as part of the previous 'Healthier Communities' theme will continue during the transitional period and options for low/no cost delivery have been explored. Links built via the Neighbourhood Care Networks (NCNs) means there is demand and a volume of participants for the Healthy Lives project (health education & physical activity). It is low cost, flexible and can be adapted to meet the needs of the participants. The XPERT programme operates on an Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) (and national) basis, however due to capacity issues within the health board, the programme in Caerphilly is currently delivered by Communities First staff. Maintaining the project through the transitional period will allow sufficient time for the Public Service Board & NCNs to review the outcomes of XPERT & other programmes delivered by Communities First and determine if they deem them a priority for consideration of any funds they hold.
- 4.15 The overall physical activity programme will be reduced and sessions with consistently low attendance will be phased out between April and June 2017. Subsequent to the summer period, sessions in areas which are unlikely to form part of the legacy bid will be withdrawn by December 2017. The StreetGames project will be continued across the borough funded by Welsh Government directly to StreetGames. A focus on sustaining local doorstep hubs will be a priority. CCBC will work collaboratively with StreetGames to identify the location of these hubs to fall in line with the plans for the identified priority areas as part of the Legacy programme. There are currently vacancies in the physical activity posts which will not be back filled; and the remaining staff will cover sessions across the borough, outside of their previous Cluster areas.
- 4.16 Mental health & wellbeing provision (classes) will be retained through the transitional period and wherever possible will be tailored towards supporting people back into work, but also the long term unemployed, for whom poor mental health may be a barrier. Communities First staff support for programmes currently co-delivered with partners in the Primary Care Mental Health Team (Stress Control & Activate Your Life) will be withdrawn by December 2017 at a time mutually agreed with the Health Board, to ensure the excellent working relations built are not compromised. Key self-help groups will continue to be supported while the programme is phased out; and referrals made to our partners including MIND, Hafal and Growing Spaces for any customers who require further ongoing support. GAVO Development Officers will lead on this work, supporting the groups with plans for long term sustainability following the end of the Communities First programme. The successful Men's Sheds projects will be supported to become sustainable in the longer term. There are also opportunities to refer participants currently enrolled with Communities First to the new Groundwork Wales 'Wood To Work' programme, funded by the RDP.
- 4.17 The successful Foodbank project within the Upper Rhymney Valley cluster will continue to be supported via CF Funding within the 2017-18 year. However, it is currently unclear if any funding will be available to maintain the project post March 2018; and therefore staff will also use this transition time to explore alternative funding options, given the vital nature of this resource as a support for families in poverty.
- 4.18 Current delivery within schools will be phased out at the end of the summer term, with provision for young people in full time education requiring a full phase out by 31st March 2018. As part of this approach, the Learning Pathway Centres (LPC) and the School Support project will be maintained until July 2017 with the option of extending support only until December 2017 in line with staff contracts. However, the Family element of the LPC provision will cease

as these staff have been lost. Personal & Social Development and Youth Crime Prevention projects will be maintained and will focus on providing the best possible exit for young people currently supported. The Extra-Curricular Qualifications projects will be removed due to reduced capacity of staff and the associated project budget as part of the savings. Projects being delivered in schools in the St James area (& St Martins Comprehensive School) will continue, with reduced budgets. As Lansbury Park is a key regeneration area these projects are likely to form a component of the Legacy fund post March 2018.

- 4.19 An illustration is detailed in **Appendix 6** which shows the phasing of the above projects and also highlights what programmes will be retained.

Implementation of the Legacy Fund, from April 2018

- 4.20 The Welsh Government has allocated £547,000 of Legacy funding to Caerphilly CBC. Caerphilly's proposal will require a more detailed evaluation of the existing Communities First areas with a re-focus on a smaller number of prioritised geographical areas, to reflect the Welsh Government's new focus on the three E's and Adverse Childhood Experiences. The move to the new way of working will require new, but fewer staff roles to facilitate a focused, concentrated and integrated effort where poverty and social deprivation is particularly prevalent, recognising that sustainable employment is the best route out of poverty. A seamless transition from Communities First to the new way of working will require a re-structure and recruitment period that includes the whole Community Regeneration team, including the two Community Regeneration Coordinators funded by the Council, between **1st January 2018 and 31st March 2018**. It may be possible to undertake a tender process to out source elements of the programme if required at a later date. However, with a particular focus on service re-alignment it is felt the Council would be best placed to undertake this role as the Community Regeneration department is also responsible for the delivery of both the Communities for Work and Employment Support programmes. The Legacy programme is integral to both these programmes and their delivery need to be intrinsically linked to provide a holistic, collaborative approach to addressing poverty.
- 4.21 This new delivery model will reflect the Welsh Government's focus on the three E's; using the Indicators for Adverse Childhood Experiences in addition to the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) to identify priority areas, with a move to both an asset based approach to community development and co production of services for the areas. Asset mapping of agreed communities will be undertaken to discover the community's strengths and capacities. It will reflect the methodology that underpins Children's Zones, each area being locally driven to match local circumstances and the development of a multi-disciplined governance and leadership structure that can respond to local circumstances. This approach is at the forefront of the '**Our Valleys, Our Future**', produced by the Ministerial Task Force and launched on 20th July 2017. *"It is important that the valleys are not defined by its challenge with local communities and local people at the heart of the work"*
- 4.22 It is this approach that will be implemented initially in Lansbury Park as a consequence of the Deep Place Study commissioned by Caerphilly CBC, undertaken by Dr Mark Lang. The scale of the challenge in Lansbury requires a commitment over many years, which will require an approach to public service provision that seeks to better coordinate services to achieve maximum impact. We intend to adopt a place based focus, with a review of public services to assess how well they meet the outcomes required by residents, and how they could improve impact and value for money. Again this is highlighted in the '**Our Valleys, Our Future**' plan , *'public services need to be more responsive to the needs of local communities and there is a general need to join services up more effectively to maximise their impact, especially as funding is so tight'*. The role of the Public Service Board is key to implementing this approach; and having endorsed the approach to Lansbury Park it provides an opportunity to develop this approach across a number of key areas across the county borough. The move to a new way of working in Lansbury has already commenced and is overseen by the Coalition for Change, from within existing Communities First budgets to facilitate a focused, concentrated and integrated effort where poverty and social deprivation is particularly prevalent.

- 4.23 The following areas have been identified as suggested priority areas for a new collaborative model that embraces a Co-Production approach to service delivery:
- Rhymney
 - Fochriw
 - Phillipstown
 - Cefn Hengoed
 - Park Estate (Bargoed)
 - Ty Sign (Risca)
 - Graig-y-Rhacca
 - Lansbury Park

- 4.24 These areas not only feature in the top 10% most deprived areas in the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation, they also suffer from extremely high incidents of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's). the statistics used to support and evidence the inclusion in the new programme can be found in **Appendix 5**

The Employment Support Fund

- 4.25 This grant is principally to provide for additional infrastructure to support the Communities for Work programme and take forward the learning from LIFT. From 1st April 2018 the funding for LIFT (currently £150,349) will be included within this budget but will be additional to the ESF funded Communities for Work programme. The programme design has been provided by Welsh Government and the Council will deliver on their behalf through a Memorandum of Understanding. This programme can not be outsourced to other providers.
- 4.26 While a final budget figure has yet to be confirmed by WG, the total amount will be approximately £800,000 per financial year. Initial indications are that this programme will run through to 2022.

Communities Facilities Programme (CFP)

- 4.30 An additional £4 million will be added to the existing capital budget of £2 million. From 2017-18, Welsh Government will welcome well-worked bids into the refocused programme for capital resource. Bids will be considered that help protect valuable community assets where renovations, alterations and/or conversions can enable a sustainable future to be secured.
- 4.31 They will be particularly keen for stakeholders, both as part of the CFP and in their transition planning, to consider the opportunities afforded by effective co-location of services. Similarly, we would wish to see an effective synthesis of capital and revenue sources and strategic coherence (including in terms of relation to the Three E's and Legacy funding).
- 4.32 Whilst guidance has yet to be received from Welsh Government, early discussion with WG has indicated Caerphilly's intention to apply to this grant to support developments at Lansbury Park.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 This proposal contributes to the Well-being Goals as set out in Links to Strategy above. It is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 No impact assessment has been undertaken on this report, however many individuals and groups who fall under the protected characteristics, and wider issues covered by the Council's Strategic Equality Plan, are often affected to a greater extent by poverty and the related causes; therefore any reduction in resources would have a negative impact on those individuals and groups.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Communities First budget for 2016/17 was £2,902,016.00, broken down as follows:

Salaries	Management	Training	Travel & Sub	Premises	Projects	CIP	Totals
489,279.00	29,464.00	4,000.00	15,200.00	89,688.00	133,440.00	25,000.00	786,071.00
486,940.00	29,347.00	5,000.00	11,200.00	17,175.00	79,975.00	25,000.00	654,637.00
488,418.00	29,421.00	4,000.00	14,200.00	22,525.00	70,505.00	25,000.00	654,069.00
605,791.00	35,289.40	4,000.00	16,950.00	39,353.00	80,855.60	25,000.00	807,239.00
2,070,428.00	123,521.40	17,000.00	57,550.00	168,741.00	364,775.60	100,000.00	2,902,016.00

- 7.2 The Offer Letter for 2017/18 was received on 14th March 2017 with the budget confirmed as **£2,031,411** as a single budget. Therefore a total saving of **£870,605** was required
- 7.3 To ensure equity, partner organisations were advised to plan for a budget reduction of 30% from 1st April 2017

Organisation	Staff Costs	Man Costs	Other / Hub Costs	Total	30% reduction	Differential
SYDIC	46,422		11,089	57,511	17,253	40,257
GAVO	249,124			249,124	74,737	174,387
Groundwork	108,264		16,000	124,264	37,279	86,985
White Rose			41,779	41,779	12,534	29,245
Graig Y Rhacca			18,528	18,528	5,558	12,970
Total	403,810	0	87,396	491,206	147,362	343,844

- 7.4 Each organisation was asked to provide a full breakdown of their financial plan for the grant, with an offer to profile so they receive full payment in the first quarter with the understanding that the extent of the reductions later on will obviously be greater. Where redundancy is applicable it is proposed they meet their redundancy costs from within this budget.
- 7.5 The budget allocation for the Council's youth service in 2016/17 was £469,830 for staff and £134,250 delivery budget. Therefore a budget reduction of **£181,224** will be required for 2017/18, reducing the youth service Communities First budget to **£422,691**. The impact of these savings on the Youth Service in 2017/18 could be significant. It has therefore been agreed that from 1st April 2017 the Hub Team Coordinator and Administration will be funded from Families First, with an associated saving of **£58,758** to Communities First. Current delivery within schools will need to be phased out at the end of the summer term. The exclusion of support for young people in full time education from April 2018 will require a full phase out by 31st March 2018.
- 7.6 For the period between 2018 and 2020 we have received confirmation that our allocation of the Legacy fund will be approximately £547k per annum. This reduction in the current programme is likely to have a major impact upon our voluntary sector partners and the Council alike.

- 7.7 Whilst the Communities First staff and associated delivery budgets are provided by the Welsh Government, within the Terms and Conditions of the grant and the recent draft guidance it is not the intention of the Welsh Government to provide associated redundancy costs for Local Authorities. Redundancy would be in line with CCBC policy and redundancy costs borne by the Council. These costs will vary according to grade and length of service and whether the staff are eligible for and can be re-deployed. The redundancy costs could be significant (circa £350,000 - £400,000). This is the case for any externally funded post currently on the establishment. If this situation arose, the Council would consider the overall financial implications and consider redeployment in accordance with the Council's HR policies and where appropriate funding and other mitigation measures would be taken accordingly. Provision has been made for redundancy costs corporately. Although due to the proposed new structure and staff transferring these costs should be much lower.
- 7.8 The Welsh Government recognises the potential impact to third sector organisations and, particularly, that they could be faced with redundancy decisions.
- 7.9 Local Authorities may consider providing financial support from within their 2017/18 funding allocations for statutory redundancy costs for **staff funded by Communities First only** where, without meeting these one off costs, the third sector organisation's stability would be jeopardised putting them at risk of closure. Local Authorities should carry out their own due diligence work to ensure compliance with employment law. The approximate voluntary sector redundancy cost as of 17th July 2017 has been calculated at circa:
- o Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations - £25,387
 - o Groundwork – £5,890
 - o Senghenydd Youth Drop In Centre - £3,097
- 7.10 Whilst the redundancy costs associated with CCBC Communities First staff are not being met by Welsh Government, they will, however, fund the 3rd sector's redundancy costs through their grant allocation, as set out above.
- 7.11 Whilst the new structures have yet to be costed, it is assumed they will all be deliverable within the funding available. When all the new Job Descriptions have been evaluated the costing exercise can be completed.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The decision taken by Welsh Government to phase out Communities First has significant personnel implications for the whole Community Regeneration team, Youth Service and the voluntary sector. Community Regeneration currently employs 50 members of staff across a number of different funding sources. Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations did employ 8 staff through the Caerphilly Communities First programme however 3 have managed to secure alternative employment with 5 currently on notice. Of the four Groundwork posts 2 have secured alternative employment. The two full time equivalent youth worker posts in Senghenydd Youth Drop in Centre are also on notice. As outlined in 2.7 only Local Authorities will be grant recipients from 1st April 2018. The Communities for Work and Employment Support delivery and structure are prescribed by Welsh Government and delivered by Local Authorities on their behalf through a Memorandum of Understanding. These programmes cannot be outsourced. The Legacy programme should be an integral part of both programmes, providing the administration and wider support for those with complex barriers to employment. In addition the new Legacy programme should influence the re alignment of core public sector budgets. Whilst elements of the Legacy fund could be delivered by third sector organisations they would have to be appropriately procured.
- 8.2 It is proposed that the restructure of the Community Regeneration team takes place throughout the remainder of the calendar year. The milestones for its implementation are as follows:

- Approval sought by Corporate Management and Cabinet PDM in **July 2017**
- Phasing out of the Communities First programme through to **31st December 2017**
- Consultation with Regeneration Scrutiny in **September 2017**
- Cabinet approval for new delivery model and associated resources - **November 2017**
- Recruitment exercise to restructure and fill positions within the new structure to take place **November - December 2017**
- Implementation of the new structure from **January 2018**, transitioning through to begin delivery of new programmes in **April 2018**.

8.3 As per proposed structure found in **Appendix 4**, Community Regeneration will split into 3 teams that will work collaboratively across all programmes and priorities: Programme Management, Employment Support (Communities for Work and Employment Support Fund) and Legacy.

Delivery of the Employment Support Fund

8.4 The current Caerphilly Employment Support model lends itself well to the proposed Welsh Government structure, as a single employment support offer was established from the onset of the Communities for Work programme. Discussions with Welsh Government on 5th June 2017 have resulted in a request for Caerphilly to implement the new model sooner than anticipated, from within the existing Communities First and LIFT budgets until 31st March 2018, to ensure a smooth transition into the new grant from 1st April 2018.

The Welsh Government has now confirmed the structure for this new fund as follows:

- 8 Employment Support staff
- 4 Participation Officers
- 1 Employer Liaison Officer
- 1 management post to support the existing management structure

8.5 In addition to the above WG funded posts, 1 Finance Officer, 1 Admin Assistant, 1 Programme Support Manager and an additional Triage Worker will be funded by the management costs procured through The Communities for Work, Employment Support and Legacy programme. In addition to core costs available due to the loss of two grade 10 posts in Community Regeneration and a possible contribution from Housing. Costs to fund delivery are currently being finalised and the final structure will be reflective of the total budget available. The proposed structure for the Employment Support Fund is also included in **Appendix 4**.

8.6 It has been agreed by Welsh Government that the existing 4 Communities First Employment Support staff and the 2 LIFT staff will be transferred into the Employment Support posts within the new structure. The additional posts will be initially ring fenced to Community Regeneration staff at risk of redundancy before going through the usual recruitment channels. Application will be via an expression of interest that will demonstrate the essential job requirements. Welsh Government has requested this be carried out as soon as possible.

8.7 Communities for Work staff contracts have been extended until 31st March 2020 and the LIFT contracts until 31st March 2018. Due to Finance staff being only part funded by C4W, their contracts have not yet been extended as they will form part of the new Employment Support Fund.

8.8 Whilst the delivery model and associated staffing structures for Communities for Work and the Employment Support Fund have been prescribed by Welsh Government the Local Authority has more flexibility with the Legacy Fund. The proposed Caerphilly Legacy model is intended to retain the most effective elements of the Communities First programme whilst supporting the requirements of the Employability and Empowerment themes from the Three E's. The three proposed Legacy Managers and their support officer will oversee 8 priority areas, managing a move to asset based community development whilst designing an intense community engagement exercise to ensure residents can actively engage in developing services across all public services, to ensure they meet the needs of communities. They will

lead on the integration and collaboration of services across the Council and public sector partners. They will also ensure the programme supports the delivery needs of the employment support programme, working closely with the Employment Manager. The specialist Health and Mental Health officers have provided vital support to individuals with complex barriers to work, complimenting the support provided by the Employment Support Mentors. The male engagement officer has been identified through experience of delivering programmes over many years and through consultation with partners who find working age males the most difficult to engage. Both Family Liaison posts will be retained for St James and St Martin's Schools supporting families from Lansbury Park. The youth workers will provide support to those young people who experience Adverse Childhood Experiences.

- 8.9 The current contracts for Communities First staff have only been extended until 31st December 2017, due to budget constraints and to facilitate a departmental re-structure between January 2018 and April 2018. The two Community Regeneration Coordinators, currently core funded, will be included within the re-structure to reflect the required changes to delivery post Communities First. The consultation process commenced on the 3rd July 2017, involving affected staff, their relevant Trade Unions, HR, and Management. In line with the restructure, there will be a mixture of slotting into posts and filling on a ring fenced basis. Any displaced qualifying employees will then be supported through the redeployment process. Staff unable to secure suitable alternative employment will be entitled to a redundancy payment, in line with Council policy.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 All responses from consultations have been incorporated in the report

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Members views are sought on the approach to the phasing out of Communities First and the proposed approach to the new programmes, associated milestones and staff structure prior to seeking Cabinet approval.

11.0 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 To facilitate the transition from the Communities First programme and meet the Welsh Government requirements to deliver the new Employment and Legacy grants.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Current CF Areas

Appendix 2 – Current Staff Structure

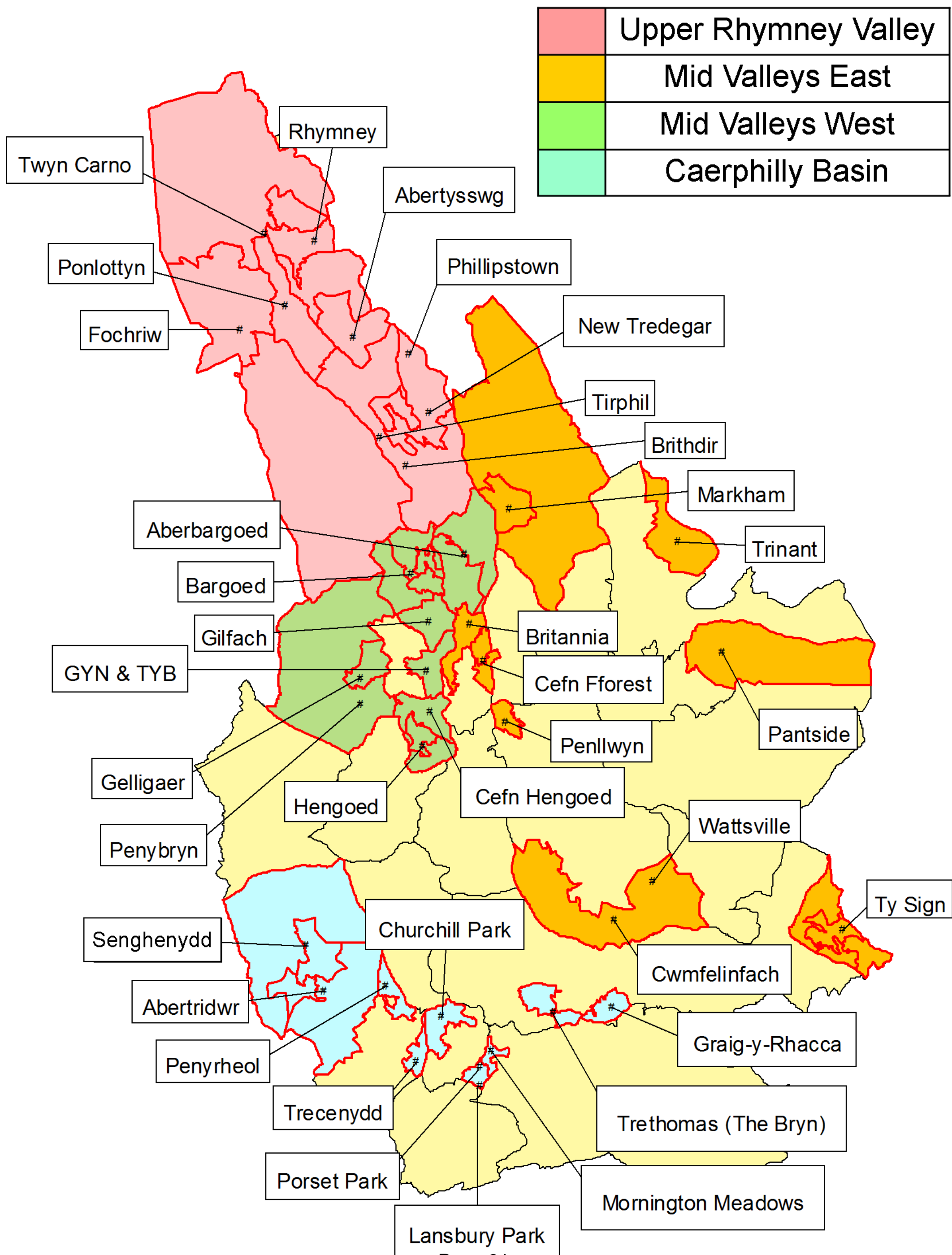
Appendix 3 – CF Transition Plan

Appendix 4 – Proposed Staff Structure (Restructure)

Appendix 5 – Communities Stats Data

Appendix 6 – CF Project End Timescales

Communities First New Phase



COMMUNITY REGENERATION STRUCTURE

Upper Rhymney Valley

Cluster Manager
 Employment Support Officer
 Health & Wellbeing Officer
 Administration & Monitoring Assistant
 Mental Health Officer
 Physical Activity Officer

Mid Valleys West

Cluster Manager
 Employment Support Officer
 Health & Wellbeing Officer
 Administrative & Monitoring Assistant
 Mental Health Officer
 Physical Activity Officer

Mid Valleys East

Cluster Manager
 Employment Support Officer
 Health & Wellbeing Officer
 Administration & Monitoring Assistant
 Mental Health Officer
 Physical Activity Officer

Caerphilly Basin

Cluster Manager
 Employment Support Officer
 Health & Wellbeing Officer
 Administration & Monitoring Assistant
 Mental Health Officer
 Physical Activity Officer

Employment Support (LIFT & CfW)

Family Employment Mentors (LIFT)
 Adult Employment Mentors x4
 Youth Employment Mentors x4
 Triage Workers x4

Caerphilly CBC Central Support (Borough-Wide)

Community Regeneration Manager

Central Support
 Programme Development Officer
 Research & Monitoring Officer
 Admin Assistant

Central Admin
 Admin & GIS Officer
 Admin Assistant

Employment Support
 Senior Employment Mentor (LIFT & CfW)

Digital Inclusion
 Community Regeneration Co-ordinator
 Digital Inclusion Officer
 Digital Inclusion Officer

Physical Activity
 CF Physical Activities Co-ordinator

Community Regeneration
 Community Regeneration Co-ordinator

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Caerphilly County Borough Council – Communities First Transition Outline Plan

Please note, due to constraints relating to the fact that we are currently within a pre-election period, this plan is based on officer proposals only at this stage; and therefore will be subject to formal consultations and approval prior to final confirmation.

The planning and implementation approach you have taken or intend to take

There is increasing policy interest in identifying community assets. When practitioners begin with a focus on what communities have, as opposed to what they don't have, a community's efficacy in addressing its own needs increases, as does its capacity to lever in external support. Currently services are designed to 'fill gaps' and 'fix problems' creating dependency and disempowering individuals who become passive recipients of services.

Caerphilly's approach to Community Regeneration will provide community development practitioners with a new perspective on building bridges with communities, whilst building on the legacy and relationships developed through the Communities First programme and mobilising individual and community assets, thus enabling a process of co-production, with community members as active agents in their own and their families' lives. Co production requires users of services to be seen as experts in their own circumstances and capable of making decisions, while service providers move from being fixers to facilitators. This will necessitate new relationships to be developed with front line professionals, and an enabling role adopted.

Proposals for the Legacy funding will require a more detailed evaluation of the existing Communities First areas with a re-focus on a smaller number of prioritised geographical areas focusing on indicators for Adverse Childhood Experiences. Locally collected data will inform how the areas are identified and the subsequent delivery model will reflect the Welsh Government's new focus on the three E's, with a move to both an assets based approach to community development and co production of services for the area. Asset mapping of agreed communities will be undertaken to discover the community's strengths and capacities. It will reflect the methodology that underpins Children's Zones, each area being locally driven to match local circumstances, developing a governance and leadership structure that can respond to local circumstances. The Public Service Board, partner organisations and communities will need to be involved and appropriate internal governance systems followed and evidenced in this process.

The following areas have been proposed for support from the Legacy Fund and for priority delivery from 1st July 2017 until the end of the Communities First programme.

- St James 3 and 4 (Lansbury Park)
- Twyn Carno 1 and Moriah 3 (Rhymney)
- Bargoed 4 (Park Estate, Gilfach)
- Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen 6 (Graig y RHacca)
- New Tredegar 3 (Phillipstown)
- Hengoed 2 (Cefn Hengoed)
- Penyrheol 8
- Darren Valley 2 (Fochriw)
- Penyrheol 4 (Trecenydd)
- Ty Sign

Whilst the priority areas have yet to be formally approved by Council, they consist of the ten most deprived communities in Caerphilly Borough, the following data is currently being collated to further support the areas' inclusion and provide a base line to identify local outcomes and monitor progress. It is anticipated that many of the successful Communities First projects that cannot be mainstreamed will continue in these areas well into the Legacy period.

Data Sources (at present time – more to be added):

- Rent Arrears (over £500)
- Housing Evictions
- Housing Court Orders
- Tenancy Support Visits
- Complaints relating to Antisocial Behaviour
- Referrals to Supporting People
- Referrals to Supporting Family Change
- Families supported in relation to domestic violence (Llamau)
- Referrals for Substance Misuse Support - Adults (Kaleidoscope)
- Referrals for Substance Misuse Support – Young People (Drugaid)
- 4 Strike Process Referrals
- Council Tax Arrears

It is this approach that will be implemented initially in Lansbury Park as a consequence of the Deep Place Study commissioned by Caerphilly CBC, undertaken by Dr Mark Lang. The report can be found here:

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyDocs/News/LansburyParkDeepPlacePlan.aspx>

The scale of the challenge in Lansbury requires a commitment over many years, which will require an approach to public service provision that seeks to better coordinate services to achieve maximum impact. We intend to adopt a place based focus, with a review of public services to assess how well they meet the outcomes required by residents, and how they could improve impact and value for money. The role of the Public Service Board is key to implementing this approach, and having endorsed the approach to Lansbury Park it provides an opportunity to develop this across a number of key areas across the borough. The move to a new way of working in Lansbury will commence from 1st April 2017, from within existing Communities First budgets to facilitate a focused, concentrated and integrated effort where poverty and social deprivation is particularly prevalent.

The current Caerphilly employment support model lends itself to the proposed Welsh Government structure, as a single employment support offer was established from the outset of the Communities for Work programme. Therefore, it is proposed that the existing Communities First infrastructure, 7 staff and associated budget that currently supports both LIFT and Communities for Work be ring fenced in readiness for the new grant from 1st April 2018.

As the Employment Grant additional resources have been conformed as follows:

- 8 additional employment support staff (2 of which are current LIFT employees)
- 4 participation officers
- 1 employer Liaison officer
- 1 management post to support the existing management structure

*** The proposed employment structure can be found in appendix 4 of the main Scrutiny report. (September 2017)**

To facilitate a timely move to the new structure it is proposed that the 4 current Communities First Employment Support staff and 2 LIFT staff are transferred into the new model as soon as possible funded from within the existing Communities First and LIFT budgets until 31st March 2017, this is to ensure a smooth transition into the new grant from 1st April 2018.

Current delivery within schools will be phased out at the end of the summer term, with provision for young people in full time education requiring a full phase out by 31st March 2018. The Youth and Family team will be reconfigured in order to accommodate the reduction in the team. The team will continue to deliver support to schools and to Learning Pathway Centres, but there will be very limited support for families of these children and young people as there is no family support staff to deliver this work. Heads and Leads of the associated educational provision will be informed that all support will come to an end as of December 2017.

Finances

The final finance figures will be available in due course following imminent meetings with both the CfW & new Employment fund leads around how this will be implemented throughout the financial year.

How communities have been or will be included in developments and decisions and how the community involvement plan has been reflected

Due to time constraints and recent election period it has not been possible to conduct any formal consultation with the community prior to the submission of this outline plan. However, there has been regular communication between the council and community groups & organisations and other key stakeholders through each stage of the process since the Ministers announcement. This will continue at each milestone of the transition programme and planning of future programmes.

All Clusters have conducted Cluster Steering Group meetings, within which they have informed local stakeholders and community representatives of the current position regarding Communities First; and have sought their views on outline transition plans. On a general basis, community involvement is also ongoing via the processes outlined within each Cluster's Community Involvement Plan, which provide various and ongoing opportunities for the community to be informed and included in decision making.

The likely timescale for your exit from CF. Do you plan a phase out extending to March 2018 or earlier?

The phasing out of the programme will be flexible to reflect the reduction in budget and an expected continual reduction in staff resources. The Communities First team will adopt a whole area approach rather than a dedicated cluster area approach, utilising staff expertise across all areas. Areas will be prioritised according to greatest need as identified above and delivery in non priority areas gradually withdrawn between 1st April 2017 and 31st June 2017. Projects identified for continuation will continue until 31st December 2017 and staff contracts have been extended accordingly. Consultation on and formal agreement for proposals for Legacy funding will now take place over the next few months To ensure a seamless transition from Communities First to the new way of working a re-structure and recruitment period between 1st January 2018 and 31st March 2019 will take place.

The decision to phase out Communities First has significant personnel implications for the whole Community Regeneration team. Community Regeneration currently employs 50 members of staff across a number of different funding sources.

**** The current structure can be found in appendix 2 of the main Scrutiny report. (September 2017)***

The two Community Regeneration Coordinators funded by the Council will be included within the re-structure to reflect the required changes to delivery post Communities First. It is anticipated that budgets from both WHQs and Community Regeneration will be utilised to maximise impact from the Legacy Fund.

The consultation process will commence on the 3rd July 2017, involving affected staff, their relevant Trade Unions, HR, and Management. In line with the restructure, there will be a mixture of slotting into posts and filling on a ring fenced basis. Any displaced qualifying employees will then be supported through the redeployment process. Staff unable to secure suitable alternative employment will be entitled to a redundancy payment, in line with Council policy. These costs will vary according to grade and length of service and whether the staff are eligible for and can be re-deployed. However, with 32 staff in Community Regeneration, 2 in Finance and 11 in Education, there are 45 CCBC employees currently funded by Communities First and the redundancy costs could be significant (circa £300,000).

The Communities for Work staff contracts have been extended until 31st March 2020 and the LIFT contracts until 31st March 2018.

Both Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisation and Groundwork Caerphilly have opted to utilise the total 2017/18 budget available from April 1st 2017 until the end of December 2017. Whilst this is not ideal from a delivery perspective it has been agreed that this approach be accepted to enable both organisations to effectively manage their own transition from Communities First to meet their organisational needs. Early indications of the end date for each has enabled us to factor this into our transition arrangements.

Your intended approach to projects delivered in partnership with other Welsh Government funding streams.

The principles of partnership working and integration are key factors within the development of all Welsh Government funding streams within Caerphilly. We work closely with a vast range of partners from the public, private and third sectors; including the Local Health Board, Department of Work and Pensions, GAVO, Groundwork, Citizens' Advice Bureau, local police, schools, businesses, voluntary organisations and many more. This level of partnership working is an essential part of truly integrating with the local community to deliver meaningful outcomes, whereby services work together to maximise both referrals and the value of interventions through the sharing of resources, expertise, opportunities and access to customers. Some of the anti-poverty programmes also deliver in partnership with others working regionally in development with other programme managers and partner organisation managers although delivering a local solution. Partnership working is intrinsic to the delivery of the programmes which cannot achieve the outcomes without working with others.

As a result of this approach it has been agreed that from 1st April 2017 the Hub Team Coordinator and associated Administration will be funded from Families First. The Parent Network is currently jointly commissioned by Communities First, Families first and Flying

Start. From 1st April 2017 the budget allocated from Communities First will be funded by Families First. Discussions are on-going with the Families First Board and the programme leads for Flying Start and Supporting People to identify the key elements of the Communities First programme they wish to retain and can support through their programmes or require representation at the Public Service Board for consideration for main stream funding.

Flying Start will continue to work with families to support their engagement and confidence to access employment support through Communities First, Communities for Work and LIFT and the new Employment Fund to ensure families have the opportunity and support to break the cycle of poverty. This collaborative approach amongst the anti-poverty programmes in particular has enabled the development of customer “pathways” across a range of themes, including Employment, Family Learning and Mental Health, which track the transition of children, young people, adults or families through the different programmes and enables sharing of best practice for delivery, prevents duplication when planning and delivering services and maximises resources.

Involvement is intrinsic to the delivery of the anti poverty programmes, 3 of which have funded Caerphilly Parent Network to ensure that participation is built in to development and delivery through their wide engagement and development of parent forum across the borough. Parents, children and practitioners are seen as equal partners and have shaped delivery in communities to ensure the provision is in the right location and accessible as well as embedded in the community. An aim of the programmes has always been to empower local communities through involvement whilst addressing the causes and impacts of poverty. Staff regularly work with local community members and/or community organisations in the development of projects; and project participants are given frequent opportunities to feedback through project monitoring systems, to enable them to shape project delivery and ensure that needs are being met.

Moving forward a closer collaboration with Housing and in particular the Welsh Housing quality programme will be a priority. Coordinating capital and revenue regeneration funding will become paramount to maximise opportunities to develop social and economic outcomes from capital investment. Legacy funding will compliment areas benefitting from infrastructure, environmental and housing improvement to ensure a holistic programme of regeneration in line with the Rhymney regeneration programme, where VVP funding complimented a targeted initiative of community support through Communities First has proven to be extremely successful.

The basis on which you will determine which projects to take forward.

Cluster Managers have considered the projects in the 2016/17 delivery plans and utilised project performance figures, participation levels, budget allocations & value for money and links to the 3 E's agenda (Employment in particular) to determine which projects to take forward. Consideration has also been made as to whether particular projects could be delivered by partners where appropriate, either in the near future or the longer term.

Cluster Managers have also discussed outline delivery through the transition phase with the Senior Communities for Work Mentor in the borough; ensuring projects meet not only the direct employability support needs of participants but also their wider needs e.g. improved mental health & wellbeing and digital skills.

The database for monitoring participant numbers and outcomes will be maintained throughout the transitional period, providing evidence for reporting purposes but also continually informing the development of the legacy programme.

In line with the WG focus on Employment as the best route out of poverty, the delivery of employability support & associated opportunities for training will remain a priority. However to reflect the reduction in budget allocation during 2017/18, there will be a reduction in the number of single courses previously arranged by individual Clusters. The team will take a joint approach to delivery of courses, so whilst there will be less individual courses available, they will be open to a larger number of participants. Communities for Work and LIFT participants will continue to benefit from Communities First training provision where appropriate.

Work undertaken as part of the digital inclusion agenda will continue, supporting participants' digital literacy levels and enabling them to fully participate in increasingly digital world. This will include the provision of basic IT training and accredited training where required. To support the sustainability of this provision in our communities as the programme phases out we will continue to maintain & develop the already substantial network of digital volunteers operating in the borough.

Most elements of delivery work undertaken as part of the previous 'Healthier Communities' theme will continue during the transitional period and options for low/no cost delivery have been explored. Links built via the NCNs means there is demand and a volume of participants for the Healthy Lives project (health education & physical activity). It is low cost, flexible and can be adapted to meet the needs of the participants. The XPERT programme operates on an ABUHB (and national) basis, however due to capacity issues within the health board, the programme in Caerphilly is currently delivered by Communities First staff. Maintaining the project through the transitional period will allow sufficient time for the Public Service Board & NCNs to review the outcomes of XPERT & other programmes delivered by Communities First and determine if they deem them a priority for consideration of any funds they hold.

The overall physical activity programme will be reduced and sessions with consistently low attendance will be phased out between April and June 2017. Subsequent to the summer period, sessions in areas which are unlikely to form part of the legacy bid will be withdrawn by December 2017. The StreetGames project will be continued across the borough, with a focus on sustaining local doorstep hubs. The location of these hubs will fall in line with the plans for the identified priority areas as part of the Legacy programme.

There are currently vacancies in the physical activity posts, which will not be back filled and the remaining staff will cover sessions across the borough, outside of their previous Cluster areas. As part of budget saving measures external providers (coaches, instructors) will not be utilised.

Mental health & wellbeing provision (classes) will be retained through the transitional period and wherever possible will be tailored towards supporting people back into work but also the long term unemployed, for whom poor mental health may be a barrier. Communities First staff support for programmes currently co-delivered with partners in the Primary Care Mental Health Team (Stress Control & Activate Your Life) will be withdrawn by December 2017 at a time mutually agreed with the Health Board to ensure the excellent working relations built are not compromised. Key self-help groups will continue to be supported while the programme is phased out. GAVO Development Officers will lead on this work, supporting the groups with plans for long term sustainability following the end of the Communities First programme. The successful Men's Sheds projects will be supported to become sustainable in the longer term. There are also opportunities to refer participants currently enrolled with Communities First to the new Groundwork Wales 'Wood To Work' programme, funded by the RDP.

Current delivery within schools will be phased out at the end of the summer term, with provision for young people in full time education requiring a full phase out by 31st March 2018. As part of this approach, the Learning Pathway Centres (LPC) and the School Support

project will be maintained until July 2017 with the option of extending support only until December 2017 in line with staff contracts. However, the Family element of the LPC provision will cease as these staff have been lost. Personal & Social Development and Youth Crime Prevention projects will be maintained and will focus on providing the best possible exit for young people currently supported. The Extra-Curricular Qualifications Projects will be removed due to reduced capacity of staff and the associated project budget as part of the savings. Projects being delivered in schools in the St James area (& St Martins Comprehensive School) will continue, with reduced budgets. As Lansbury Park is a key regeneration area these projects are likely to form a component of the Legacy fund post March 2018.

Following careful consideration several projects will be completely withdrawn in April 2017, which will contribute to the reduction in budget allocation and allow remaining budget to be utilised to maximum effect.

The Parent Learning Project in Caerphilly Basin Cluster has had consistently mixed success in previous years and the budget for this can be reallocated Schools based projects in St James and St Martins. This will also ensure better targeting of participants and link with employment agenda more directly, which can be specifically referenced to the Lone Parent Proposal included in the Deep Place Study.

Cooking classes do not form part of the vision for the programme going forward i.e. employability and will cease at the end of March 2017. However, should a need be identified in the communities included as part of the Legacy programme then this is something that can be revisited and delivered on a small scale as necessary.

The Heolddu (Comprehensive School) Project (operating in Mid Valleys West only) will be withdrawn in April 2017. The School has benefitted from the funding provided by Communities First over recent years but this is no longer sustainable. The project has demonstrated that it is worthwhile so the school will be given the opportunity to maintain the project if they have sufficient resources.

How results will be monitored

Moving forward, results will be monitored against a range of measures, collected and reported via a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods. We are working in close partnership with staff responsible for developing the Caerphilly Wellbeing Plan, to ensure outcomes/measures are aligned with strategic priorities as a means of further integrating future work with that of mainstream services and the Public Service Board. This process is ongoing, with final outcomes due to be developed in Autumn 2017.

Within the employability grant, a range of quantitative measures will be identified and reported on, including number of people entering employment, number starting placements etc; however these will be underpinned by more detailed qualitative data, reported via case studies and narratives, which will be collected as part of a case work approach, whereby each participant will have a personal record or portfolio, detailing their progress and distance travelled.

Measuring success within the Legacy Fund will be slightly more complex and determined according to local need within each community. Where individual projects or initiatives are developed, these will be monitored using standard quantitative (e.g. evaluation forms) and qualitative (e.g. case studies, focus groups) measures. Staff working within communities will also seek to compile overall community plans detailing the services and organisations working within each area. These plans will be dynamic, whereby they can be used to report upon activities, projects, improvements etc. as a means to track progress and change within

each community as a result of co-production and bending of existing services, in addition to any new projects that are delivered. Within specific areas, these plans will also be aligned to the development of Children's Zones as per the Children First initiative. Baseline data is currently being collated to demonstrate need across a range of issues, including rent arrears, antisocial behaviour, referrals to support services such as homelessness, substance misuse and domestic violence support etc. Where possible, this data may also be reviewed on an annual basis to reflect the changing situation over time.

Details or a plan for involvement of the Public Services Board.

The Public Service Board has been fully briefed to date by both Caerphilly CBC and Welsh Government. A report has been submitted to the Board in relation to Welsh Government timescales as well as Caerphilly's initial outline proposal for phasing out Communities First. Further discussions will take place to identify gaps in provision that will occur, with representation made to the Public Service Board for consideration.

Each Public Service Board member has now nominated a senior representative to sit on the newly established 'Coalition for Change'. This will be the decision making body that has the authority to change priorities, allocated resources and command support from their respective agencies, leading on a Total Place approach to public service reform that seeks to better coordinate services to achieve maximum impact. It will adopt a place based focus and conduct a radical review of public and third sector services to assess how well they meet the outcomes required by residents, and how they could improve impact and value for money. Their role will also be to over see the establishment of the Children's First pioneer area.

The Community Regeneration Manager has been fully involved during the on going identification of the Well Being Objectives, and associated plan, ensuring the impact of phasing out Communities First is understood and considered. Further meetings with the Public Service Board are planned to discuss options for alternative delivery mechanism for a number of health related services, including the community based Primary Mental Health Therapies, Xpod and XPERT programmes. This has also been discussed at the NCN, GP Cluster meetings due to the high number of GP referrals received for these programmes.

Commitment to the 'Five Ways of Working'

Programme and delivery planning is consistent with 'The Five Ways of Working' as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act, in that places are planned and buildings developed accordingly to meet the changing demands of communities. The workforce is trained and recruited to meet the planned projections of numbers needed in the different geographical areas, or in the different target vulnerable groups, and projects deliver flexibly to maximise efficiency. Programme performance will be influenced by those indicators identified within "The Caerphilly We Want" Local Well Being Assessment.

The long term aim of delivery during 2017/18 and beyond is to raise aspirations & employment opportunities, as well as increase family resilience in communities. A long term goal is to break the cycle of poverty and impact on long term economic activity of the next generation. By forming and maintaining links with partners, particularly those within the employment sector, as well as local businesses, the programme is able to plan for future

trends and demands within the labour market, to ensure long term sustainability of outcomes.

Moving forwards into the new way of working will still continue to evidence commitment to:

A Prosperous Wales

The programme will aim to support, young people, adults and families to achieve their personal goals which may include raising aspirations, children's development, employability skills, increase attendance at provision and build life skills for their future. In addition it supports families to improve their resilience, financial management, and literacy skills as well as support them to gain confidence to move on to employment support programmes, which aim to support and grow our economy.

A Resilient Wales

Many of the programmes encourage delivery of and use of local community based provision for sustainability of local resources. The principles of Asset Based Community Development will also be employed to ensure that existing community assets are used to their best advantage, thereby maximising the potential for community resilience.

A Healthier Wales

The Healthy schemes will be embedded into practice across many of the projects, encouraging healthy eating and activity, as well as reinforcing healthy behaviour messages, like no smoking. Using local community based provision for delivery of the programmes encourages walking rather than driving to settings and groups. Employment project participants are supported to access public transport.

A More Equal Wales

The programme's main objective will be to encourage opportunities to return / start employment as the main route out of poverty. Reduce the impact of poverty on children, young people, adults and families through supporting them to access interventions, building confident and resilient communities and promoting positive development and attainment.

A Wales of Cohesive Communities

A criticism of the Communities First, LIFT and Communities for Work programmes is the geographical targeting of postcodes, however, this also acts as a way to support those communities in the most concentrated areas of need. The geographical nature of the proposal enables targeting of resources; creation of well resourced quality community based provision and builds a value to their local area, which other families want to access.

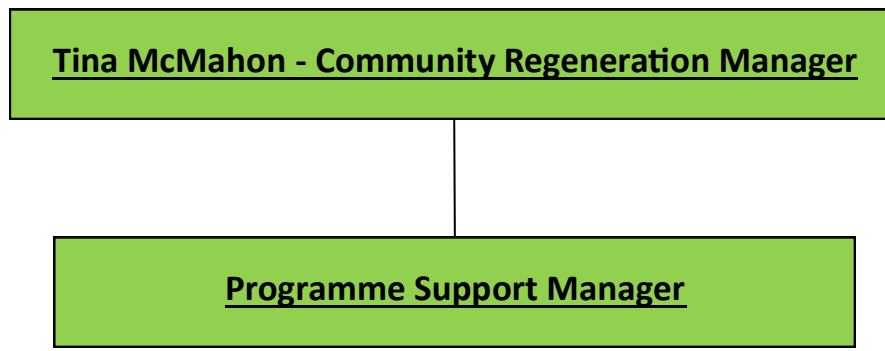
A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

Facebook pages and communications will be bilingual so that choices can be made as well as having translation into other languages as needed. As per the recommendations of Baroness Andrews' report, the programme will link to wider initiatives such as the Fusion programme; and partners within the cultural sector to add value to employment and training programmes and explore opportunities for enhancing and promoting employability through cultural activity.

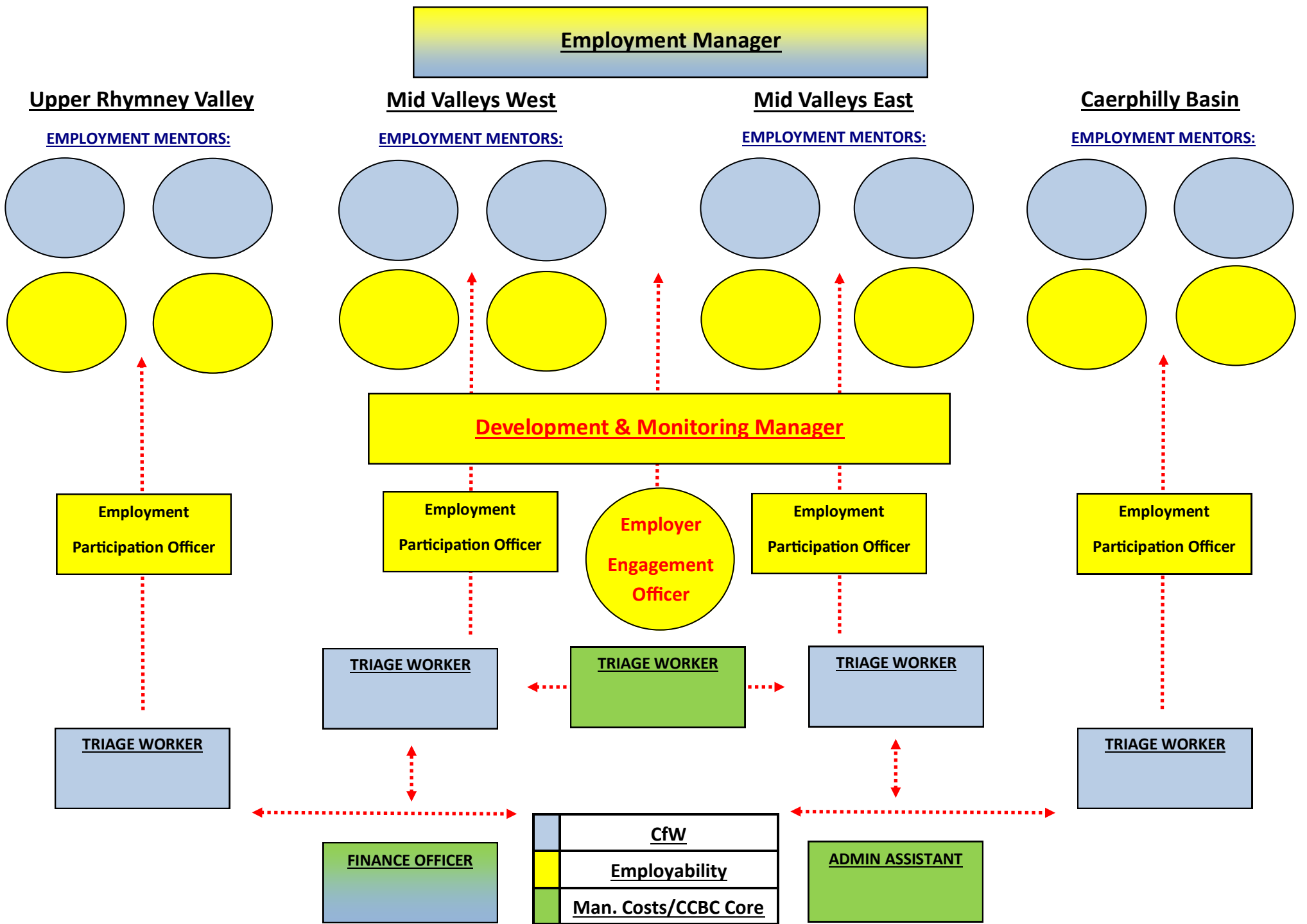
A Globally Responsible Wales

Wellbeing is embedded through practice, including programme / project delivery and the new specification designs.

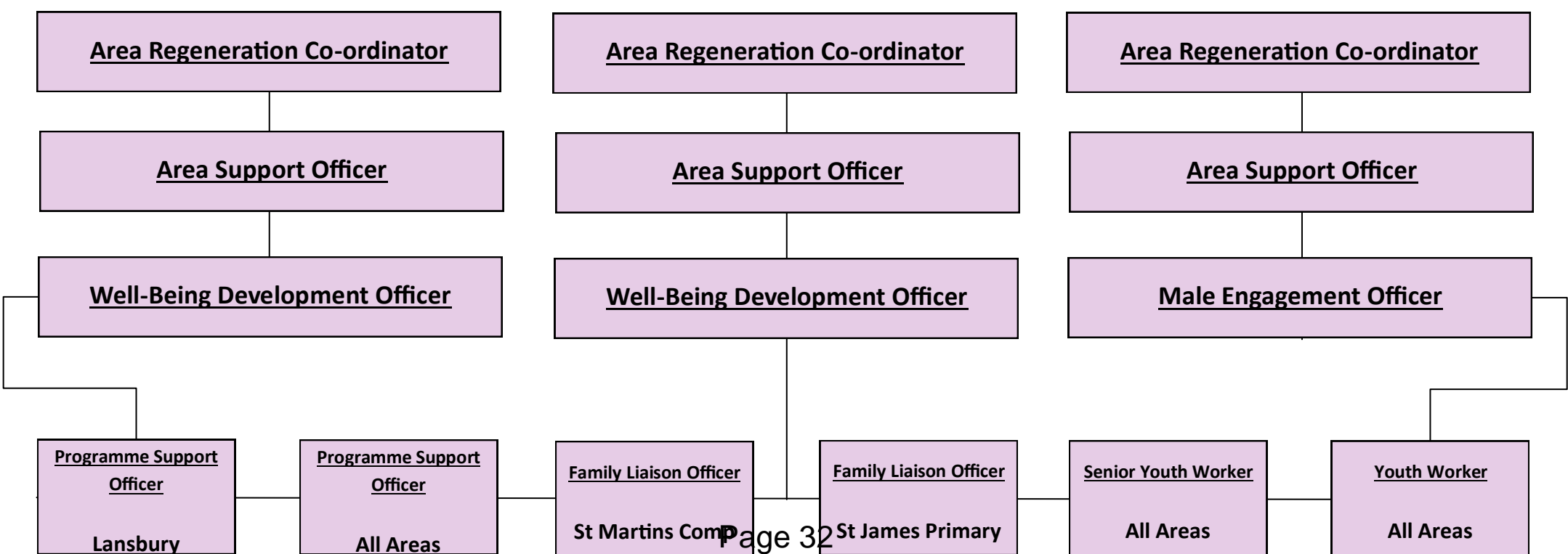
PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT



EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT



LEGACY



New Communities and Data**Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation, 2014**

Community	Primary LSOAs covering community /estate	Ranking according to Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation, 2014
Lansbury Park (Including Porset Park)	St James 3	1
	St James 4	107
Rhymney	Twyn Carno 1	7
	Moriah 3	62
Park Estate	Bargoed 4	23
Graig y Rhacca	BTM 6	25
Phillipstown	New Tredegar 3	70
Cefn Hengoed	Hengoed 2	88
Fochriw	Darren Valley 2	126
Ty Sign	Risca East 2	426

Child Poverty Data – Children in Income Deprived Households

Community	Primary LSOAs covering community /estate	Proportion of children aged 0-3 in income deprived households	Number of children aged 0-3 in income deprived households
Graig y Rhacca	BTM 6	75%	115
Rhymney	Twyn Carno 1	66%	50
	Moriah 3	55%	45
Phillipstown	Phillipstown	65%	80
Lansbury Park (Including Porset Park)	St James 3	62%	65
	St James 4	56%	50
Park Estate	Bargoed 4	60%	65
Fochriw	Darren Valley 2	60%	40
Cefn Hengoed	Hengoed 2	52%	55
	Hengoed 1	32%	25
Ty Sign	Risca East 2	54%	45

Kaleidoscope Referrals

Area		No of referrals	Children involved	Primary substance									
				Heroin	Alcohol	Cocaine	Amphetamines	Cannabis	Methadone	Dihydro-codeine	Benzodia zepines	Subutex	Codeine
Rhymney	Rhymney (South)	21	20	6	8	1		3			2		1
	Rhymney (North)	11	3	7	4								
	Ty Coch Estate	7	2	4	2	1							
Ty Sign	Ty Sign (Lower)	22	20	7	8	1	2	1	1			1	1
	Ty Sign (Upper)	6	7	4	2								
Lansbury	Lansbury Park	12	16	3	6		2	1					
	Porset Park	4	3	2	2								
Gilfach (Park Estate)		9	10	2	7								
Fochriw		2	2	1			1						
Phillipstown		8	8	2	3			3					
Graig y Rhacca		6	3		4	1		1					
Cefn Hengoed		3	4	1		1				1			

Supporting People Referral Data

Referrals made

Area		Referrals	Male	Female
Gilfach (Park Estate)		270	90	175
Rhymney	Rhymney South	256	111	142
	Rhymney North	226	98	125
Cefn Hengoed		153	43	107
Lansbury	Porset Park	151	51	99
	Lansbury Park	99	48	50
Phillipstown		109	30	78
Fochriw		71	23	47
Graig y Rhacca		39	12	25

CCBC Evictions 01.04.16 – 31.03.17

Community	No. Evictions	Reasons for Eviction
Lansbury Park	4	Rent Arrears x 3; ASB x 1
Ty Sign	3	Rent Arrears
Rhymney	2	Rent Arrears
Pantside	1	Left Before Eviction

Anti-social Behaviour/Nuisance calls reported to Tenancy Enforcement Section (TES) 01.04.16-31.03.17

Area	Number of referrals to TES	
Rhymney – North and South	60	
Lansbury	Lansbury Park	49
	Porset Park	18
Graig y Rhacca	37	
Ty Sign	34	
Gilfach Site (Park Estate)	22	
Fochriw	11	
Cefn Hengoed	4	
Phillipstown	1	

The definitions of ASB (in reference to calls above):

- ‘Where conduct is capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that persons occupation of residential premises or the conduct is capable of causing housing related nuisance or annoyance to any person’ (*Housing related* means directly or indirectly relating to the housing management function)
- ‘Conduct that has caused or is likely to cause harassment, alarm, or distress to any person where the anti-social behaviour has occurred in a public place’

Generally including:

- Noise,
- Harassment, Intimidation and threatening behaviour
- Verbal and written abuse
- Substance misuse – drugs and alcohol – supply, cultivation, use or misuse
- Vandalism/ property damage
- Physical violence
- Domestic Abuse
- Hate related incidents

Domestic Abuse Conference Calls (DACC) Reports

AREA		NUMBER OF CALLS
RHYMNEY N & S		33
GILFACH SITE (Park Estate)		23
TY SIGN		18
G.Y.R.		16
LANSBURY	LANSBURY PARK	14
	PORSET PARK	9
CEFN HENGOED		5
FOCHR IW		4
PHILLIPSTOWN		1

Relates to Council Tenants over period 01.04.16 – 31.03.17.

The DACC is a daily report of all DV related incidents reported to the Police in the last 24 hours. As long as the person has consented to share information or they meet the threshold for concern, then the data will feature in the report. CCBC then research to see if the person is a Council tenant and if they can offer support, check property damage, secure locks etc.

Families Supported by Llamau re: domestic violence 01.04.16 – 31.03.17

Community		No. Families Supported
Lansbury Park		16
Ty Sign		14
Rhymney	North	9
	South	1
Graig y Rhacca		8
Gilfach (Park Estate)		6
Fochriw		4
Phillipstown		4
Cefn Hengoed		3

CCBC Tenancy Support Officer Visits 01.04.16 – 31.03.17

Community	No. Support Visits (individual number of properties)
Lansbury Park	193
Rhymney	163
Graig y Rhacca	157
Ty Sign	104
Gilfach (Park Estate)	90
Phillipstown	41
Cefn Hengoed	34
Fochriw	23
Porset Park	20

Citizens' Advice Bureau – Financial/Debt Support by Ward and by Advice Type

Community	Primary Ward(s) covering community/estate	Benefits	Consumer	Debt	Discrimination	Education	Employment	Financial	Health	Housing	Immigration	Legal	Relationships	Tax	Travel	Utilities	Other
Park Estate	Bargoed	167	16	85	2	0	18	23	6	44	0	23	27	2	2	32	15
Lansbury Park (Including Porset Park)	St James	121	4	57	0	0	10	18	4	15	1	5	8	1	1	14	6
Rhymney	Moriah	120	3	50	0	1	8	16	2	19	0	7	15	2	0	11	3
	Twyn Carno	55	1	29	0	0	4	7	0	4	1	2	2	0	0	5	3
Graindy Rhacca	BTM	112	8	73	0	1	9	42	3	24	0	13	18	2	2	15	10
Cefn Hengoed	Hengoed	111	8	49	0	1	6	19	2	14	0	14	17	3	3	12	6
Phillipstown	New Tredegar	106	8	54	0	1	10	24	8	16	0	17	18	0	1	19	3
Ty Sign	Risca East	75	13	30	0	1	12	18	5	9	0	14	8	1	3	3	17
Fochriw	Darren Valley	37	4	14	0	0	10	9	1	10	0	2	8	1	3	4	7

Projects	Phasing out timescale:				
	31 st Mar 2017	30 th Jun 2017	31 st Dec 2017	31 st Mar 2018	Continuing post Mar 2018
PROSPEROUS THEME					Transition Period
Employment Support	[Blue arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Digital Fridays (Drop-in IT Support)	[Blue arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Rhymney Foodbank	[Blue arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Youth Crime Prevention Project	[Blue arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Citizens' Advice Bureau Outreach (Outreach Service – Shared Outcomes project)	[Blue arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				

Volunteer-run continuation

Projects	Phasing out timescale:				
	31 st Mar 2017	30 th Jun 2017	31 st Dec 2017	31 st Mar 2018	Continuing post Mar 2018
LEARNING THEME					Transition Period
St Martins/St James School Family Support	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Pupil Inclusion (Learning Pathway Centres)	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
School Support (Primary School Additional Support)	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Personal and Social Development (Youth)	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Cattwg Project (Community Learning & Volunteering)	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Digital Inclusion Classes	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Tiny Tots Toy Library	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 30th Jun 2017]				
Parent Engagement (Learning Pathway Centres)	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 30th Jun 2017]				
Extra Curricular Qualifications	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 30th Jun 2017]				
Heolddu Achievement Project (School attendance & attainment support)	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 30th Jun 2017]				
Adult/Parent Learning	[Green arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 30th Jun 2017]				

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Projects	Phasing out timescale:				
	31 st Mar 2017	30 th Jun 2017	31 st Dec 2017	31 st Mar 2018	Continuing post Mar 2018
HEALTHIER THEME					Transition Period
Physical Activity Programme	[Red arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Streetgames (Door-Step Sport Sessions)	[Red arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Mental Health Classes (Community based. eg. Living Life to the Full)	[Red arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Mental Health Support Sessions (Peer Support)	[Red arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Healthy Lives (XPOD, XPERT, Foodwise)	[Red arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 31st Mar 2018]				
Community Cooking	[Red arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 30th Jun 2017]				
Broadening Horizons (Confidence, self-esteem & Mental Health Support)	[Red arrow from 31st Mar 2017 to 30th Jun 2017]				

Continuing in legacy areas only



CABINET – 4TH OCTOBER 2017

SUBJECT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2016/17

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present to Cabinet the Authority's Annual Self-Assessment called the Annual Performance Report for 2016/17 and to seek the views and approval of Cabinet prior to its presentation to Council on the 10th October 2017 and publication by 30th October 17.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Performance Report is a statutory requirement under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and an important part of the Council's Performance Framework. The Council is required to assess its own performance and provide the public with a balanced picture of that performance.
- 2.2 In addition, the report must show how the council performed against the Well-being Objectives it set itself for 2016/17. The report also shows how the Council performed against its eight priorities that ran from 2013 to 2017 and have now come to the end of their published time frame.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires each authority to set and publish Well-being Objectives with effect from March 2017. It is a requirement of the Act that our objectives will have a positive impact upon the social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the area or community concerned. In particular our set of objectives must collectively contribute to:
- 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
- 3.2 The Annual Performance Report details progress of the council's medium term priorities outlined in the CCBC Corporate Plan 2013-17, namely:
- Peoples social care needs are identified and met in a timely and appropriate way.
 - Children and adults are safeguarded from abuse.
 - Improve standards across all year groups, particularly key stage 3 and 4.
 - Identify vulnerable groups of learners and develop interventions to ensure needs are met.

- Reduce the gap in attainment between pupils in advantaged and disadvantaged communities.
- Promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle.
- Invest in our council homes and their communities to transform lives.
- Affordability - Deliver a medium term financial plan aimed at ultimately providing a period of stability that helps the authority to have a range of services in the future that are sustainable.

3.3 The Council formally adopted the above priorities on June 2014. The priorities reflected the council's contribution to the delivery of the Single Integrated Plan together with manifesto commitments made by the ruling administration from 2013 to 2017.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 The Council has a statutory duty to publish its Performance Report no later than the 30th October each year. Full details of the plan are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. Upon approval by Council, this report will be published on the Council's internet site and made available in hard copy at key council offices and libraries.

4.2 Whilst the document is kept in as plain a language as possible, it is a comprehensive and sometimes technical document so a summary of the plan will also be made more widely available to the public by the end of November.

4.3 The report primarily includes a Director's position statement from each of our directorates; financial statements, progress and achievements made against our 5 Well-being Objectives; and performance statistics with progress comments against National Public Accountability Measures for 2016/17 for Local Authorities.

4.4 Detailed reports of the Council's performance against its Well-being Objectives, using Ffynnon dashboards were scrutinised at this year's performance scrutiny meetings. These will be placed on the internet at the same time as the Performance Report to provide more detail and keep the report to a manageable size, as such the main report summarises the performance of the Well-being Objectives.

4.5 What does the Annual Performance Report tell us?

4.5.1 In accordance with the Local Government Measure 2009 the Annual Performance Report is focussed, but not limited to, the council's delivery of its Well-being Objectives and the Performance Report reflects that.

4.5.2 The council's Well-being Objectives (WBOs) for 2016/2017 were:

I.O.	Description	Status
WBO1	To help people make the best use of their household income and manage their debts	Successful
WBO2	Improve outcomes for all learners, particularly those vulnerable to under achievement	Partly Successful
WBO3	Close the gap in life expectancy for residents between the most and least deprived areas in the borough	Successful
WBO4	Carbon Management: Reduce our carbon footprint	Partly Successful
WBO5	Investment in council homes to transform lives and communities	Partly Successful

The judgements above were made based upon whether the individual WBOs had delivered the outcomes set. The judgements were scrutinised and validated via each individual scrutiny held across the summer / autumn 2017. WBO1, 2 and 3 are recognised as long term and complex objectives so will be ongoing for some time, indeed number 3 may not be achievable within the next decade but we judged this and WBO1 as successful within this term because all actions were delivered and performance indicators showed improvement across a range of areas (for example in WBO3 the reduction of smoking within the borough). WBO4 was judged as partly successful because whilst there was some success, and some of the action plan was completed, it was not as fully as we would have liked. WBO5 incurred slippage of the planned programme, which resulted in several targets not being met in the Welsh Housing Quality Standard, however significant improvement has been made in both internal and external housing stock improvements and tenant satisfaction was high. The Wales Audit Office carried out a review of the WHQS and has made some recommendations for improvement so on balance we have judged this as partly successful as agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee.

- 4.5.3 There are several ways to view national data, either by performance against past performance, or performance against other authorities, or movement up and down the rankings. For example, some indicators although having moved down or stayed at a low ranking have still improved year on year, or performance may decline but it can still improve in the all Wales ranking. As such our Performance Report focuses on how well we have improved year on year but also gives explanations for deteriorating or improving performance in an all Wales context.
- 4.5.4 A summary of the national picture using the National Measures shows the picture is mixed. The national indicator set has changed. Last year the Welsh Government no longer required the national indicator set and 'revoked' them by legislation. The reason was that information is already provided in other ways and replication was not required (for example all education data comes from schools and waste data comes from Natural Resources Wales from a system called Waste Data Flow and so forth) therefore Welsh Government aimed to reduce the data collection burden. As a result there is no longer a legal 'national set' of data. The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) set a task and finish group to agree a public set of indicators that authorities would voluntarily contribute towards to enable comparators in response to this removal of the national set. Most of the indicators they agreed were the same as the indicators that Welsh Government had revoked. As a result of this process there are now fewer indicators (from 41 down to 31) meaning there is a smaller sample size when using percentages to show comparators. The indicators are not 'audited' so while comparators may give context they should be treated with caution as they may not be counted in a like for like way.
- 4.5.5 Of the 31 National indicators, 25 were used as a comparison to create the national picture across Wales. Of those measures Caerphilly saw 64% of those improve upon their 2015/16 results (16 indicators) and 24% decline (6 indicators) in performance compared to the 2015/16 result (where 40% declined). 8% (2) maintained maximum performance levels (at the best they can be) and 4% which reflects 1 indicator was not applicable because we did not report on it.
- 4.5.6 In April 2016 (as a result of the new Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014) a new set of social care measures were introduced. This means that most of the old social services indicators became obsolete. The results of the new indicators will not be available until October and we will report on this when their received.**

4.5.7 Below is a break down of year on year improvement of National Indicators by Directorate

2016/17 year on year Performance Improvement by area compared to 2015/16					
	No.	Improved	Deteriorated	Maintained	Does not apply
Education Including Library services	12	8	3	1	
** Social Services Public Protection	1		1		
Communities	10	8	1	1	
Corporate	2		1		1 *
Total	25				
* This calculation does not include (CAM037) as the measure was not reported on due to unreliable data sets from energy suppliers					

4.5.8 Reasons for performance of the individual indicators are included within Appendix 2 to the Annual Performance Report.

4.5.9 For 2016/17 Six of the indicators are in the “Upper Quarter” in Wales including:

- The percentage of final statements of special education needs issued within 26 weeks **excluding** exceptions maintained joint **1st** in Wales for the third year running.
- The percentage of final statements of special education needs issued within 26 weeks **including** exceptions moved from 8th to joint **1st** in Wales.
- The percentage of reported fly tipping incidents cleared within 5 working days continues its climb up the rankings (previously had been ranked 16th in Wales in 2013/14) has moved up to 2nd in Wales with a performance of 99.7%
- The percentage of pupils at Key Stage 2 who achieved the core subject indicator moved from 16th in 15/16 to 3rd this year.
- The number of visits to public libraries during the year per 1,000 population was 4th in Wales in 2016/17 moving up from 6th last year.
- The number of additional affordable housing units provided during the year improved in performance from 6th to 2nd in Wales. (75 units this year compared to 51 previously)

4.6 Nine of the indicators are in the “Middle Quarters” and some of these include:

- 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 moved from 8th to **7th** with an improved performance of approx. 4%
- The percentage of municipal waste sent to landfill improved at **4.18%** compared to 9.57% the year before but our ranking still went down from 4th to 10th in Wales.
- The percentage of food establishments which are ‘broadly compliant’ with food hygiene standards has moved from the upper quarter to the middle quarter from 6th to 12th Wales (which is a drop of 0.7%) and is still a high performer.
- The percentage of highways inspected of a high or acceptable standard of cleanliness stayed the same with a performance of **96.8%** but moved up from 8th to 7th in the ranking with the all Wales average being 96.6%
- The percentage of highways inspected of a high or acceptable level of cleanliness has improved from 9th to 8th in Wales.

4.6.1 Nine of our indicators are in the “Lower Quarter” some of these include:

- The percentage of all pupils in any LA maintained school, aged 15 at 31st August who leave compulsory education, training or work based employment without an approved qualification moved from 21st to 22nd in Wales and remains the lowest in the table with a performance of 1.1% against an all Wales average of 0.2%.

- The percentage of pupils in LA **care** aged 15 as at the 31st August who leave compulsory education, training or work based learning without an approved qualification moved from **22nd** in Wales to 20th. This represents 4 pupils out of 22 leaving without qualifications.
- The percentage of pupils assessed at the end of key stage 3, in schools maintained by the local authority, achieving the core subject indicator, (as determined by teacher assessment) improved by 1.7% and has improved steadily over the 5 years however it remained at **20th**.
- Percentage of pupil attendance in *primary* schools improved to 94.6% and moved from 21st to 17th in Wales.
- Percentage of pupil attendance in *secondary* schools has moved from 22nd in Wales to **20th** with performance steadily improving over the previous 3 years.
- The average external qualifications points score for all children, in any local authority maintained learning setting declined for the first time since the indicator began. It went from 500.7 to 455.6 ranking at 21st. The all Wales average is 531. This indicator will not be collected and reported on next year in the formal data sets.
- Although our performance improved from 52 to 53% for the percentage of pupils aged 15 at the preceding 31 August, in schools maintained by the local authority who achieved the Level 2 threshold including a GCSE grade A*-C in English or Welsh first language and mathematics, our position moved to 21st in Wales.
- Our sickness (number of working days per FTE) came in as 20th this year amongst authorities (although RCT did not report their figures) with the number of days averaging 12.2 against an all Wales average of 10.3.

Details of Caerphilly's performance in relation to Wales for all 31 indicators are included in Appendix 2 entitled 'PAMS 2016/17'

4.7 Directors have used the Performance Plan to reflect on the performance of their individual directorates:

- Directorate of Education: page 46
- Directorate Communities: page 50
- Directorate of Social Services: page 57
- Directorate Corporate Services: page 62

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT2015

5.1 This report provides performance information against the Council's Corporate Plan and against 16/17 Well-being Objectives. The objectives were set within the '5 ways of working' within the sustainable development principle which are.

- Involve
- Collaborate
- Long term
- Integrate
- Prevention

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Local Government Measure 2009 includes 'fairness' in its definition of improvement. The legislation also requires organisations to consider 'fairness' when setting priorities. There are 'no protected characteristics' to consider in the actual publishing of the Councils Performance Report and the report will be available in accordance with the Councils Welsh Language Standards and in different formats and fonts on request.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications of this report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no direct Personnel implications arising from this report.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 The Performance Report has been collated via contributions made by all Directorates across the Council. All Heads of Service have contributed and been consulted on their relevant section. All other comments resulting from consultation have been incorporated into this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That Cabinet recommends to Council they accept the Annual Performance Report 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 1 and 2.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 There is a statutory duty on the authority to publish the Performance Report by the 30th October each year.

12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

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Background Papers:

Committee	Date	Title of Report
Education for Life (WBO2)	7 th June 17	Performance Review 1617 Appendix D.
Health and Social Care Well Being (WBO1 & WBO3)	12 th September 17	Well being Objective 16/17 Progress Update
Environment and Regeneration	4 th July 17	Well being Objective Annual Report / Year end 16/17
Policy and Resources	18 th July 17	Well being Objective 5 Investment in council homes to transform lives and communities

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Annual Performance Report 2016/17

Appendix 2 Performance Indicator Table 2016/17

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Message from the Leader

Cllr. David Poole

This is my first 'Annual Performance Report' update as the new leader of the authority following the sad passing of the former leader, Cllr Keith Reynolds.

Keith left a lasting, positive impression on this council and I am honoured to have the opportunity to build upon his legacy. That said, I also have my own clear vision for the organisation and I have assembled a very capable and enthusiastic team of Cabinet Members to help me deliver our ambitions over the coming years.

Looking back over the 2016/17 financial year, it is evident that Caerphilly County Borough Council has continued to make good progress, despite the turbulent economic climate which is impacting public services across Wales.

It's encouraging to see that we remain a well-run and stable local authority that strives to deliver quality services in the face of reduced budgets and challenging savings targets.

We always do our best to put residents first and we always try to deliver services that match the needs and aspirations of the community. Our committed workforce is instrumental in achieving this and staff at all levels work hard to ensure that residents benefit from the services they need.

There have been a number of major developments taking place over the past 12 months and one of the most notable is the launch of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. This ambitious project is a 'game changer' for South East Wales and is moving forward at a rapid pace now that all 10 councils are formally backing the initiative. We will ensure that Caerphilly is a key player so that this area enjoys its fair share of benefits resulting from the £1.2 billion investment and 25,000 new jobs that will be created under the City Deal.

Another important agenda is the proposal to reform local government in Wales. The landscape looks set to change considerably over the next few years and it is clear that collaboration and a greater focus on regional working is going to be the way forward. We need to be at the forefront of this change to ensure that Caerphilly is a key contributor when any new partnership arrangements are being forged.

This report discharges the Authority's duty under the Local Government Measure 2009 section 15.1-15.5 publication of improvement information.



Message from the Leader

Cllr. David Poole



We continue to pour significant investment into our housing stock in order to help transform lives and communities across the county borough. Our Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) improvement programme is having a major impact on council homes and the transformation of these properties is clear to see. We are now focusing our efforts on ensuring that the 2020 deadline for completion of the WHQS works is met.

Pupils have benefitted from an unprecedented level of investment over recent years culminating in a number of exciting school developments as part of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools programme. Notable examples include the recently completed Islwyn High School development in Oakdale, Y Gwyndy Welsh Language campus in Caerphilly and the ongoing development of a new 3-18 school in Abertyswg.

Last year we continued with our commitment to support and protect the most vulnerable people in our society. This council has also agreed that £3.5million should be allocated in the 2017/18 budget to meet ongoing financial pressures for Social Services in order to achieve this aim.

As part of the important 'green agenda', residents across the area are helping us to recycle more and more household waste as well as garden and food waste. We have invested in a fleet of new vehicles to make our collections more efficient so that we can achieve ambitious recycling targets that are set by the Welsh Government. I would like to thank everyone who is doing their bit to make the county borough cleaner and greener.

We are also mindful of the financial pressures facing local residents so we are working hard to keep Council Tax bills to a minimum. The authority agreed the lowest Council Tax increase in Wales in 2016/17 at just 1% and the same low rate was also agreed for 2017/18. This equates to an increase of just 19p per week for an average band D property.

There are many positive things going on across the whole county borough – too many for me to reflect here, but hopefully this annual report will give readers a flavour of the progress that is being made. It also shows those areas of improvement that we need to focus a bit more on too, as we recognise that there is always room for improvement.

Please get in touch if you have any comments on the content of this report or on any of the services provided by the council as we always welcome all feedback.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Poole".

Cllr David Poole

Introduction



Every year we publish a report on how we as an Authority (Council) have performed during the previous year. This report tells the reader about our performance during 2016/17. Performance of the Council is routinely published in various forms however this is our opportunity to pull all information together to give the reader an overall picture. Some of our information is comprehensive and statistical so we sometimes produce a summary that is available in November each year.

When we ask whether we are making a difference to the communities we serve, addressing the priorities that are important to our residents, we use some of the activities below to help us determine this. The following list is not exhaustive, but has been provided to give you an idea of the types of activities that the authority undertakes to learn whether we are doing things as best we can:

- We use complaints, compliments and wider consultation to gather feedback and intelligence from our residents and communities. For example, the Viewpoint Panel, Youth Forum and the bi-ennial Household Survey, as well as operational intelligence from our partnership work with, the Police, Fire and Rescue, the Health Board, Volunteer Groups, Youth Justice Board, Contractors and other stakeholders.
- External regulators assess us and inspect our services to ensure we are compliant with statutory legislation and local policies and for 2016/17, the outcome of this is reported on page 69.
- Each Service Area carries out a Self-Evaluation using a range of evidence to judge how they are performing and then produce an Annual Service Plan, to take forward and monitor its improvement actions.
- Each Service has its own 'Performance Scorecard' to monitor, analyse and report performance information throughout the year. Services maintain and monitor a Risk Register, which monitors things that could impede service delivery.
- Many of our Services form part of wider partnership or collaborative groups, where they produce partnership strategies, plans and programmes which they use collectively to monitor their activities and progress.
- Budget monitoring and financial statements of accounts are routinely reviewed and scrutinized.
- The Council has in place several tiers of information reporting between officers and councillors such as; Scrutiny, Cabinet and Audit Committee. Our Audit Committee routinely monitors aspects of risk and complaints reporting.
- Our employees are engaged in annual appraisals, which we call Performance Development Reviews.
- The Welsh Government (WG) and European Commission, monitor activities and outcomes delivered against specific grant funded activities.
- We are continuing to study in more detail, the ways in which we work to see where waste can be eliminated and services improved.



In providing an insight into Council performance it is important to know that the Council is very diverse, with over 600 types of services and 8,767 staff providing services from 'cradle to grave'.

So to structure our self-evaluation and subsequent report for 2016/17 we provide an overview, and then focus on 'what we have done well', 'what has not gone so well' and 'where we think we need to do better' within our Directorate Statements.

The report begins with introductions followed by:

- ◆ A financial summary of how we are performing within our budgets.
- ◆ A summary of how we have performed against our Well-being Objectives for 2016/2017. The performance progress for our Well-being Objectives uses an overall assessment of: **Successful**, **Partially Successful** and **Unsuccessful**.
- ◆ A final assessment of the progress we made against our 2013-17 Corporate Priorities .

For ease of reading, we cover in greater detail under the section **Our Performance**, a detailed assessment of each Directorate for 2016/17.

We then have an overall summary of our performance against national indicators (these are indicators that are collected by all other authorities so we can compare) and information on what our regulators have told us and where they think we can improve further. We conclude with greater details of these indicators and they are attached as an appendix to the overall Report.

We hope you enjoy reading about how your Authority is working to make a difference and welcome any comments or feedback that you may wish to make, whether on future content that you would like to see, thoughts on how you would like to see it or any questions on the report itself.

If you would like to get involved please 'How to Contact us' on page **78**



How we are managing our money

(Financial Summary 2016/17)



The Council is the largest employer in the area with 8,767 staff providing a wide range of services from Social Services, Education and Housing to Highways Maintenance, Waste Disposal and Street Cleaning to name but a few.

We also maintain 826 buildings, including 89 Schools, 10 Leisure centres and 18 Libraries. These vital public services are funded from the Council's Revenue and Capital budgets, which for 2016/17 totalled £418million.

The Council plans and approves its budgets on a 5-year financial planning cycle, which gives consideration to historical trends and spending patterns, national and local initiatives and access to multiple funding sources, some of which change year-on-year.

Due to the ongoing programme of austerity and increasing demand for a number of services, the financial position for Local Government has been very challenging in recent years. During the period 2008/09 to 2016/17 the Council has delivered savings of £73.12m to address reductions in funding and inescapable cost pressures. This has not been an easy task; however, the Council has approached the challenge proactively and prudently and agreed a number of principles to help guide its decision-making. These principles are to: -

- protect front-line services where we can and reduce expenditure on management and administrative costs.
- increase fees and charges where appropriate.
- reduce, rather than remove services where possible.
- focus on our priorities.
- look at alternative ways of delivering services such as collaboration, partnerships, and community trusts.

In 2016/17 the Council was faced with a further 0.9% cut in the funding it receives from the Welsh Government (WG) and also had to deal with a range of additional unavoidable cost and service pressures. As a consequence of these funding reductions and cost/service pressures, the Council agreed savings totaling £11.11m for the 2016/17 financial year. The savings were selected on the basis that they would have a limited impact on front-line services and would protect the priorities agreed by the Council.

Full details of the 2016/17 budget and approved savings can be found in the 'Budget Proposals 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/2021' report, available through the following links:-

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyDocs/Council-and-democracy/Budget/BudgetProposalsReport201617.aspx>



Where does our money come from?

The majority of the money that the Council receives comes from the Welsh Government in the form of a Revenue Support Grant. Added to this is the money we collect from our residents and businesses in the form of Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates (Business Rates).

We also receive money from various specific grants and draw down money from the reserves that we hold when appropriate.

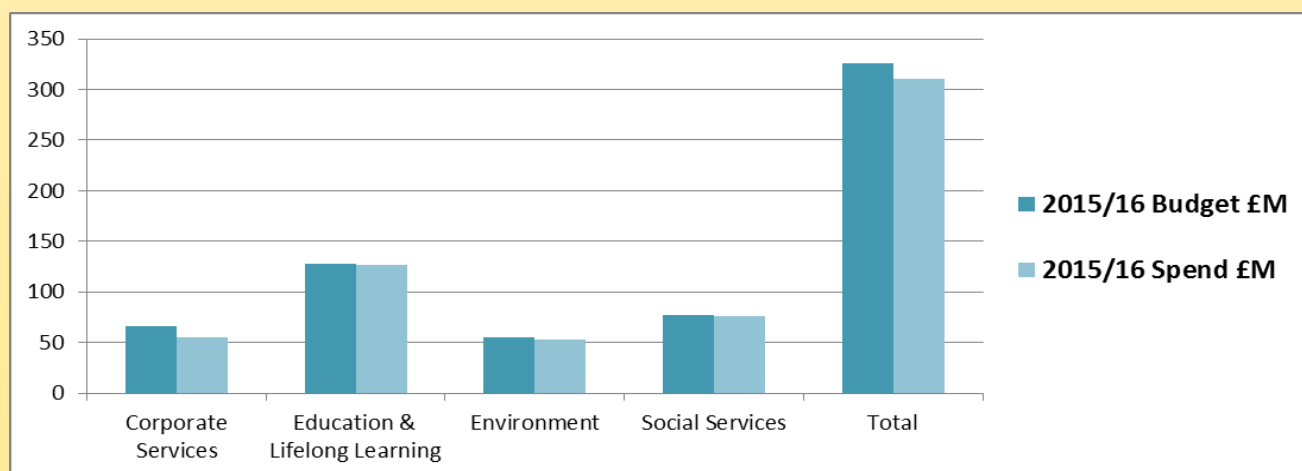
The table below shows the income received over the last 3 financial years: -

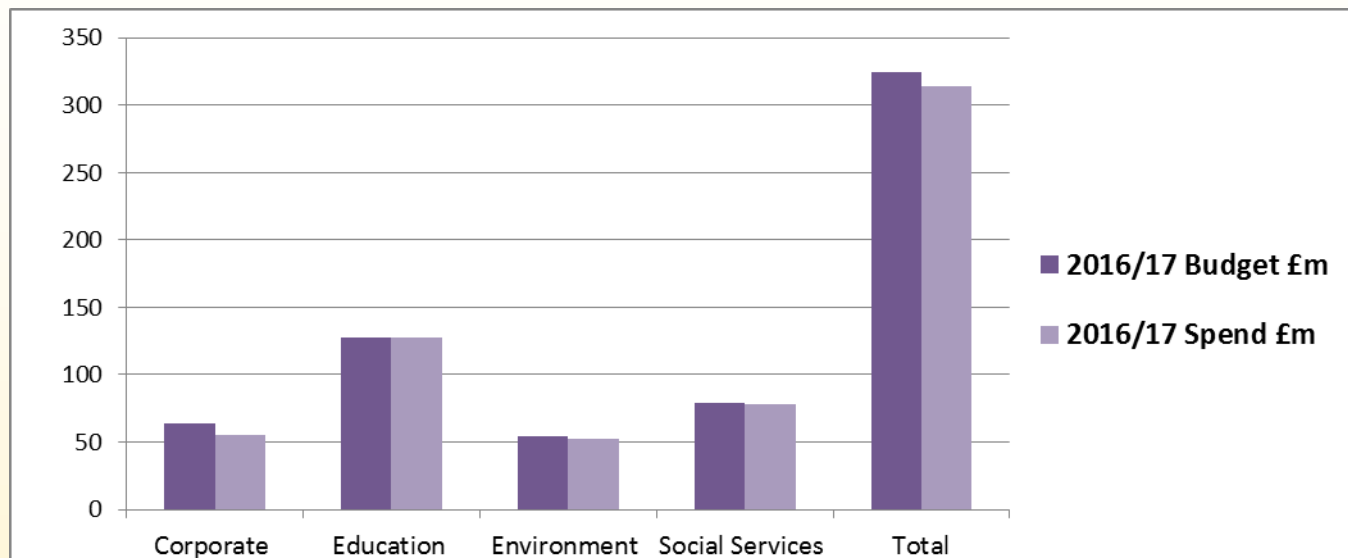
Income	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18
	Budget £m	Actual £m	Budget £m	Actual £m	Budget £m
Revenue Support Grant	212.84	212.84	210.12	210.12	205.96
Business Rates	50.85	50.85	53.18	53.18	57.67
Council Tax	58.85	60.28	59.69	61.33	60.40
Other Grants	1.88	1.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contribution from Reserves	1.20	1.20	1.40	1.40	1.40
Total	325.62	327.05	324.39	326.03	325.43

How do we manage our money?

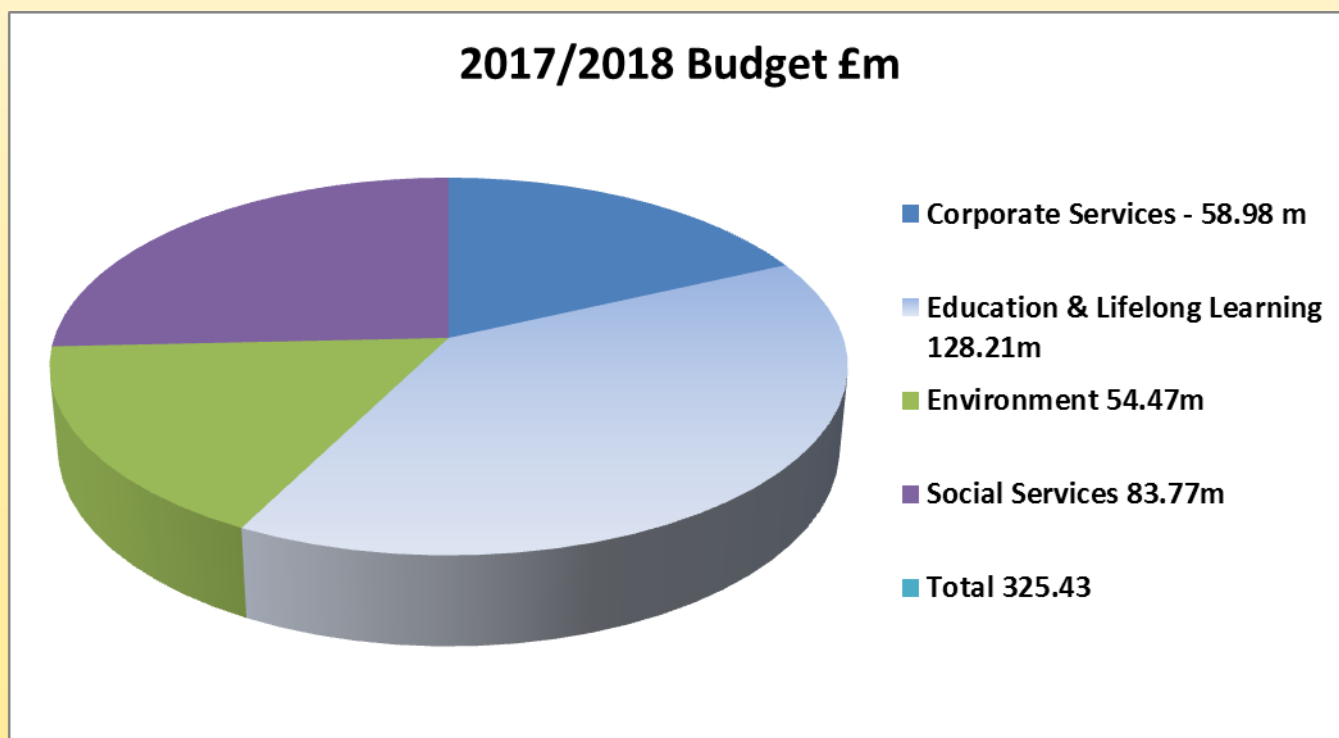
The Council manages two main categories of expenditure i.e. **revenue** (everyday running costs for services) and **capital** (specific costs for updating and maintaining key assets and implementing major new projects).

The following graphs provide a summary of **revenue budgets** and revenue expenditure for the period 2015/16 to 2017/18: -





The chart below shows our 2017/18 budget allocation by Directorate





Capital Expenditure varies year-on-year and budgets are allocated from specific funding sources. The table below provides a summary of capital budgets and capital expenditure for the period 2015/16 to 2017/18: -

Capital	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18
	Budget £m	Spend £m	Budget £m	Spend £m	Budget £m
Education	23.77	14.86	22.93	20.09	3.58
Highways	10.45	6.67	9.71	5.47	6.86
Housing Stock (Public)	28.86	28.86	38.59	32.32	59.86
Private Housing Grants	4.23	2.47	4.81	3.39	3.63
Social Services	0.84	0.65	3.65	0.50	3.51
Community & Leisure	3.34	0.94	4.67	2.58	2.52
Other	12.24	6.54	9.72	2.96	16.15
Total (£m)	83.73	60.99	94.08	67.31	96.11

The 2016/17 capital underspend of £26.8m is mainly due to slippage (delays in progressing schemes) and this funding has been carried forward into the 2017/18 financial year to enable schemes to be completed. The most significant areas of slippage relate to Social Services Children's Centre (£3.10m), Education and the 21st Century Schools Programme (£2.78m), the Engineering Division (£1.51m), Land Reclamation (£1.91m) and Property Services (£2.1m).



Financial Performance for 2016/17

For the 2016/17 financial year a revenue budget underspend of £12.35m was reported as summarised in the table below: -

Service Area	Underspend/ (Overspend) £m	Underspend/ (Overspend) £m
Service Directorate Underspends: -		
- Education & Lifelong Learning	0.72	
- Social Services	0.27	
- Environment	1.34	
- Corporate Services	1.48	3.81
Miscellaneous Finance Underspend		3.47
Council Tax Surplus		1.64
Housing Revenue Account Underspend		3.98
Schools Overspend		(0.55)
Total		12.35

The Service Directorate underspend of £3.81m represents 2.18% of net Directorate budgets.

During the year budget holders have been mindful of the continuing programme of austerity and expenditure has been curtailed in a number of areas to support anticipated savings requirements for future years.

This prudent approach has resulted in a number of savings being achieved in advance and underspends therefore being higher than would normally be the case.

Much of the £3.47m Miscellaneous Finance underspend, is due to borrowing to support the Council's Capital Programme being deferred to future years as there are cash balances that can be used in the short term. A further significant element of the underspend is improved returns on investments in accordance with the Council's revised Treasury Management Strategy.



During 2016/17 the Council collected 97.1% of the Council Tax due during the year which is the highest in-year amount collected since Caerphilly County Borough Council was formed in 1996.

The Council Tax Team also proactively pursues Council Tax arrears and over a typical 3-year period the collection rate rises to 99.5%, which means that the vast majority of residents do pay in full. This robust approach to Council Tax collection has generated an overall surplus of £1.64m for 2016/17.

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a statutory ring-fenced account representing the rent paid to the Council for its housing stock and the expenditure to fund the upkeep of these properties.

The £3.98m underspend in 2016/17 will be carried forward into 2017/18 and will be used to partially fund the circa £200m investment being made by the Council to achieve the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) by 2020.

The 2016/17 overspend of £0.55m for schools has been funded from accumulated school balances held from previous financial years. Full details of the 2016/17 underspend for the Authority is provided in the 'Provisional Outturn for 2016/17' report which is available through the following link: -

<http://www.democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/documents/s20726/Provisional%20Outturn%20for%202016-17.pdf?LLL=0>



Financial Outlook for Future Years

The Council's budget proposals for the 2017/18 financial year were approved by Council on the 22nd February 2017. Although there was a small increase of 0.12% in the funding received from the Welsh Government (WG), further savings of £9.05m were still required to ensure that financial commitments can be met and a balanced budget can be achieved.

The agreed savings for 2017/18 will have limited impact on front-line services and wherever possible Council priorities are protected from cuts. Full details of the 2017/18 budget and approved savings can be found in the 'Budget Proposals 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/2022' report, available through the following link:-

<http://www.democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/documents/s19344/Budget%20Proposals%202017-18%20and%20Medium-Term%20Financial%20Strategy%202017-2022.pdf?LLL=0>

The funding situation for Local Government is unlikely to improve for some time so the Council has adopted a prudent approach of producing an indicative five-year Medium-Term Financial Plan. In addition to the approved savings of £9.05m for the 2017/18 financial year it is currently anticipated that further savings of circa £29m will be required for the four-year period 2018/19 to 2021/22.

Given the extent of savings already delivered to date it is likely that difficult decisions will be required to ensure that balanced budgets can be delivered during this four-year period.

Significant work is already underway to identify further savings proposals to meet the projected financial shortfall for future years and the position will be kept under close review. Once firm savings proposals have been worked up there will be a consultation process that will give members of the public the opportunity to give their views before final budgets are approved.

Who do I contact for more information?

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Summary of Progress - Well-being Objectives 2016/17



During 2016/17, the Council identified five specific priorities called Well-being Objectives, and the summary below outlines how successful we believe we were in achieving them.

Three of these objectives were judged to be partly successful and two fully successful.

It is not unusual for some objectives to be partly successful as they are set over the longer term and there is more work to do in order to make significant progress.

Progress made against the objectives was reported to Scrutiny Committee Members to scrutinise and agree the outcomes achieved. Full details of the objectives along with their measures and actions plans are available on our website;

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/My-Council/Strategies,-plans-and-policies/Improvement-Plan>

1. To help people make the best use of their household income and manage their debts

Overall, delivery of this objective was judged to be **successful**.

We achieved much but as this is a long term objective there is more to do. Specifically we are working well towards achieving and exceeding the target for referring residents for support with managing debts and accessing benefits.

We have exceeded our targets in supporting children to access placements and this is significant in view of engagement in the Flying Start areas.

We are continuing to actively promote take up of Free School Meals, using established media channels and also working with schools and other partners. The information issued highlights the benefits to families and schools of eligible parents/carers completing Free School Meal applications.

Uptake of Free School Meals in Secondary schools is slightly lower than last year whilst Primary School uptake is up by over 2% on the same period last year.

We visited 2,183 Council tenants affected by welfare reform changes and provided them with advice and support in their own homes. We supported 3,273 people to access benefits they are entitled to, this is well above our target for the year. The value of financial savings generated for tenants as a direct result of face to face support was £338,143.





2. Improve outcomes for all learners, particularly those vulnerable to under-achievement

Overall, delivery of this objective was judged to be **partially successful**.

A System for Tracking and Reporting Identified Vulnerability in Education (STRIVE) has been developed and utilised to inform/support all managers in their work with children and young people, to identify vulnerable pupils. STRIVE now holds the data from September 2016 for all Flying Start children which will allow tracking of interventions and outcomes longer term. This is currently being developed further to include early preschool Additional Learning Needs (ALN) data which will enable planning for school placements. This is being extended and adapted to also include the details for the new Childcare Offer for Wales starting September 2017 to enable all children's records to be kept in the same system for improved and smoothed transitions between provision.

An education group has been established in order to improve learning opportunities in the St James area. The action plan identifies interventions which have improved engagement. Both St James Primary and St Martins Comprehensive have Family Engagement Workers, funded through Education and Communities First, who work closely with the Hub team and Flying Start family support team to deliver coordinated support for families in St James area. They work together closely to ensure good communication and partnership working as well as prevent duplication for families. Attendance data for St Martins has shown improvements and attainment has shown significant improvement across the school.

This community was successfully chosen for the new pilot of Children First areas, and will be overseen by a new Coalition for Change Board. The Board consists of key public sector bodies and other key agencies and partners who collectively aim to work with the community of Lansbury Park to re-generate it both physically and socially. There will be an operational sub group so there is a focus on Education and will build on the successful existing provision and develop further with families and their community.

We have worked closely with schools regarding strategies to close the gap in performance between those in receipt of free school meals, and those who are not.





3. Close the gap in life expectancy for residents between the most and least deprived areas in the borough

Overall, delivery of this objective was judged to be **successful**.

The latest data published by Public Health Wales shows an improving picture for Caerphilly County Borough residents. The gap in years in the life expectancy and healthy life expectancy* at birth of males between the most and least deprived in the county has reduced. The healthy life expectancy gap in males reduced from 18.6 years to 13 years. For females, whilst the gap in overall life expectancy has increased by 0.2 years, the gap in years for healthy life expectancy has reduced by 1.6 years. This improvement is noteworthy.

** This represents the number of years a person might be expected to live in a good or very good health.*

The proportion of adult smokers continues to decline and latest data shows that Caerphilly's rate has decreased to 18% (from 27% 07/08), which is slightly lower than the Welsh average of 19%. The national target is to reach 16% by 2020. There has been year on year improvements in the percentage of smokers being treated by smoking cessation services with 3.1% of adults becoming treated during 2016/17. This improvement is due to an increase in numbers being treated by Community Pharmacists.

Considerable project success has been achieved through Council initiatives including The Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Scheme, The Healthy and Sustainable Pre-Schools Scheme, The Schools Cycling Programme, Communities First and Get Going Around Caerphilly. We have also launched The Daily Mile with all primary schools.

We have also supported the delivery of the Living Well Living Longer initiative, delivered by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Public Health Wales within our most deprived communities. Over 3900 residents took up the opportunity to complete a cardiovascular risk assessment which is a mid-life MOT. 514 residents are receiving onwards support.





4. Carbon Management: Reduce our carbon footprint

Overall, delivery of this objective was judged to be **partially successful**.

This Well-being Objective focused on four priorities to reduce emissions:

Good Housekeeping: Improvements have been made in awareness of water conservation and this has resulted in cost savings and rebates in excess of £18k. We advise daily on good energy and water conservation practice. Awareness raising activities are proving beneficial and are gratefully received by the recipients such as head teachers.

Invest to Save: The authority has installed technology that has resulted in carbon and cost reduction. We have implemented projects that have reduced annual carbon figures by circa 125 tonnes.

Asset Management: Three energy inefficient comprehensive schools and two primary schools are being replaced with more efficient schools, and guidance is provided to building managers to improve efficiency of buildings.

Renewable technology: At the start of the reporting period no funding was available for renewables. By the end of the period funding had been approved for photovoltaic panels to be installed at Newbridge and Caerphilly leisure centres and Tir Y Berth depot.



5. Investment in Council homes to transform lives and communities



The Council has a housing stock of 10,822 properties comprising 13,000 tenants and we will be investing over £200m in bringing all homes up to WHQS by 2020. Since embarking on the delivery of the programme, it has always been our intention to use this investment, not just to improve homes, but to also transform people's lives and the communities in which they live.

Overall, delivery of this objective was judged to be **partially successful**.

We were unable to deliver all the planned improvements and meet all of our targets for the year. Although slippage has arisen within this multi-year programme, exercises to re-profile the programme are undertaken on an annual basis. Additional measures are being implemented to increase capacity and mitigate risks to ensure the final Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) target date of 2020 can still be achieved.

We can demonstrate significant improvements to both internal and external provisions to our housing stock and show that the overall satisfaction levels of tenants whose homes have been improved internally through the WHQS programme is 90%.

The WHQS requires properties to meet the specific needs of the household which aims to not only assist with individual's health and well-being, but also helps to reduce accidents within the home. To deliver on this requirement, a number of occupational therapists have been appointed and work alongside our surveyors to provide a needs assessment. This has resulted in specific adaptations being made to tenant's homes to help with any medical or physical conditions they may have. To date we have adapted 430 houses (from 120 in 2014).

- The number of homes that have achieved WHQS standard 'full compliance' at the year ending 2016/17 was 270.
- The number that are compliant in terms of the 'external' components is 1,320. Whilst this is significantly behind the numbers programmed, there has been a significant improvement recently, following the introduction of new contractual arrangements.
- The number that are compliant in terms of the 'internal' components is 5,874 (from 657 in 2014)



Final progress updates of our Corporate Priorities 2013-17

Social Services	1	Peoples social care needs are identified and met in a timely and appropriate way.
	2	Children and Adults are safeguarded from abuse.
Education	3	Improve standards across all year groups particularly key stage 3 & 4.
	4	Identify vulnerable groups of learners and develop interventions to ensure needs are met.
	5	Reduce the gap in attainment between pupils in advantage and disadvantaged communities.
Community Services	6	Promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle.
	7	Invest in our Council Homes and their communities to transform lives
Corporate Services	8	Affordability - Deliver a medium term financial plan aimed at ultimately providing a period of stability that helps the authority to have a range of services in the future that are sustainable.



1

Peoples social care needs are identified and met in a timely and appropriate way.



We said success would look like:

- An improvement in the timeliness of assessments; all Care Plans are current and reflect the needs of our service users.
- Users of our service would receive a more-timely and appropriate response.
- The number of assessments completed within the timescale would increase and the quality of assessments completed by our Social Workers will continue to be high.
- We would speed up how long a client has to wait from the time they were assessed to the time they receive the services agreed.
- The standards of care we provide would improve the quality of life for all service users.

Conclusion of Progress

Improving the timeliness and quality of care will always be of paramount importance to the Council. The table below demonstrates the performance achieved over the 4 years of this objective.

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
The number of adults waiting for an assessment outside of the timescale (28 days)	69	71	54	47
The percentage of assessments started on time	74.20	81.30	79.70	85
The percentage of reviews started on time	78.60	76.60	76.70	70.50
The percentage of clients care plans that have been reviewed	92.70	90.20	91.20	86.30
Number of people awaiting personal care for more than 14 days	0	0	0	0
The percentage of adult clients who are supported in the community during the year	91.63	79.70	91.28	90.46

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Peoples social care needs are identified and met in a timely and appropriate way.

Specific performance details includes

- The number of adults waiting for an assessment to start outside the timescale of 28 days has reduced significantly, analysis of those specific cases showed this was often due to individual choice or non-availability of carers/family.
- The percentage of assessments started on time within 28 days, has increased steadily year on year increasing from 74.20% in 2103/14 to 85% in 2016/17.
- The percentage of reviews started on time has dropped from 76.70% in 2015-16 to 70.50% in 2016-17, this can be attributed to the new ways of working that have been required due to the introduction the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.
- The percentage of care plans that have been reviewed, showed a slight reduction in 2016-17 although performance remains high and well above the national average.
- Performance has been consistent over the four years for the number of people awaiting personal care for more than 14 days with nobody waiting more than 14 days for a personal care service to start. This is a significant achievement in these challenge times in terms of availability of domiciliary care.
- The percentage of adult clients who are supported in the community during the year has decreased slightly from 91.28% in 2015-16 to 90.46% in 2016-17. This is positive and what we would expect to see given the focus of the Information Advice and Assistance Team to promote peoples independence, choice and control enabling them to meet their own needs.

The introduction of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, has changed the way we work with people and changed the way we measure how successful we have been. Taking this into account we concluded that we have been largely successful in achieving this priority.

We have established the Information, Advice and Assistance Team who have a different conversation with people and complete part 1 of the integrated assessment when further intervention is required by the Assessment Care Management Teams. Assessments are now completed proportionally with a focus on outcomes and what matters to people.

2016-2017 has been a shadow year in terms of the new performance indicators with an increased focus on quality and outcomes as opposed to traditional numbers, hence we haven't had to submit information for benchmarking or target setting. Future reports will focus on reporting responses to the quality questionnaires and new performance data.



2

Children and Adults are safeguarded from abuse.



We said success would look like:

- Our commitment to prevent abuse to vulnerable children and adults within the community will ensure a quick and effective response to allegations of abuse when they occur and our awareness raising will help.
- Increased awareness of safeguarding responsibilities by all partners and an increased community understanding of safeguarding.
- Residents of Caerphilly feel safe in their homes and out in the community.
- Residents are reassured that they will be listened to by community safety agencies and encouraged to report crime and disorder concerns.
- Public access to community safety agencies, their campaigns, education, training, mediation and victim support services will be secured and people who are affected by crime, disorder and environmental issues are supported and their concerns receive an efficient partnership response.

Conclusion of Progress

Our commitment to prevent abuse to vulnerable children and adults within the community will ensure a quick and effective response to allegations of abuse when they occur and our awareness raising will help

Performance data confirms that the Council is responding to safeguarding concerns in a timely manner and that safeguarding processes are compliant with statutory timescales:

- 100% of referrals have a decision made within 24 hours
- 99% of *Child Protection Conferences were held in timescale
- 100% of *Child Protection Core Groups were held within timescale
- 100% of children on the Child Protection Register are allocated to a Qualified Social Worker

Safeguarding children and adults is a statutory responsibility for the Council and is discharged through the Social Services Directorate. Performance throughout this period has been consistently high and external regulators (CSSIW and WAO) have confirmed that operational procedures and practice are robust and effective in Caerphilly. As a result, this priority has been achieved. However, safeguarding will continue to be a priority for Social Services going forward.

** **A Child Protection Conference** is arranged to share information and plan what needs to happen when there are concerns that a child is or may be at risk of harm. **Child Protection Core Groups** are held to review whether the child protection plan is working (or change them if they are not) and are held until the child is no longer at risk of significant harm.*

If a child's name is added to the child protection register, they will need to be subject of a child protection plan. The child protection plan is developed at a core group meeting (attended by key professionals and family). Core groups are held at regular intervals to ensure that the child protection plan is meeting the child's needs and achieving the outcomes that have been determined.

In 2013/14 the average number of children on the Child Protection Register was 218. This was the highest level the Register had ever been at and over the course of the following years, numbers have been reduced to the current level at the end of 2016/17 of 161.

We would like to see a reduction in the number of protection of vulnerable adults (POVA) cases being received and between 2013 and 2016 there was a slow but steady reduction in referrals to 210. However, in 2016/17 referrals increased to 287. Whilst there is no discernible rationale for this increase, raised awareness of Adult Safeguarding throughout the Council as a result of the Corporate Safeguarding Policy could have played a role.

However, reductions in the rates of safeguarding referrals or the numbers of children on the Child Protection Register are not measures of success. The numbers are simply indicators of activity levels and it could be argued that increased rates of referral, particularly after awareness raising activity, demonstrates that more people are being safeguarded appropriately.

Increased awareness of safeguarding responsibilities by all partners and an increased community understanding of safeguarding

- Adults, Children's and Education Safeguarding Leads are now all situated and managed within Children's Services.
- A Corporate Safeguarding Policy has been launched and practice development is being improved through a Corporate Safeguarding Group.
- Regional Safeguarding Boards – the Gwent Wide Adult Safeguarding Board (GWASB), South East Wales Safeguarding Children Board (SEWSCB) and the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Board – ensure partnership working is supported and awareness is raised across all partner agencies.
- Effective sub-groups of the Boards ensure procedures, practice and training is continually reviewed and improved to support operational delivery of safeguarding responsibilities.

Welsh Government, CSSIW and the WAO recognise that the regional partnerships in place across the five Local Authorities comprising the Gwent region are well established and effective. As a result, this priority has been achieved. Ongoing partnership working is critical to ensuring the most vulnerable groups in society are safeguarded and protected and this will continue to be a priority for Social Services.



Residents of Caerphilly feel safe in their homes and out in the Community

Every two years the Council carry out a resident's survey to determine levels of satisfaction with council services as well as establishing current perceptions on crime and anti-social behaviour and how the Council and Police deal with these issues across the area. The results of the survey are yet to be published for 2017. The following three questions are included to measure the perception of residents on community safety issues:

- Percentage of households who feel that the levels of anti-social behaviour (ASB) have got better or stayed the same in their community in the last 2 years – The result from the 2015 survey for this was 65% (a decrease from the 2013 survey where 69% of households responded said that they felt the levels of ASB got better).
- Percentage of households who strongly or tend to agree that the Police and the Council are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in this area – The result from the 2015 survey was 63% (a minimal decrease from 2013 where 64% agreed)
- Percentage of households who feel that the levels of crime have got better or stayed the same in their community in the last two years – The result from 2015 Survey was 71% (the same as in the previous biennial survey).

The Community Safety Team administers the Anti-Social Behaviour 4 Strike multi-agency problem solving process. The process aims to modify an individual's behaviour and prevent further anti-social behaviour which can have a detrimental effect on communities. Throughout the whole period 2013-2017 there were 2111 referrals made into the process and interventions were carried out to address perpetrators behaviour. Unfortunately some people fail to engage with the process or to moderate their behaviour and it is necessary to escalate them to the fourth strike of the process which consists of enforcement options.

A total of 8 people escalated to a civil injunction in court. This equates to a 99% drop off between strike 1 and 4 of the process which shows that over 99% of people coming through the process modified their behaviour. This has been consistent through the reporting period. The drop off rate has not been less than 99% year on year which highlights how successful the process is.

Gwent Police recorded ASB has shown a downward trend over this period, total ASB incidents for each financial year were:

2014/15	7871
2015/16	6403
2016/17	5824



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Children and Adults are safeguarded from abuse.

Anti-social behaviour reductions are achieved by concerted partnership working to deal with hot spots and problem individuals.



Consistently over the reporting period there have been in the region of 7000 requests each year for assistance with domestic anti-social behaviour issues. Last year saw the highest number of requests at 7432. However, this basket of measures includes incidents that partner agencies can only react to, rather than those that they can have much influence in reducing before they occur e.g. domestic noise, barking dogs etc.

Residents are reassured that they will be listened to by community safety agencies and encouraged to report crime and disorder concerns

This question was removed from the 2013 survey and replaced with the three questions that better measure perception of crime and disorder



Public access to community safety agencies, their campaigns, education, training, mediation and victim support services will be secured and people who are affected by crime, disorder and environmental issues are supported and their concerns receive an efficient partnership response

During the period 2013 – 2017 the Community Safety Team and wider partnership have been very successful with engaging with the public through their campaigns and community engagement events, most notably, at the Eisteddfod held at Llancaiach Fawr in 2015. Other campaigns have included: White Ribbon Day for domestic abuse awareness; Project Bernie for grass arson reduction; A day in the life of community safety; Internet Safety with children and young people, to name a few.

Until March 2016 the Community Safety Partnership employed the services of an ASB Victim Services Manager, who offered one-to-one support to a total of 274 victims in 2015-2016. The post, which was part funded by the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner and the Youth Crime Prevention Fund, lost its funding on 2016 due to a general reduction in external funding sources. Victims contacting the partnership members are now signposted to Connect Gwent, where their Victims Support advisors now pick up the victim referrals.

A partnership response to disorder and crime concerns is coordinated and delivered through what was previously the Partnership Tasking Forum and the Victim Problem Solving Group. Both Groups have now been merged to create the newly formed Caerphilly Community Well-being Forum.

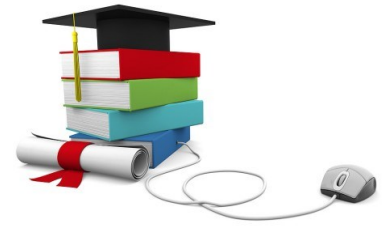


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Improve standards across all year groups particularly key stage 3 & 4.

We said success would look like:

- Performance of pupils in vulnerable groups continues to improve.
- Literacy will be raised for all but specifically for year 4 pupils.
- The gap between boys and girls achievements narrows.
- There is improved level of performance across all key stage 3 and key stage 4 pupils.



Conclusion of progress

The results highlighted within this report were achieved by pupils in July 2016, which is the most recent complete academic year.

The performance of pupils at each Key Stage continues to show improvement. At Key Stage 2, when pupils are assessed at age 11, 90.4% achieved the expected level for the core subject Indicator (language, mathematics and science). This was an increase from 85.8% in July 2014. The continued focus upon improvement in literacy, resulted in 92.4% of pupils achieving the expected level in English (up from 88%) and 91.8% achieving the expected level in Welsh (up from 89.9%).

At Key Stage 3, when pupils are assessed at age 14, there was a significant improvement in the percentage of pupils achieving the expected level for the Core Subject Indicator (CSI - language, mathematics and science) an increase of 4.4% from 77.6% in July 2014 to 82.0% in July 2017.

The performance of pupils undertaking examinations at age 15 continued to improve in 2016. 53.1% of pupils achieved the level 2+ indicator of 5 GCSEs at grades A*-C including language and mathematics, an increase from 50% in 2014. With more accurate data now available, we have set an ambitious target of 56% for July 2017 (the official results will not be available until December 2017).

The gap in performance between boys and girls, continued to close across Key Stages 3 and 4, though it widened at Key Stage 2.

- Key Stage 2: The gap in performance between girls and boys achieving the Core Subject Indicator (CSI) = - 5.3%
- Key Stage 3: The gap in performance between girls and boys achieving the Core Subject Indicator (CSI) = - 10.9%
- Key Stage 4 : The gap in performance between girls and boys achieving the Core Subject Indicator (CSI) = -10.4%



3

Improve standards across all year groups particularly key stage 3 & 4.



We believe that this priority is making some progress and although continuous improvement is being made, it is not reflected in our position within Wales.

We continue to work closely with schools and our partners in the Education Achievement Service (EAS) to set ambitious targets for the forthcoming academic year with the raising of standards across all Key Stages continuing to be a key priority for the Directorate.

The performance of pupils in vulnerable groups has continued to improve over the last 4 years. The focus upon literacy has seen the skills of year 4 pupils improve significantly – with a 4.4% increase in the number of pupils achieving the expected level in English. The gap between boy's and girls' achievement has continued to narrow, but a wider gap remains at key stage 3 and 4 which will require further intervention.

We have seen improvement in expected levels at Key Stage 3 with 82% pupils achieving the core subject indicator (up from 77.6% in 2014). We have seen progress at Key Stage 4 with 53% pupils achieving level 2+ (5 GCSEs including language and maths) up from 50% in 2014, though this progress is slow in accordance with the rest of Wales.

The following list of indicators demonstrate that over the last 4 years, although there has been improvement in many of the indicators, the pace of success has been too slow, particularly in comparison to the rest of Wales. It is vital in the next phase that we focus sharply on this area and work closely with the EAS to achieve better outcomes.

- The percentage of pupils achieving the Core Subject Indicator (CSI) at Key Stage 3 increased from 73.5 in 2013 to 82.0 in 2016
- The percentage of pupils achieving Level 1 at Key Stage 4 increased from 92.4% in 2013 to 95.1 in 2016
- The percentage of pupils achieving Level 2 at Key Stage 4 increased from 69.1% in 2013 to 76.5% in 2016
- The percentage of pupils achieving Level 2 + (including language and mathematics) increased from 46.3% in 2013 to 53.0% in 2016
- The capped points score average has fluctuated, with an overall rise from 314.7 in 2014 to 324.7 in 2016.
- The percentage gap between boys and girls achieving the Core Subject Indicator (CSI) at Key Stage 4 has fluctuated since 2013 – reaching an all time low of -4.4% in 2013, rising to -11.7% in 2014. This was been reduced to -10.4% in 2016.



4

Identify vulnerable groups of learners and develop interventions to ensure needs are met.

We said success would look like:

- We will have created a wide range of learning opportunities, appropriate for all, to encourage young people to engage in learning.
- We will improve prevention by increasing the number of pupils who are identified as needing appropriate support earlier and in a timely manner.
- We aim to reduce the number of young people leaving compulsory education, training or work based learning without an approved external qualification.



Conclusion of progress

The identification of learners vulnerable to underachievement has been a focus for the local authority. When Estyn undertook a monitoring visit in January 2014 they recognised that we had:

“introduced a comprehensive target setting process that links school performance targets to the progress of individual learners. Schools are required to identify potential barriers to success for individual learners in years 10 and 11. The targets produced by schools are very challenging and clearly set the ambition for improvement across the Authority. The target setting process leads to coordinated and well-resourced programmes of support for learners. There is a suitable focus on working with families of targeted learners and, where appropriate, support includes links to Communities First and Family First programme”.

In addition to this development, the Authority has developed a database known as STRIVE (**S**ystem for **T**racking and **R**eporting **I**dentified **V**ulnerability in **E**ducation). This information tool draws together a collection of data including attendance, exclusions, Free School Meal status, any Additional Needs and other key pieces of data to produce a vulnerability score. Pupils who achieve a high vulnerability score are further analysed by the school and support services to provide intervention and support to reduce the risk of underachievement.

The STRIVE system also has the capacity to look holistically at the pupils’ engagement in registered extra-curricular activity. The Youth Service has been using this system to record pupils gaining national accreditation through youth clubs and projects. The Youth Service has been using this system to identify potential pupils who are Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET) and coordinate suitable help by the Youth Service and its partners and consequently, the percentage of young people NEET has decreased for the fourth consecutive year, from 5.9% in 2012, dropping to an all time low of 1.9% in 2016. The embedding of Engagement and Progression arrangements within the Youth Service has significantly contributed to this success. We have set a challenging target of 1.5% for 2017 (figures not released until May 2018).



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Identify vulnerable groups of learners and develop interventions to ensure needs are met.



As a consequence of the redirection of resources towards this area, fewer forms of national accreditation are now being delivered by the Youth Service, who are instead successfully signposting NEET/potentially NEET young people to other providers to achieve these.

The percentage of pupils engaged by the Youth Service gaining nationally recognised forms of accreditation has correspondingly reduced from 6.2% to 3.5%, though a focus on local accreditation forms has been reinforced and the percentage of young people achieving these has risen from 11% to 18.5%. The range of accreditation activities remains broad, reflecting the breadth of the Youth Service curriculum.

The STRIVE system is now being further developed to enable the early identification of pupils with complex Additional Learning Needs who may require special educational provision.

The number of pupils leaving compulsory education, training or work based learning at age 16 without an approved external qualification has remained generally constant since 2011. We continue to work in partnership with the Education Achievement Service (EAS) who have undertaken the role of challenging all secondary schools to improve performance, which includes ensuring that all pupils leave with an approved external qualification.



We believe that this priority is making good progress so far, as the early identification tools we have developed allow us to work proactively with young people to ensure that appropriate interventions are put in place to support them to achieve their potential.

We have worked collaboratively with the EAS, schools and other partners to increase levels of engagement for our learners in all settings. Processes have sharpened considerably and identification of needs has become more sophisticated. Multi-agency working has developed to ensure that young people have a clear pathway when coming to the end of their education. However, although NEETs has decreased to 1.9% our lowest ever, there is still work to be done to further develop links with business and work-based training providers to expand opportunity.



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Reduce the gap in attainment between pupils in advantage and disadvantaged communities.

We said success would look like:

- Parents will be supported to value what our schools do and encourage positive views about learning and achievement.
- Timely support will be provided to pupils who do not attend school regularly and we will help to raise aspirations by promoting and developing a mobile outreach provision for isolated communities.
- A strategy will be developed to reduce the gap in attainment for children on Free School Meals to target resources appropriately so that ultimately regardless of the child or young persons social background they achieve their full potential.



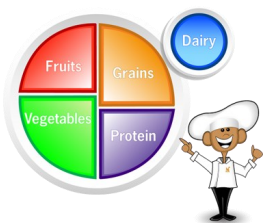
Conclusion of progress

In line with the Council priority that *“every child should have the best start in life, and the opportunity to achieve success as a young person and as an adult”*, we are working with schools and other services that provide educational opportunity to children and young people to ensure that regardless of personal circumstances they are provided with the support and opportunity to succeed.

We have supported parents to value what our schools do and encourage positive views about learning and achievement by delivering Parenting Programmes across the borough funded through Flying Start and Families First. We provide appropriate literature which is available for schools to promote what can be provided to parents. Many schools have had staff trained to deliver Family Lives short course modules and they deliver these locally for parents within their school catchment area. If parents require longer more in depth courses, staff can refer them for more detailed support.

The identification of learners vulnerable to underachievement has been a focus for the local authority; however the factors that affect vulnerability have been evaluated in greater detail. Vulnerability in education can be determined by a number of different factors including deprivation. However, it can also be determined by whether the child or young person has additional learning needs, or is a Looked After Child.

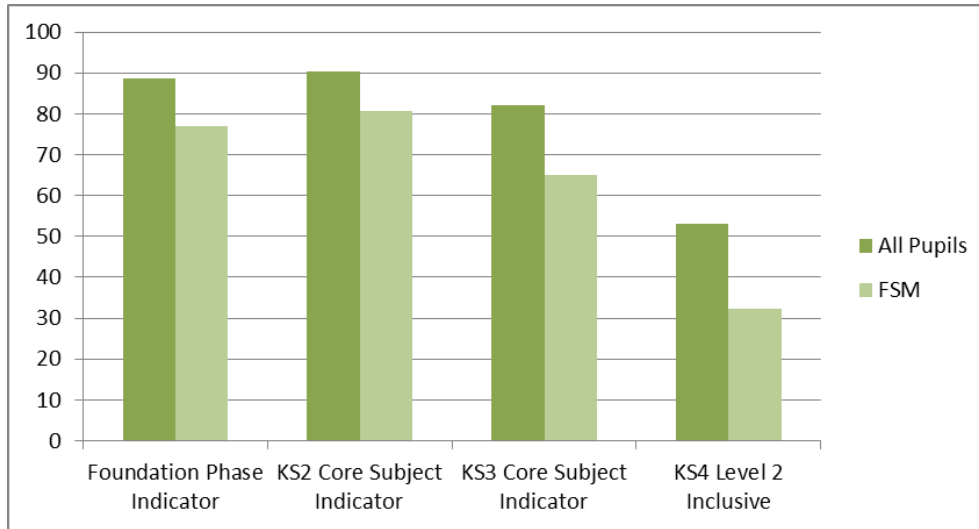
The measure that is commonly used to measure deprivation is a pupil’s eligibility to receive Free School Meals. The data across Table 1 (page 31), provides an insight into the performance of all pupils in comparison to the pupils in receipt of Free School Meals. This also highlights that the gap in performance increases throughout school life, and when moving from internal assessment at Foundation Phase, Key Stage 2 and 3, to external assessment through examination at Key Stage 4.



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Reduce the gap in attainment between pupils in advantage and disadvantaged communities.

Table 1 : Attainment – Academic Year 2015/16 – Free School Meals



The development of the database STRIVE in Education, considers Free School Meal status as a contributing factor to vulnerability, allows both schools and support services to identify pupils and ensure they are provided with the appropriate interventions, including family support, to allow them to achieve success.

We believe, that although we are continuing to focus on the achievement of vulnerable learners, we must continue to raise the achievement levels of all learners within the Authority, in order to ensure that every child and young person is given the opportunity to succeed. We are continuing to work in partnership with the Education Achievement Service to ensure that schools are setting ambitious targets and aspiring for the best outcomes for all pupils.

Conclusion of progress

Over the last four years reduction in the gap of attainment between pupils in advantaged and disadvantaged communities has been a priority. Emphasis has been upon using poverty programmes and multi-agency working to narrow the gap.



Performance of FSM pupils has improved over the last 4 years:-

% FSM pupils achieving Foundation Phase Indicator 2013 = 69.9%, 2016 = 77.2%

% FSM pupils achieving Core Subject Indicator at KS2 2013 = 68.6%, 2016 = 80.8%

% FSM pupils achieving Core Subject Indicator at KS3 2013 = 52.3%, 2016 = 65.1%

The use of the Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) is monitored carefully to ensure maximum impact. This priority has been partially successful as there is still much to be achieved.

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Promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle.



We said success would look like:

- Reduce the harm caused by alcohol.
- Increase physical activity.
- Reduce the prevalence of smoking.
- Promote healthy eating.
- Support intergenerational schemes that promote community cohesion.
- Carry out a consistent needs based approach across the Authority for the use of intergenerational facilities.
- Work in partnership with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to make sure that the services provided at the new hospital at Ystrad Fawr are meeting local needs.

Conclusion of progress

Reduce the harm caused by alcohol

Caerphilly Council continues to support the work of the Gwent Substance Misuse Area Planning Board in tackling substance misuse issues that affect communities.

The Safer Caerphilly After Dark initiative has been developed to address night-time economy issues. Gwent Police Harm Prevention/Licensing officers monitor calls and investigate any matter relating to licensed premises. The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Wardens have, during 87 occasions confiscated 270 items of alcohol from either underage drinkers or street drinkers.

Our Trading Standards Officers undertake alcohol Test Purchase exercises, where there is intelligence to suggest that under age sales are taking place. All intelligence is acted upon. During 2016-17, there were 5 sales from 6 attempts at a licensed premise, 83.3% positive sales; 6 sales from 19 attempts at off licences, 31.6% positive sales.

There was a large increase in sales compared to last year. This is on the face of it a worrying trend, however test purchases can only be undertaken at premises where Trading Standards receive sufficient good quality intelligence to persuade a Justice of the Peace to authorise the test purchase. The number of intelligence reports received have however decreased year on year. This indicates that the premises now targeted are more likely to be ones that serve alcohol to under age persons reflected in the number of sales occurring.

Appropriate action has been taken against all individuals responsible for the sales. Investigations revealed that all had received adequate training from the Premises Licence holders, indicating that the supply was due to poor judgement on behalf of individual employees, as opposed to systemic failures or deliberate supply of alcohol. Alcohol misuse remains a major threat to public health in Wales. It is a major cause of death and illness with high costs to the NHS, society and the economy. Alcohol related deaths are greater in the most deprived areas of Wales.

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Promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle.



Increase physical activity

Over the past 4 years the Sports Development Team have been working towards getting “more people, more active, more often”. In 2013 39% of young people were hooked on sport in Caerphilly, the most recent survey in 2015 has shown an increase to 47% and we are aiming to achieve 52% from the 2018 survey.

Since 2013 there has been a continuous reduction in Sport Wales grant funding, and despite this, we have maintained our delivery without a detrimental effect on performance and impact. Our focus on supporting community sport has increased with 5 Sports development officers now working directly with 8 National Governing Bodies of Sport and the local community clubs to increase membership and participation in Caerphilly. Using our strong links with schools and various community groups we have increased club membership from 39% to 47%.

In 2013 we allocated £96,000 of community chest funding to community clubs, with our new focus on supporting community sport we allocated over £112,000 in 2017 to allow clubs and community groups in Caerphilly to grow their membership and enhance the quality of delivery. School Sport still remains a vital component to increase participation and engaging young people into physical activity.

Since 2013 we have worked with schools to cope with the impact that budget pressures are having on allowing schools to attend events. Our schools competitions calendar is now tailored to meet the needs of the schools and we have had some great success with over 50 primary schools attending the champions league final day held at the Centre for Sporting Excellence. Since 2013 the number of people engaging with Sport Caerphilly has risen from 78,089 to 83,516 in 2017, this is partly due to the delivery of a comprehensive extra-curricular school sport programme being delivered by Sport Caerphilly staff in secondary schools.

Our Disability Sport Officer has forged strong links with the local community groups and integrated the InSport principles of inclusion throughout the whole department and service gaining the Disability Sport Wales “Ribbon” accreditation award and are the first Local Authority in Wales to deliver Autism awareness training for all Sport & Leisure employees.

The most recent programme to be delivered by Sport Caerphilly is Positive futures. This is an alternative education programme which provides opportunities for the most vulnerable young people who aren't quite suited to mainstream school to gain qualifications through the use of sport. There are now 34 young people being directly referred to the programme, gaining a variety of qualifications. The use of sport in the community to divert young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour is proving to be a success; over 500 young people have taken part in sport in the community, reducing ASB by up to 20%.

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Our skilled and passionate workforce are integral to achieving our mission of getting “more people, more active, more often”. Since 2013 we have aligned additional support and resources to our workforce, designing and implementing a full workforce pathway to give our coaches and volunteers the best possible opportunity to learn and develop. We now have over 450 paid staff, coaches and volunteers supporting the delivery of sport in Caerphilly both in community, club and school sport.

Since 2013 our school holiday programme has increased from 1 site and 264 people attending to 14 community and leisure centre based sites and 2059 individual attendances in 2016.

We also now boast a comprehensive range of activities available at a variety of leisure centres during October, February, Easter and Whitsun half terms, which has never been offered before. Coupled with our fantastic physical literacy “Tots” programme aimed at 3-6 year olds, we make for a well-rounded offer for the young people of Caerphilly to access high quality provision at their local leisure centres.

The Sport and Leisure Service continues to see growth in the number of people participating in sport and leisure activities. We’ve recorded more than 1.31 million customer visits to our leisure centres during 2016/17. This is slightly down on last year due to the major refurbishment to the health suite at Caerphilly Leisure Centre and the resultant closure. However we have seen the number of visitors to undertake sport activities increase this year by 3% to 83,516 people.

The School Swimming programme is working towards the national target of 91% by 2020 but is currently performing at 56% (of children to be able to swim 25 metres by the time they are aged 11), targeting year 3 and 4 will impact on the target in the short term.

The Caerphilly 10K has grown since its conception in 2013; the race has grown from 1800 runners to over 2,500 people taking part in the race on Sunday 18th June 2017. Now in its fifth year, the event saw thousands travel to Caerphilly to compete in the annual race which attracts people from all across the country. The 2k fun run race also saw a rise in numbers since its introduction in 2015 with 700 runners participating this year compared to 250 runners in 2015.



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Reduce the prevalence of smoking

Recently released data from Welsh Government indicates that Adult smoking rates have again reduced to 18% in 2016/17. Smoking prevention continues to reduce in Caerphilly County Borough in line with targets by Welsh Government to reduce smoking rates to 16% by 2020 across Wales. This is just below the Wales average at 19%.

The rate of adult smokers in Caerphilly County Borough has fallen from 27% in 2007/08. Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) has developed integrated smoking cessation services consisting of Community Pharmacy level 3, Stop Smoking Wales, Hospital Smoke Free Support Service and Prisons. Year-on-year improvements in percentage of smokers being treated by smoking cessation services, with 3.1% (3043 Residents in Gwent) of adults becoming treated smokers during 2016/17.

This is a substantial improvement with the services treating 850 more individuals (across Gwent) during 2016/17 than 2015/16. This continuous improvement in the proportion of smokers being treated is due to an increase in the number of smokers being treated by the newly funded level 3 Community Pharmacy smoking cessation service.

There has been limited improvement in the number of smokers treated by Stop Smoking Wales over the last 3 years, despite initiatives to increase referrals to NHS smoking cessation services.

JustBSmokeFree is a national school based smoking prevention programme for Year 8 (12-13 year olds) students to enable them to discuss the risks of smoking and the benefits of being smoke free. It aims to build a community of young people that are knowledgeable about the tactics of the tobacco industry and empowered to inform others.

This programme was delivered in 6 comprehensive schools across Caerphilly during the last year. The programme was offered to 7 schools and 1 comprehensive school declined the programme.

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Promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle.



Promote healthy eating

In Caerphilly 63% of adults can be categorised as overweight or obese. This is one of the highest rates in Wales according to the Welsh Health Survey 2014/15, with the Welsh average at 59%, and the Welsh average itself at a low level of health. The Child Measurement Programme for Wales reported in 2014/15 that 27% of children in Caerphilly County Borough aged 4-5 are overweight or obese. This is higher than the Gwent average of 26% and also higher than any English region.

Less than one third of adults (26%) eat the recommended 5 a day of fruit and vegetables. This is less than the Welsh Average at 32% (Welsh Health Survey 2014-15). The amount of people reporting that they eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day has decreased over the past years. Projects such as weight management (Food Wise), prevention of diabetes, cooking skills, physical activity opportunities and schemes to improve mental well-being have been provided in our most deprived communities through the Communities First programme.

However the uncertainty that has existed this year regarding the future of Communities First has inevitably led to a reduction in the ability to deliver the same level of provision as we have previously. Since the confirmation in February that the programme is indeed to be phased out, plans have been put in place to reduce services steadily.

We continue to promote Free School Meals across Primary and Secondary sectors. Those who access the free meals are eating a nutritious balanced meal which will benefit them throughout the school day. Evidence shows that eating a healthy school meal improves children's concentration during lessons and can have a positive impact on classroom behaviour. Nutritious school meals for disadvantaged children can also help children to develop healthy eating habits and have the potential to decrease health inequalities.

Support intergenerational schemes that promote community cohesion

Schools continue to be keen to integrate into the community. One example of this is the creation of Intergenerational clubs on school sites. These are formed to provide mutual activities, interests; understanding and tolerance between pupils and older persons, there are currently eight clubs in the Borough.

Work in partnership with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to make sure that the services provided at the new hospital at Ystrad Fawr are meeting local needs.

We continue to work with our partners as appropriate regarding the delivery of healthcare services. In particular we are working with ABUHB to protect and improve the Well-being of our communities and the Chief Executive of ABUHB is a key member of the Caerphilly Public Services Board.



We said success would look like:

- The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) grant will run to provide energy saving improvements to properties. These will help Council homes be more energy efficient which will help reduce fuel poverty. This is one of our contributions towards tackling poverty so that fewer residents will be living in fuel poverty.
- Bid for grant funding to qualifying areas within the new ECO Public and Private Sector grant.
- Raise the awareness of residents in the borough to the Green Deal and ECO grant.
- Our homes will ultimately meet the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) and will become more energy efficient with the installation of improvements such as new boilers and loft insulation.
- Tenants will be happy with their homes.
- Tenancy Support Officers provide advice to households to help them reduce their expenditure, this will include assessments and help with utilities such as water savings.
- Increase awareness of the Welsh Government Fuel Poverty Scheme to obtain greater take-up within the borough.

Conclusion of progress

We believe that we have been partially successful in achieving our ambition to invest in council homes and their communities to transform lives over the period of this priority. The reason for this is because some elements of the WHQS programme remain behind schedule, although, we have recently put in place new arrangements to address this. We were also unable to undertake some of our planned actions due to a change in direction of Central Government which resulted in the removal of ECO funding which was beyond our control. However, over the life of the priority we have successfully managed to:

- Access several million pounds of external funding to carry out improvements to homes in the social and private sectors.
- Reduce the amount of money people spend on heating their homes through the improvements undertaken.
- Improve the visual appearance of people's homes by carrying out external wall insulations
- Through investment in the WHQS programme provide opportunities for local business, thereby maximising support for the local economy.
- Through the inclusion of community benefits into WHQS contracts we have helped provide 175 permanent full time opportunities (with contractors or the Council) and created 63 apprenticeships (with contractors and the Council).
- Adapt the homes of council tenants to meet the specific needs of the household.
- Provide a range of mechanisms to measure tenant satisfaction with their homes and related services they may receive.
- Made council tenancies more sustainable by providing advice and support to help tenants reduce their expenditure and maximise income; and
- Put in place a referral system to the Nest scheme, which offers further information and advice to help reduce the number of households who are struggling to keep their homes warm and cope with high energy bills.

Progress made against the individual aspects of the priority is covered in the following paragraphs:

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) grant will run to provide energy saving improvements to properties so council homes be more energy efficient helping to reduce fuel poverty.

Bid for grant funding to qualifying areas and raise the awareness of residents in the borough to the Green Deal and ECO grant.

ECO is a funding scheme provided by energy suppliers, for the provision of various energy efficiency works to domestic properties to reduce carbon emissions and utility costs. During the period of this priority 876 properties had an energy efficiency measure carried out (excluding boiler replacement) and/or residents received energy advice. A total of 569 external wall Insulations were completed across all tenures, including 376 council properties.

Some specific achievements in this period include:

- Completed a procurement exercise to establish contract arrangements for the first phase of works to carry out external wall insulation to 184 'Wimpy No-Fines' homes (a certain type of property design) at Gelligaer, Pontlottyn and Gilfach. Energy company, **Eon**, was the successful supplier. The funding was targeted at non-traditional type properties and provided part funding for both council and privately owned properties. The works were planned to help residents in fuel poverty and improve the appearance of their properties and are now satisfactorily completed.
- In Phillipstown, £2.4m of Arbed funding was accessed to carry out energy advice to 162 privately owned or rented properties. 107 Council properties were provided with energy advice and 145 privately owned or rented properties and 86 social rented (council) properties received external wall Installations.
- 250 properties in Fochriw and Hollybush and 317 properties in Phillipstown have benefitted from over £2m investment since 2013, including improvements to the gas mains, new central heating systems, external wall Insulation or voltage optimisers.
- As part of the WHQS programme we have undertaken in total 376 external wall insulations and 798 boiler replacements to council properties.
- We have recently started a contract to undertake external wall insulations to 320 properties in Lansbury Park (Phase 1) and successful bid for funding from Welsh Government, through the WG Vibrant and Viable Places (VVP) / Arbed schemes, to undertake external wall insulations to 76 privately owned homes in Lansbury Park.

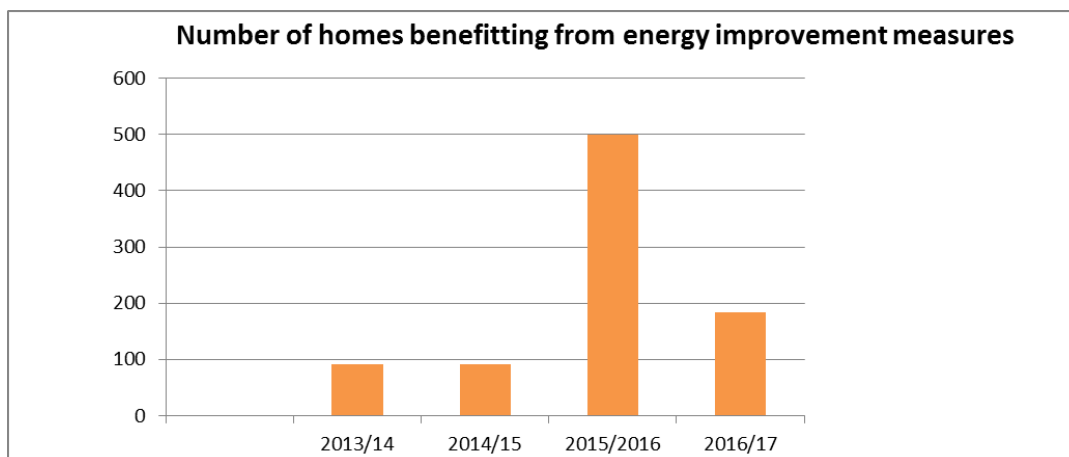


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We were unable to make progress on some aspects of the priority for the following reasons:

- A procurement exercise was carried out on an ECO framework that would have been in place until March 2017 (the end of ECO2). Despite putting specifications and scheme designs in place, for properties in Gelligaer, Pontllytyn and Gilfach, there were no site works delivered and no other bids for private sector grants were undertaken (partly influenced by the changes in the government funding during this reporting year).
- We wanted to raise the awareness of residents in the borough to the Green Deal and ECO grant schemes, however, Central Government has now disbanded the Green Deal Programme so we were unable to take this piece of work forward.



Further works to 320 council properties and 76 Private properties at Lansbury Park ongoing.

Our homes will ultimately meet the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) and will become more energy efficient with the installation of improvements such as new boilers and loft insulation.

A contract has begun to upgrade loft insulation in properties where insulation level is below 200mm. To date 89 properties has been upgraded with a further 612 programmed.



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The WHQS requires properties to meet the specific needs of the household which aims to not only assist with individual's health and well-being, but also helps to reduce accidents within the home. To deliver on this requirement, a number of Occupational Therapists have been appointed and work alongside our surveyors to provide a needs assessment. This has resulted in specific adaptations being made to tenant's homes to help with health conditions that they may have.

More detailed information on progress against the WHQS Programme is shown within Well-being Objective No 5 - Investment in council homes to transform lives and communities.

Tenants will be happy with their homes

Through frequent engagement, discussions, consultations, and general communications with our tenants, our records show, that generally, tenants are happy with their homes and related housing services.

We monitored	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Comment
% of our tenants whose homes were improved internally through the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) programme who were satisfied with the completed works	92%	90%	84%	90%	This measure captures tenants' views and satisfaction on completion of the works to their property.

Tenancy Support Officers provide advice to households to help them reduce their expenditure; this will include assessments and help with utilities such as water savings


The success of this support has not only assisted our tenants with reducing their expenditure and maximising income, but has also resulted in tenancies being sustained, which is reflected in lower numbers of evictions that have been progressed in recent years. Caerphilly Homes has not evicted any tenant solely as a direct result of the so called 'bedroom tax'.



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Our tenancy support officers have been trained and certified, to provide energy advice. During home visits, tenants are shown how to use their heating systems more efficiently as well as being given additional energy savings advice for all their energy measures including heating, electric and water, with further checks to ensure tenants are on the correct tariff for their circumstances.

Welfare Support 				
Measures	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
The number of council tenants referred for money and debt advice as a direct result of face to face support on the impact of welfare reforms	335	187	215	197
The number of council tenants affected by welfare reforms who were visited in their own homes and provided with advice and support to minimise the impact of the changes	1,666	2,309	2,252	2,183
The value of financial savings generated for tenants as a direct result of face to face support on the effect of welfare reforms	£458,709	£283,152	£493,910	£338,143

Increase awareness of the Welsh Government Fuel Poverty Scheme to obtain greater take-up within CCBC

In addition to the support already offered to our tenants and the other programs the council has reported above, the Welsh Government Fuel Poverty Scheme known as **Nest**, which started in April 2011, offers further information and advice to help reduce the number of households in Wales who are struggling to keep their homes warm and cope with high energy bills. Residents can access the **Nest** scheme on a **freephone number 0808 808 2244** or by visiting the [Nest Website](https://www.nestwales.org.uk/) (external link): <https://www.nestwales.org.uk/>

The purpose of the scheme is to help low income and vulnerable households to reduce their energy bills and heat their home more affordably through the Nest scheme. The Nest scheme is managed by British Gas and no cold calling is done on behalf of the scheme.

The scheme expects to help households with energy advice and support on:

- Ways to save energy and make your home more energy efficient.
- Energy tariffs and to ensure you are on the most appropriate tariff for you situation.
- Benefit entitlement checks .

Nest will also improve the energy efficiency of privately owned and privately rented properties for those who meet the eligibility criteria and packages could include:

- Loft or cavity wall insulation.
- Solid wall insulation.
- New boiler.
- Central heating.



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Throughout the period of this priority, ad-hoc advice has been given to residents who contacted the council. The Nest team have been keen to work in partnership with the council on a range of promotions including a mail out. This however, has yet to successfully be put in place by CCBC. Despite this, Nest improvements and initiatives delivered by British Gas in the Caerphilly area to date, reports:

Scheme Year	Enhanced Insulation	Heating	Heating & Enhanced Insulation	Heating & Insulation	Heating & Solar	Insulation	Grand Total
11/12	1	148	3	29	1	1	183
12/13		225	1	25			251
13/14	1	178	1	21			201
14/15		265		18			283
15/16		370	1	17			388
16/17	2	194	1	28			225
Total	4	1380	7	138	1	1	1531

A large contributing factor for encouraging energy efficiency improvements in social housing is currently through our WHQS programme and the Nest scheme, and is complemented by Welsh Government area-based scheme, Arbed investments (page 38). These schemes enable us to support households in fuel poverty whereby WHQS/Nest provides support for households, and Arbed helps to provide targeted improvements for communities in the most deprived area (in Wales).

In conclusion

We have made some real improvements to the fuel efficiency of our housing stock and helped generate support for council tenants affected by welfare reform by helping to generate financial savings. However, we have been slower than we would have liked in bringing Council Homes up to the WHQS.

Our Well-being Objective (No5) focused on the WHQS programme, where as this priority focused on wider matters such as the energy side of housing in both public and private sector. For 2017 onwards we are bringing together both aspects into one new priority that will include more about housing related support services and the work we want to do to help those who are homed in the private sector.



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Affordability - Deliver a medium term financial plan aimed at ultimately providing a period of stability that helps the authority to have a range of services in the future that are sustainable

We said success would look like:

- The implementation of savings proposals at Council each year when the budget is set in late February, will ensure that at the start of each financial year, a balanced budget is achievable.
- Over a 2-3 year period, a reduction in expenditure that allows the services still retained by the Authority to have sufficient budgets to allow for service improvement

Conclusion of progress

The Council has faced significant financial challenges in recent years due to cuts in funding and increasing demand for services, particularly in Social Services. During the period 2013/14 to 2016/17 savings totalling £41.84m have been required to ensure that balanced budgets have been set on an annual basis. These savings have had limited impact on front-line service provision and have been agreed in line with the following principles previously approved by Council: -

- Protecting front-line services where we can and reducing expenditure on management and administrative costs.
- Increasing fees and charges where appropriate.
- Reducing, rather than removing services where possible.
- Focussing on priorities.
- Looking at alternative ways of delivering services, for example; collaboration, partnerships, community trusts.

The Council has continued to manage its financial affairs effectively and expenditure continues to be managed within approved budgets on an annual basis.

For the 2017/18 financial year the funding that the Council receives from the Welsh Government increased marginally by £326k (0.12%). However, to meet all of the unavoidable cost pressures faced by the Council significant additional savings were required to ensure that a balanced budget could be achieved for 2017/18. Consequently, at its meeting on the 22nd February 2017 Council approved a further package of savings totalling £9.05m. The agreed savings for 2017/18 will have limited impact on front-line services and wherever possible Council priorities are protected from cuts.

The funding situation across Wales for future years remains uncertain so the Authority has adopted a prudent approach of producing an indicative five-year Medium-Term Financial Plan.



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In addition to the savings of £9.05m already approved for the 2017/18 financial year, it is anticipated that further savings of £28.79m will be required for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22. Work is already underway to identify further savings proposals to meet this projected financial shortfall for future years and the position will be kept under close review. Given the scale of savings already delivered in recent years it is inevitable that more difficult decisions will need to be made as we move forward. The savings principles referred to above have worked well to date but these will need to be reviewed due to the significant further savings that will be required.

In recent years, the Wales Audit Office (WAO) has carried out financial resilience assessments of all councils in Wales and their latest review undertaken between June and December 2016, focussed on the extent to which councils achieved their 2015/16 Savings Plans, the quality of Medium-Term Financial Plans (MTFP's) and the robustness of Savings Plans for 2016/17. The WAO report detailing the findings of the latest review for ourselves was issued in March 2017 and the main conclusions of the report were as follows:

- The council has an effective and improving savings planning approach, which is supporting future financial resilience.
- The council has reported achievement of 96% of its planned 2015/16 savings in year and can demonstrate that individual savings have been delivered.
- The council has an effective corporate framework for financial planning and whilst the Council has well considered savings plans, some savings proposals are insufficiently developed when the budget is agreed.
- The council has detailed savings plans and is forecasting that 96% of its 2016/17 savings plan will be achieved in year.

The WAO report acknowledges that this is an improving picture, that the council has developed a more comprehensive Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) covering a five-year period and that the council has identified indicative high-level savings plans to fill the gap for the earlier years of the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

The WAO report does contain one proposal for improvement which is to strengthen financial planning arrangements by ensuring that savings plans are underpinned by robust business cases. In response to this a new template has been developed to capture detailed information on future savings proposals. This will ensure that all relevant information is available to assess the robustness of proposals and to aid the decision-making process.



The following pages of this performance report will give you an overview of 'how the council performed' in 2016/17 across its four Directorates:

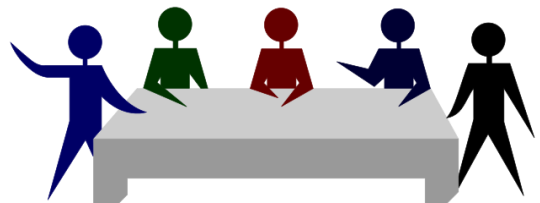
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1. Directorate of Education

Director's Statement of Overall Performance for 2016/17

Chris Burns Chief Executive

Keri Cole Chief Education Officer

It has been a busy year in the Education Directorate as we work towards delivering on our eight priorities and one of our most important priorities is to raise standards, particularly for those vulnerable to achieving them. Some children and young people face many obstacles in their learning and we are determined to help them wherever we can.



What we did in 2016/17

We were pleased with a modest improvement in most indicators; however, within our measures on standards, we need to improve further and compare better with the performance of other local authorities. Performance in the foundation phase and key stage is strong, with 88.6% pupils achieving the Foundation Phase indicator and performance in Key Stage 2 is good at 90.4% and continues to be higher than expected, given where we rank within the Free School Meals ranking. Our performance at Key Stage 3 is adequate but continues to improve, with 82% pupils achieving the Core Subject Indicator in July 2016 a significant increase from 77.6% in 2014. Our performance at Key Stage 4 (KS4) requires accelerated improvement, with 53% of pupils achieving the Level 2+ indicator in July 2016 and this is below the Welsh average.

The Authority is working closely with the Education Achievement Service (EAS) and Head Teachers to improve standards at KS4 and has invested additional funds to support progress.

Attendance has improved this year and Primary school attendance increasing from 94.5% in 2014/15 to 94.6% in 2015/16 (i.e. 0.1% increase). During this period, Caerphilly moved from 21st position to 17th in Wales. Our Secondary school attendance has also increased from 92.7% in 2014/15 to 93.4% in 2015/16* (i.e. 0.7% increase), moving from 22nd position to 20th in Wales. We want to make better use of available data from the Education Welfare Service and schools to build on this improvement and implement the South East Wales Consortium (SEWC) 'Common Attendance' Strategy.

It is well documented that many children and young people's educational success is affected by poverty and so we have made the reduction of the 'impact' of poverty one of our priorities for this year. One initiative was the setting up of family liaison workers who are based in St James Primary and St Martins Secondary Schools. Case studies from their work showed sustained improved attendance and engagement for a targeted group of children and young people.



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We have set up a way for families to 'assess their own strengths and needs' using a model called 'Family Learning Signature' and the results help staff to provide additional ways to support the child. The initial feedback showed that Family Learning Signature has been positive in helping Year 6 pupils make the transition to Year 7 (Secondary School), particularly as the assessment moves with the child so the next school can continue and build on the support. However, it has less of an impact for much younger children (Flying Start children to Foundation Phase provision) and this will need to be looked at in a different way.



We have finished a long-term collaboration between the Anti-Poverty Programmes to develop and implement a 'Joint Assessment Family Framework (JAFF)'. What this means; is that all providers are now using a single process and point of contact to access help and support for families and this has streamlined the process to ensure the right help is provided.

For new and expectant parents, we offer pre and post educational and well-being support to parents aged 16 and younger by our Youth and Education Other Than at School Services. Crèche facilities have also been available to support the parents to continue their education. We have successfully relocated this service to Cross Keys Youth Centre and this has been operating well with positive feedback from learners.

A minority of our children and young people need to access education in specialist settings where their needs can be met more effectively. We have conducted a comprehensive review and plans will now be made to adjust current provision.

In the coming months, there will be a strong emphasis on working together to reduce exclusion rates within schools. This year we established a dedicated team with responsibility for reducing young people who are not in education, employment or training. By April 2017 there was a further year on year reduction from 2.1% (academic year 14/15) to 1.9% (academic year 15/16).

We have been working on reviewing what we provide for our pupils with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and have set up a satellite for Key Stage 3 pupils for children with special needs to be educated with a specialist group of staff from Trinity Fields at one of our main stream Secondary Schools. This provides an opportunity to receive appropriate opportunities within a main stream school setting and support better pupil integration. 100% of statements of Special Educational Needs including those with exceptions were completed within 26 weeks.

The implementation of the forthcoming ALN reform will mean many changes for the council and our schools. We are working hard to prepare everyone for how this will affect them.



The **21st Century Schools Programme** funds major building projects in schools across Wales. It is funded jointly by Welsh Government and Local Authorities. Its major, long-term aim is to create a generation of 21st century schools in Wales and focuses resources on the 'right schools in the right places', for early years through to post 16. This year, the plans went well, projects were delivered under budget and often to tight timescales.



Some of the successes are:

- The Welsh Medium School -Y Gwyndy (scheme in Caerphilly) and an additional site to Cwm Rhymney, were completed in November 2016.
- Islwyn High School was completed in April 2017 and staff and pupils will have moved to the new school in the Summer of 2017.
- Abertysswg and Pontlottyn Primary will become a new school on the Rhymney Comprehensive site, and this is progressing well with completion due December 2017, opening in January 2018. Members agreed on the 5th July, 2017, following extensive consultation, for the school to become a 3-18 school.
- Proposals have been agreed for a £2m spend at Blackwood Comprehensive School and works are planned over the next 18 months.

Surplus places in schools have been an area of concern in the past and we have been working to reduce them over the last few years. With the new 'state of the art' purpose built schools opening and Cwmcarn High School closing, we will see a reduction in surplus places over the next 2 years.

We deliver Adult Community Learning in partnership with 4 other authorities and colleges to improve the level of essential skills and provide opportunities to gain qualifications (formal and non-formal) and to focus on essential skills enrolments despite a reduction in available funding of 55% in the last two years. This year we had 756 enrolments in essential skills programmes of which 415 learners gained an accreditation. This is less enrolments than last year (1348) but a higher number of qualifications (96% successful completions).

We have changed some of our learning models by going into homes to help with learning for those who cannot come to a community venue; this means we are providing to less numbers but giving a more targeted approach. Of the non-accredited courses we had 93% of learners who met their individual targets. We were awarded with the title of 'Best Performing Local Authority' within the Gwent 5 County Adult Learning Partnership in June 2017 for our work in adult education.

Director's Statement continued ...

Whilst attainment results are an important part of education we recognise that traditional routes do not work for everyone and sometimes people need help to gain skills into employment. We are running three regional work programmes, Inspire to Work, for 16-24 year olds who are not in education, training or employment. Participants are offered a tailored package of 1-1 support to gain a Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) qualification, or, access volunteering opportunities.



Bridges into Work is for participants 25+ and Working Skills for Adults is for those who are employed or self employed at 16+ to help provide more skills to help them progress in learning and gain qualifications. We do not have a full years worth of data as some of the programmes started later in the year, but so far we are meeting and in some cases exceeding our targets in the helping participants gain qualifications.

Our visitor numbers to **Libraries** increased in 2016/17 to 6,391 (per 1000 population) and the digital usage continues to rise. Facebook & Twitter 'followers' have increased.

Caerphilly Library Service was the winner of three Marketing Excellence Awards 2017 for their work with Coding Clubs and Social Media promotion. Library stock issues for 2016 / 2017 have increased by 10.89% and Ystrad Mynach Library refurbishment was completed on time and within budget.

Education had a savings target of £1.6m for 2016/2017 and in the main, all savings proposals for 2016-17 were achieved. Our savings target for 17/18 is £867k.

2. Directorate of Communities

Director's Statement of Overall Performance for 2016/17



Christina Harry Corporate Director of Communities

The Directorate of Communities consists of a diverse range of front line services, which directly impact upon the lives of our residents, for example, collecting waste, maintaining homes and parks, protecting our countryside, promoting the area as a great place to live, visit and work, or keeping traffic moving throughout the county borough. 2016/17 was a positive year in terms of overall service performance. However, a number of future challenges have been identified for 2017/18, with the biggest challenge across our services being; how to balance the demands of increasing legislation and meeting public expectations against reducing budgets. We are reasonably well placed to respond to these challenges, but, we must also recognise that reductions to some current service delivery standards over the next few years may be inevitable.

What we did in 2016/17

Caerphilly Homes (Housing)

The performance of Caerphilly Homes for 2016/17 is considered to be good overall, although we accept that there are some aspects of the service which require improvement. A recent Wales Audit Office report highlighted a number of areas for improvement that we have responded to through a series of action plans which are being developed to address them. The main challenge moving forward relates to our continued ability to provide a high quality service that meets the needs and aspirations of our service users, whilst continuing to satisfy financial plan priorities and changing legislation. The service is regarded to be well placed to respond to this challenge.

The Council has a housing stock of 10,822 properties. We are currently investing over £200m in bringing all these homes up to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) by 2020.

This ambitious investment programme is not just to improve homes, but to also transform people's lives and the communities in which people live. In 2016/17 we spent over £31M and completed internal improvement works to 2171 properties and also completed external improvement works to 950 properties, with 430 properties receiving specific need adaptations. 90% of tenants said they were satisfied with the work that has been done.

Our Housing Repairs Operations Team continues to provide, in the region of 30,000 repairs per year. Performance in this area is very good and this year, we introduced a text facility to provide tenants with confirmation of their repair being recorded and to provide a reminder for their agreed appointment. This year, the team were recognised for their work in the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) National Awards, which we were honoured to be presented with the overall UK winner award.



Work in partnership with Cartrefi Hafod continues to increase access into the private rented sector for those people who are either homeless or threatened with homelessness. We have also utilised an under-occupied residential block of flats in Rhymney to provide a Supported Housing Options Scheme, for predominantly single people aged 16 plus. Work also continues in partnership with the local churches and a contracted support provider over the winter months to provide shelter and support in the borough for a number of rough sleepers.



Under the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 there are legal obligations on social landlords who have rental properties in Wales. We have increased awareness of the Rent Smart Wales (RSW) service including newspaper adverts, posters/flyers and merchandise. Rent Smart Wales is a service provided by Cardiff Council, to administer the requirements for landlord registration and agent and landlord licensing. We increased the number of long term empty private sector homes brought back in to beneficial use by 65 (6.41% of total properties identified) by taking direct action, and we also completed an Area Renewal Scheme in Senghenydd.

Rent loss from empty/or under repaired properties remains high, as does the number of tenants requesting transfers, although the number of private sector homes that were returned to occupation improved from 3.9% to 6.5% in 2016/17. Demand for certain property types and areas is challenging, particularly in some areas in the north of the borough. A new marketing strategy has been implemented along with the comprehensive WHQS works to void properties rather than routine repairs, which should improve the outcome of prospective tenants.

The number of homeless people in our county borough has reduced significantly due to the introduction of additional appropriate accommodation for those who find themselves in need of urgent accommodation. The Caerphilly Homes housing stock is constantly under review to identify 'fit-for-purpose' provisions to meet the ever changing society demands. To that end, some of the stock requires a significant 'rethink' regarding investments, adaptations and considered change of use. For example, some of our sheltered housing accommodation suffers from low demand and is not suitable to meet the needs and expectations of current and future tenants. We need to consider options to improve the quality and accessibility of this accommodation to increase demand, or consider alternative uses. We are also currently considering how we can obtain more homes either through our partners or directly ourselves, in order to meet the needs of our tenants.

Our tenants, their families and wider community views, are essential to better understand community needs and enable the delivery of quality, life changing and vital public services. To that end, we welcome the opportunities to improve public engagement and consultation and this is an area we intend to improve upon over the next 12 months.



Planning and Regeneration

During 2016/17, visits to our country parks have increased by over 10% compared to the previous year and now exceed 1.2 million. A survey showed that 85% of those using our countryside parks at Penallta, Cwm Darran, Bargoed, Pen-y-Fan, and Sirhowy were very or fairly satisfied with the facilities. Whilst this percentage is slightly down from the previous survey, it nevertheless, shows high levels of satisfaction. Parc Cwm Darran retained its Green Flag status.



Over the last five years there has been a 19.5% increase in the overall number of visitors to the county borough with 1.81million visitors recorded during 2016. There were a number of successful events held during the year including the Big Cheese, Armed Forces Day, Christmas Markets and through partnership working, the Caerphilly 10K run and Velothon Wales, from which, positive visitor and local retailer feedback was received. The Christmas Pantomime at Blackwood Miners Institute attracted an audience of 15,377, significantly exceeding all previous ticket sales records.

Welsh Government (WG) confirmed in February 2017 that the Communities First Programme will be phased out. Despite this, we have continued to maintain a strong collaborative focus on tackling poverty, delivering to a high level, with excellent outcomes against a range of key indicators set by WG. Whilst the exact scale of the changes we face in this area remains unclear, we do know that we will continue to focus on employability, which is in-line with recent WG directives. Employability has been a strong focus of the work carried out during 2016/17 and will continue to be the focus of future work following the transition period to provide those who are unemployed across the borough access to support. During 2016/17, over 5,800 people were recorded as Community First Programme participants in the Caerphilly borough, with satisfaction levels at over 88%.

The Council has agreed to focus upon improving the lives of those living in the Lansbury Park area, as the area was highlighted as the most deprived ward in Wales. We intend to achieve this through an integrated “deep place” based approach, which considers the social, environmental and economic challenges and seeks to address them through a collaborative approach, working with the community and with public service colleagues. A strategy has been developed and we now aim to deliver it working closely with the community.

During the year WG changed the way it measures some of Planning Services performance. However, we can report: good levels of Building Control customer satisfaction levels of 86% and the percentage of householder planning applications determined during the year within 8 weeks being 95%. Additional affordable house units provided (as a percentage of all additional housing units provided) increased from 51% last year to 75% placing the council as 2nd top performer in Wales.

Following the annual monitoring report of the Local Development Plan (LDP) in 2013, a full review of the Plan was triggered. Following consultation, Council resolved to withdraw the plan, subject to steps being taken to progress a Strategic Development Plan (SDP) with other authorities within the Cardiff Capital Region. This work is progressing and the Cardiff Capital Region Board, will determine in the next few months, how they wish to develop a regional planning framework for the region.



Community and Leisure Services

Waste Collection Services continue to deliver high levels of performance for waste prepared for reuse and/or recycling at 65.52% in 2016/17, exceeding statutory targets set by Welsh Government. However, the service continues to be faced with multiple challenges relating to a high amounts of contamination in dry recycling waste which will be reviewed over the summer 2017 period with an additional door stepping campaign. This contamination is contributing to the relatively high costs for delivering the service when compared with other authorities.

Challenges associated with increasing the participation of food waste recycling are also being faced, although, as a result of a successful campaign last summer (2016) there has been an increase in participation to 47% (which is comparable to other Local Authorities).

Results of the last household survey show citizen satisfaction levels maintained at:

- 74% for Civic Amenity Sites
- 93% for Domestic Refuse
- 91% for Recycling.
- 78% for Food Caddy.
- 74% for Green Waste
- 77% for Street Cleansing.



The service will need to ensure that it is equipped to meet the future Welsh Government statutory recycling targets of 64% by 2019/20 and 70% by 2024/25, as well as ensuring the service remains affordable in the context of reducing budgets. As such we have commenced a review of this service and will be considering the outcome of the review over the forthcoming year.

Our Parks and Bereavement Services have reduced the grass cutting frequencies from once every fortnight to once every three weeks to achieve financial savings, which has led to a slight drop in satisfaction levels. Three of our parks have been recognised as places of excellence by Green Flag assessors and awarded Green Flag status. Most recently Ystrad Mynach park and Brithdir cemetery were also successful in achieving Green Flag status.

Bereavement Services has recently obtained planning permission to develop a brand new municipal cemetery in the Caerphilly basin to provide additional burial capacity for the county borough. The service continues to hold a Bronze award with Charter for the Bereaved.

The management of the Council's extensive tree stock is a challenge for us but in order to address this, a report is to be considered by Regeneration & Environmental Scrutiny committee in October 2017. Other pressures include climate change, which has an effect on both the tree stock and sport pitches.



Director's Statement continued ...

The **Sport and Leisure** Service continues to see growth in the number of people participating in sport & leisure activities. We've recorded more than 1.31 million customer visits to our leisure centres during 2016/17. This is slightly down on last year due to the major refurbishment to the health suite at Caerphilly Leisure Centre and the resultant closure. However we have seen the number of visitors to undertake sport activities increase this year by 3% to 83,516 people.



There has been an increased focus upon Learn to Swim programmes and performance has improved over the last 12 months. The number of free swim sessions for children aged 16 has improved against this time last year.

An aquatic marketing plan is currently being developed with the aim of increasing participation within all aspects of aquatic delivery. As part of the plan, we want to focus on the provision of free swimming and aquatic programmes available to under 16's more generally.

This year we have seen a reduction in the number of children age 11 years able to swim 25 metres as some schools have decided not to take up the swimming offer. However, we are working with our education colleagues to improve upon this in the forthcoming year.

Welsh Government has set a National Target of 91% of all children aged 11 being able to swim 25 metres by the year 2020, and the council is working towards achieving this target.

Adult swimming, 60+ (50,119) was above target for 2016/17 and an improvement on last year's performance.

Customer satisfaction levels remain high with 97% of sport and leisure customers reporting they are satisfied with the service.

Our internal support services, such as Fleet Management and Maintenance continued to provide effective services ensuring our fleet remains safe and operational throughout the year.

To ensure the sustainability of our fleet vehicles, making sure they are fit-for-purpose, well maintained, reliable, safe, efficient, and roadworthy, the management, maintenance and procurement is constantly monitored and reviewed to strict quality assured methods.



Highways and Engineering

The Engineering Services provides services that affect all that use our highway network across the County Borough.



The Council's highway network is its biggest corporate asset, both physically and financially. The provision of a safe, sound and effective means of transport is fundamental to the borough's economic stability, vitality and viability. The percentage of principal A roads that are in poor condition is 4.3% based on 16/17 condition surveys, this is marginally better than last year at 4.5%.

The survey showed that the percentage of B roads that are in poor condition was 3.7% in 2016/17 (decreasing from 4.1% in 2015/16) and just below all Wales average of 4.2%. The condition of our C roads also improved from 9.2% reducing to 8.7% in poor condition against an all Wales average of 15%.

In 2016/17 we repaired 100% of all dangerous incidents with 24 hours. This demonstrates our continued commitment in responding to and addressing emergency situations. We have also improved the percentage of programmed highway safety inspections that are carried out with timescales (2 weeks) at 100%.

We aim to carry out pothole repairs (non-emergency repairs) within 28 days and although our response rate over the last year has improved, it takes us on average 33 days to rectify defects with 46% of repairs completed with 28 days. We recognise that we are still underperforming in this area and as a result, several control measures have been introduced and it is expected that further improvements will be made in the next 12 months.

The Cardiff Capital Region City Deal was formally agreed in March 2017. The Cardiff City Deal is a partnership between UK Government, WG and 10 local authorities, with a total funding package of £1.28 billion being invested across the region.

The aim is to create jobs and boost economic prosperity by improving productivity, tackle worklessness, build on foundations of innovation, invest in physical and digital infrastructure, provide support for business, and ensure that any economic benefits generated as a result are felt across the region.

This will include £734m of investment towards the Metro, an integrated transport system which will see, amongst other things, increased frequency of trains along the Rhymney valley rail line. We have now reached the stage where we can begin the work of delivering the projects that will make a real difference to the economy of the region and ultimately to people's lives.

Director's Statement continued ...

We will continue to introduce LED street lighting across the borough. The new lights are more energy efficient than traditional street lights and will help reduce energy costs and carbon emissions. Old and faulty lights are being replaced by modern energy efficient light sources during routine maintenance operations.



LEDs now provide substantially more value for money and equate to a reduction in the amount of energy required to operate each light. Together with the reduction in energy usage, the better control of unwanted light into the night time environment provides a positive benefit and assist in contributing to National Government targets.

Unfortunately, despite regular inspections, faults with our street lights inevitably occur. In 2016/17 we rectified 3200 faults and it took us an average of 3.94 days. This is better than our target of 4 days and an improvement when compared to the 2015/16 result of 4.53 days.

We are making good progress towards the Welsh Government road safety targets for 2020 as we continue to maintain a low level of injuries and overall our road casualty statistics have continued to reduce. Traffic and road safety teams, who, through an intensive education programme, continue to help to ensure our younger people, remain safe.



From the councils Household Survey (every two years) and service specific benchmarking club survey, our records show the highest satisfaction for the provision of local bus service information, bus service reliability and overall satisfaction in the local bus network.

We have also recorded the second highest recorded satisfaction in the frequency of bus services and the bus stops and shelters.



3. Directorate of Social Services

Director's Statement of Overall Performance for 2016/17



Dave Street Corporate Director of Social Services

What we did in 2016/17

As I mentioned last year in my Statement of Overall Performance in 2015/16, the implementation of the Social Services & Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (effective from April 2016) was a landmark for Social Services provision across Wales. Consequently, a lot of our efforts during 2016/17 have been centred on establishing the principles of the Act and ensuring staff are beginning to embrace the principles of the new legislation, particularly in relation to early intervention and preventative services.

At the same time as the introduction of this legislation, all staff have also had to respond to a number of other significant issues and pressures;

As you would expect in the current climate financial pressures remain significant. As a result of substantial corporate investment in the Social Services we were able to come in just within budget. An underspend of around £250,000 equated to a 0.03% underspend and demonstrates that financial pressures continue to emerge both in terms of costs of services and the numbers of people presenting with needs.

This is particularly the case within Children's Services where increases in numbers of Looked after Children are placing significant demands on the service. These demands are not simply financial but also relate to difficulties in finding suitable placements for children with very complex needs. Whilst this is a UK wide problem it is putting demands on staff within the service, whom often have to ring around providers across the UK before a suitable placement can be identified.

In Adult Services there are also significant issues. Legislative changes around National Minimum Wage, National Insurance, Pensions and Holiday Entitlement, have all pushed up provider costs. Some providers have been reluctant to take on new cases, causing difficulties in getting additional services, particularly to help people get discharged from Hospital. Despite this the authority's improvement in terms of delayed discharge continued moving us to 10th best in Wales.

I mentioned last year the Directorate was beginning to implement the Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS). This will be a single IT system giving Health and social care practitioner's access to shared information and help to avoid situations where users of our services have to provide the same information on more than one occasion. The work is very complex and time consuming, but working alongside other local authorities and health boards, it is our intention to introduce this system into the Council during 2017/18.



Director's Statement continued ...

Due to the implementation of the Social Services & Well-being (Wales) Act, the Directorate has had to look at the way it performs very differently. Rather than measure, how much or, how quickly we do things, the emphasis is now, on what difference our services make to people's lives.



As a result, Welsh Government required all councils (Local authorities) to undertake a survey of 25-30% of people who had a Care and Support Plan at September 2016. A total of 401 surveys were completed and analysed on a regional basis to determine any consistent messages.

The results were:

Adults:

- 87% said I live in a home that supports my well-being.
- 77% said I feel safe from any kind of abuse, physical harm or from falling both inside and outside my property.
- 74% said I had the right advice and information when I needed it
- 83% said I am happy with the care and support I have had.



Children:

- 89% said I live in a home where I am happy.
- 81% said I feel I belong in the area where I live.
- 92% said I feel safe, for example cared for and safe from anyone who can hurt you or treat you badly both inside and outside your home.
- 77% said I have received the right information and advice when I needed it.

Carers:

- 84% said they knew who to contact about their support
- 70% said they had the right information and advice when they needed it
- 87% said they had been involved in decisions about how the care and support was provided to the person they care for.
- 75% said I feel supported to continue in my caring role.

We will see where we can make improvements from this information (although it is completely confidential) so can only analyse any general emerging themes. We will be running a similar consultation event this year to build on what we learnt from the consultation above.

Within the new Act is a major emphasis on partnership working. The Greater Gwent Regional Partnership Board was established and a Population Needs Assessment completed which will now inform Area Plans that have to be produced. These plans will be the catalyst for further regional working and service design that will increasingly see social care services delivered on a regional footprint.

As the Director of Social Services I produce a yearly report called the Annual Directors Report on the effectiveness of social care services 2016/17 and this provides fuller details of the service and its progress. This will be available from the Council Website www.caerphilly.gov.uk between October-November 2017.



Public Protection

Within **Caerphilly Catering Services** the number of children accessing school meals across both the Primary and Secondary sectors, paid and free, has increased. More children are enjoying eating a nutritious balanced meal which will benefit them throughout the school day. Evidence shows that eating a healthy school meal improves children's concentration during lessons and can have a positive impact on classroom behaviour. Nutritious school meals for disadvantaged children can also help children to develop healthy eating habits and have the potential to decrease health inequalities. 73% of eligible pupils took up the opportunity to access Free School Meals in Primary Schools and 65% in Secondary. During 2016/17 we implemented further upgrades so that all 9 secondary schools that have their catering service managed by our in house catering team benefit from modern biometric cashless systems. We have also developed a pilot project for cashless catering arrangements in Primary Schools. We have continued our investment in school kitchen improvements to include the installation of fly screens in 36 schools in accordance with Environmental Health Officer recommendations.

The Caerphilly Catering Service operates across 157 sites with over 831 staff and is proud to have achieved the Silver accreditation in the Investors In People Standard in February 2017 in which the assessor found a culture of trust, ownership and commitment of its people to the organisation. All the feedback and evidence gathered during the assessment suggests that Caerphilly Catering Services has a positive impact on the communities and markets it serves.

The **Registration Service** continues to achieve excellent levels of customer satisfaction with comments received highlighting the professionalism, dignity, and empathy of staff and the timeliness of appointments being offered. Of the customer survey responses received in 2016/17, 96% rated the service as very good or excellent with 4% rating it as good. No customers rated it as poor. A new customer engagement strategy was also implemented along with a review of feedback and engagement mechanisms. An electronic booking system for appointments and ceremonies was introduced in June 2015 creating a much improved database of customers and it is intended to introduce online appointments to register a birth initially during 2017.

Environmental Health and Trading Standards Officers, inspected 100% of high risk businesses that were liable to a programmed inspection for Food Hygiene, Food Standards, and Health & Safety. In addition the team participated in a number of targeted regional health and safety projects such as interventions within Care Homes and addressing Gas Safety in Catering Premises. The Care Home Project is seen as being valuable for both providers and regulators and is therefore, being rolled out throughout Wales in 2017/18. The Gas Safety in Catering Project is also continuing across Wales. The percentage of food establishments which are broadly compliant with food hygiene standards currently stands at 95.16% which is marginally less than 95.67% last year. The service operates the Welsh Food Hygiene Rating Scheme which makes it mandatory for businesses to display the hygiene rating awarded to the business.

All businesses within the scope of the scheme are issued with a food hygiene rating following an unannounced inspection. Our food law enforcement activity was the subject of an audit by the Food Standards Agency in January 2016 with the final report being received in February 2017. The findings were positive with some areas for improvement identified. These have been addressed through an Action Plan agreed with the Food Standards Agency.

Whilst 100% of high risk businesses that were liable to a programmed inspection were inspected for Food Hygiene and Food Standards not all inspections or assessments were completed in relation to medium and low risk businesses or new businesses for Food Standards. This was due to prioritising staffing resources to other areas of activity, but intervention strategies have been put in place and the number of overdue inspections is reducing. The introduction of legislation requiring food businesses to provide allergy information on food has resulted in an increase in the number of significant breaches and a reduction in the percentage that were rectified by Trading Standards.

The team were also involved in the investigation and control of a Hepatitis A outbreak which occurred between 21 April 2016 and 29 September 2016, in which 17 cases were identified. Affecting predominantly school age children, there was evidence of transmission of hepatitis A within household and both primary and secondary school setting. In responding to the outbreak, 137 contacts were identified, 5 of which became cases.

The **CCTV Control Room** continues to be accredited by the National Security Inspectorate (NSI) for The Management and Operation of a CCTV scheme following its latest inspection in July 2016. It is also the first to be accredited under BS7958:2015.

In summer 2016 the service was also given the Recognising Excellence – CCTV Management and Innovation Award for achieving significant cost savings by transferring CCTV cameras from BT fibre onto the Public Sector Broadband Aggregation (PSBA) network. In November 2016, the Control Room also secured accreditation under the Surveillance Camera Commissioners certification scheme against the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice.

With 5,400 live licences currently in existence the **Licensing Service** processes applications for 35 different types of licences, registrations and permits including gambling, alcohol and regulated entertainment, taxis, petroleum, street trading, explosives and animal establishments. The Licensing Service continued streamlining application processes and clarified licensing requirements for all stakeholders by reviewing and updating existing policies.



In 2016/17 the Street Trading Policy and Fitness Criteria for licensed drivers policies were reviewed and a new overarching policy for licensed drivers was introduced bringing all requirements into one specific document. The service also worked in partnership with Gwent Police Safeguarding specialists offering free training to the taxi trade. This is now being expanded to cover licensed premises, late night takeaways, hotels and street traders.

Addressing enviro-crime remains a priority particularly with regard to dog fouling, which in the 2015 Household Survey 45% of respondents felt was a big problem affecting the appearance of streets in their neighbourhood and local town centre (49% in 2011 and 45% in 2013). Additional dog control measures in the shape of Public Space Protection Orders have been progressed with the formal process due to be completed shortly.

In response to the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area in Hafodyrynys a Steering Group including residents has been established to assist in the development of a draft Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP). Whilst finalisation of the Hafodyrynys AQAP will be outside of statutory timescales it is essential that full and robust consideration of all potential options is undertaken.

The **Corporate Policy Team** has successfully supported the Caerphilly Public Services Board to undertake a Well-being Assessment as required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and work has commenced on the Well-being Plan (for 2018). We have continued to satisfy the statutory performance reporting requirements of our regulators with, for example, the review and approval of the Council's Well-being Objectives, and approval of the Annual Performance Report.

Following extensive liaison with the Welsh Language Commissioners Office agreement was reached on the Council's Welsh Language Standards Compliance Notice and a programme of work is being implemented.

The team has led on the council's participation in the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme working in partnership with the Home Office.

The team is also leading on two pieces of work which offer a tangible sign of the council's commitment to the well-being of future generations with the commencement of an electric vehicles pilot project and the installation of solar panels (solar PV) on a further seven schools with twenty more schools to follow in 2017/18.



4. Directorate of Corporate Services

Director's Statement of Overall Performance for 2016/2017



Nicole Scammell Acting Corporate Director of Corporate Services

Corporate Services provides a mix of services some directly to the public such as Customer Services, Council Tax and Housing Benefit and Support Services that help other departments carry out their work within the council, such as providing all Information Technology, Human Resource support, helping to purchase effectively and managing a range of properties. In addition, key statutory services include Legal, Member Support, Internal Audit and Finance are also provided.

What we did in 2016/17

The various teams within **Corporate Finance** continued to perform well during the 2016/17 financial year and all statutory targets were met. This has been achieved against a backdrop of continuing downsizing in many teams to address budget cuts. The various Corporate and seconded Accountancy Teams have played a pivotal role in supporting the business to identify and develop savings proposals to support the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP). This working relationship has been crucial in recent years due to the need to respond to unprecedented cuts in funding. Effective financial planning and robust budget monitoring arrangements have helped the Authority to manage its financial affairs. We have continued the trend of delivering balanced budgets and identifying some savings in advance of need. However, this is becoming far more challenging as the programme of austerity continues.

The following table provides a summary of the key performance measures for Corporate Finance.

Description	2014/15		2015/16		2016/17	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
Percentage of total Council Tax due for the financial year received by the Authority.	96.5%	96.7%	96.8%	97%	97.1%	97.1%
Percentage of total non-domestic rate (NNDR) due for the financial year received by CCBC.	97%	97%	97.2%	97.7%	97.9%	97.9%
Time taken in days to process housing benefit change events and new claims.	14	9.90	14	12.54	12	10.46
Percentage of undisputed invoices which were paid within 30 days.	95%	95.5%	95%	94.01%	95%	94.88%
Average number of calendar days to make payment of undisputed Invoices to SME's. (Small/Medium Enterprises)	13	12.2	13	13.93	13	12.97

It is pleasing to report that 97.1% of all council tax bills issued for the 2016/17 financial year were collected in full, which is the highest amount achieved since Caerphilly County Borough Council was formed in 1996. The Council Tax Team also proactively pursues council tax arrears and over a typical 3-year period the collection rate rises to 99.5%, which means that the vast majority of residents do pay in full.



The average time taken to process housing benefit change events and new claims in 2016/17 was 10.46 days; an improvement of just over 2 days compared with the previous year (12.54 days).

Following the external audit of the Council's 2015/16 financial statements, the auditors (Grant Thornton) included the following comments in their ISA260 Report to the Audit Committee: -

"We have no concerns about the qualitative aspects of your accounting practices and financial reporting. We found the information provided to be relevant, reliable, comparable, material and easy to understand. We concluded that accounting policies and estimates are appropriate and financial statement disclosures unbiased, fair and clear."

The ongoing austerity programme will require further significant savings to be delivered. In addition to savings of £9.046m already approved for 2017/18, it is anticipated that the Authority will need to find further savings totalling at least £28.8m for the period 2018/19 to 2020/21.

The Council continues to lead the way in Wales with its successful use of social media and other digital channels to engage and communicate with residents and other key stakeholders. The Council's Facebook page currently has 14,000 followers and the Council's Twitter account has over 13,000 followers. Caerphilly has the highest Facebook following of all local authorities in Wales thanks to the proactive way we engage residents using social media.

The **Communications Team** has continued to play a strategic role in leading the Authority's public consultation and engagement agenda on major pieces of work. They won the Silver Award for Public Service Communications Excellence and were the only Welsh entry shortlisted.

Over the year, 600 press releases were generated which led to 2,266 separate articles in the local press and media. This clearly demonstrates that each positive article issued by the council is used multiple times by various media outlets. Over 47,000 users have subscribed to GovDelivery, which allows the council to send news, information and advice direct to subscribers. This is a new communication channel for the council, and performance is exceeding initial estimates and this continues to grow.



Our **Health and Safety Team** have supported the asbestos removal project in schools resulting in amosite asbestos products being removed across 37 affected schools, costing £800k. The resulting position is that there is no amosite asbestos product (brown asbestos) within occupied areas of Caerphilly schools.



Our **Human Resources** team continue to support managers to successfully manage service delivery and staff requirements to meet savings targets. This year we have had 37 compulsory redundancies. In the future there is an inevitability that it is going to become far more challenging to maintain low numbers of redundancies in years to come.

Property Services play a key role in the rationalisation and improvement of the council's buildings and land assets. Four major buildings, Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith Comprehensive School (CS), Oakdale CS and Cwmcarn CS are, or will soon be, decommissioned. These buildings were inefficient, were no longer fit for purpose, required ever greater maintenance and contain asbestos. Furthermore, three of these sites will now be sold and the council will benefit from significant capital receipts.

Property Services also deliver all new building and building improvement projects for the council and the in-house team has earned a reputation for designing impressive and cost effective projects.

In addition the team delivered the last Phase of the £20m Y Gwindy Welsh Medium Campus and completed the £23m Islwyn High School, both of which were delivered within budget and on time. Site work on the £7m Abertyswg and Pontllytyn Primary School was commenced and is currently on programme and forecast to be delivered within budget. All three of these major projects were designed in house.

The Energy Team has had a busy year with £200k spent on 9 invest to save energy reduction projects reducing the council's carbon footprint by some 125 tonnes per annum. The team also audited and validated over 9,000 energy invoices totalling £3.2m and continues to give energy management advice to building users. The Procurement Team during 2016/17 maintained a high level of contracts awarded to local suppliers at 90%, 396 local suppliers were awarded contracts out of a total of 440 that were successful in winning contracts with the council. This is consistent with the results recorded at the end of 2015/16 when 89.6% of all suppliers awarded contracts were local suppliers.



Corporate Customer Services deal with more than 700,000 customer contacts with £28 million of the council's income being paid at Customer Services desks or via the Contact Centre. There were 232,480 visits made to the centres during 2016. Of these visits 189,071 were to make payments, the remainder (43,409) were service requests such as Blue Badge applications.



The number of service requests has dropped since its peak of 63,729 visits during 2014/15 after the opening of the Caerphilly Customer Service Centre. The number of payments handled in the Customer Service Centres and Newbridge Cash Office has continued to fall as customers have increased their use of other payment methods. This has allowed the re-focusing of staff time in the Customer Service Centres on low volume/high value services and lead to changes in the opening hours of the Customer Service Centres. Changes to the Blue Badge Scheme as a result of further changes in legislation and Welsh Government Guidance resulting from the introduction of temporary Blue Badges were introduced with no significant negative feedback or disruption. CCBC officers have been working closely with Welsh Government to improve the delivery of the scheme across Wales.

For **Electoral Services** it was another busy year. Following the EU Referendum staff moved to their new office in Bargoed. This was a well-planned move and staff were able to settle in good time to prepare for the Local and General Elections.

Once again the Lexcel Inspection for **Legal Services** was successful and accreditation maintained. Lexcel is an accreditation indicating quality in relation to legal practice management standards. The inspection recognised several areas of good practice.

IT and Central Services continue to deliver a complex range of services underpinning the council and its schools' information and communications technology (ICT) requirements, corporate records centres, mail and courier services. There have been improvements to the council website that has resulted in it being identified as the highest ranked in Wales in a recent survey of all UK local authority websites (Sitemorse Survey). IT upgrades, updates and preventative maintenance have been undertaken to improve performance, capacity and availability of ICT solutions to the customer.

We were able to answer 68% of Data Protection Act Subject Access Requests within 40 calendar days, and although this is below our target of 70% it should be noted that there has been a 27% increase in the number of requests during the 2016 calendar year, many of which proved complex and time-consuming to answer. 82% of requests made under Freedom of Information or Environmental Information Regulation Acts were responded to within 20 working days, again this is slightly below our target of 85%, but there was a small increase in requests during the year (1.4%).

This process is highly dependent upon the performance of the Council's Service Areas to locate information, raise concerns regarding disclosure and quality checking by the relevant services and we have taken actions to improve this.



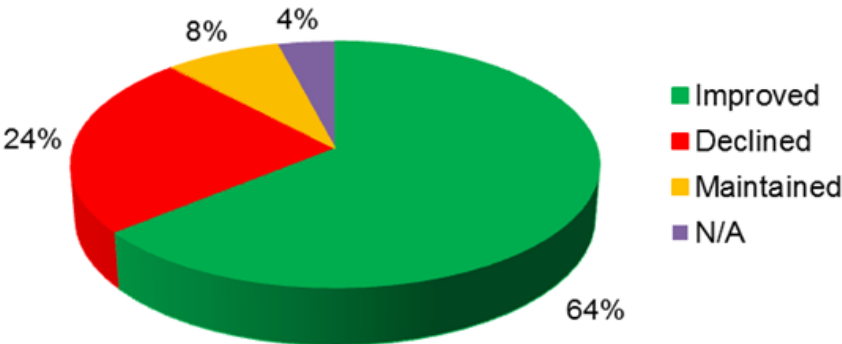
Overall National Performance for 2016/17 – Update

There is a voluntary set of performance measures called the Public Accountability Measures (PAMs) for Local Authorities in Wales. The set contains 31 measures in total, of which 25 are comparable in 2016/17, these are compared to the previous years data of 2015/16.

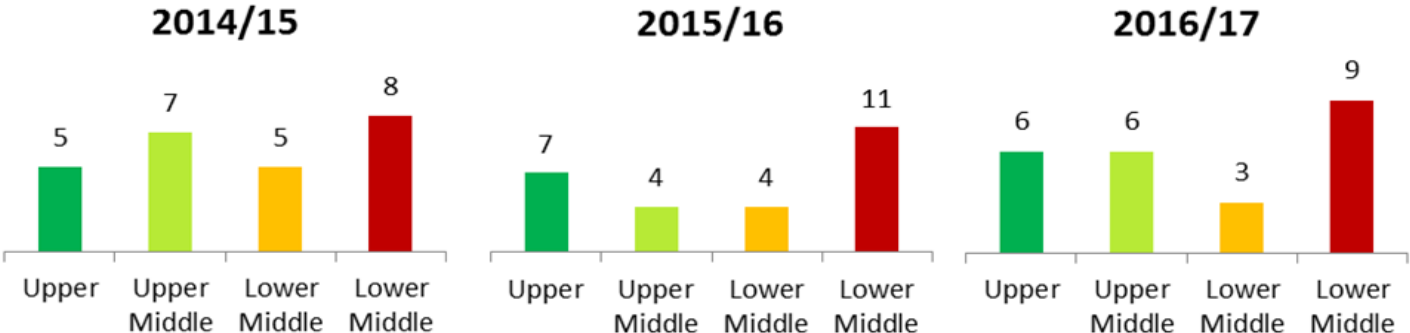
Local Authorities use these (and other benchmarking data) to show how they compare against each other. The chart below shows how Caerphilly compared against other authorities across Wales for the four directorates Education, Communities, Corporate and Social Services, where performance improved, fell or stayed the same.

The previous set of PAM measures contained various social services performance indicators, which were repealed and replaced in 2016/17 with new measures designed to measure the Social Care Act 2014. Three of these measures make up the 31 PAMS, however, the comparable data for these measures will not be available until October 2017 and therefore, they are not included in the charts below. Please see Appendix for a list of the 2016/17 Public Accountability Measure data, including commentary and where each indicator ranks within the 22 Authorities.

Our 2016/17 Performance compared to previous year



Number of PIs per quartile over 3 years



Source: Data Unit Wales

Overall National Performance for 2016/17 – Update

How did we performed when comparing 2016/17 to 2015/16

	Improved	Declined	Maintained
Directorate of Education	8	3	1
Directorate of Communities	8	1	1
Directorate of Corporate Services		1	
Directorate of Social Services		1*	

How did we perform compared to Wales in the 4 quarters

	Upper	Upper Middle	Lower Middle	Lower
Directorate of Education	3		2	7
Directorate of Communities	3	5	1	1
Directorate of Corporate Services				1
Directorate of Social Services				1*

How did we performed against target

	Target Met	Target Missed	No Target Set
Directorate of Education	6	4	2
Directorate of Communities	5	4	1
Directorate of Corporate Services		1	
Directorate of Social Services		1*	

*one measure for Public Protection falls under Social Services



A snapshot of our National Performance for 2016/17

Performance for pupils assessed at the end of Key Stages 2 and 3 achieving the Core Subject Indicators improved compared to the previous year. 1,799 pupils achieved the Core Subject Indicator an improvement of 3% on the previous year, taking Caerphilly from 87.45% in 2015/16 to 90.4% in 2016/17. Caerphilly moved 13 places to 3rd in Wales from 16th against an All Wales average of 89%, and moved from the lower middle quartile, where the measure had for been for previous 2 years to the upper quartile. **Education – EDU003)**

In Key Stage 3 1,571 pupils achieved the Core Subject Indicator, an improvement of 1.7% on the previous year (16/17 82% - 15/16 80.3%). The measure remained at its position of 20th in Wales against an All Wales average of 86.1% and maintaining its place in the bottom quartile. **(Education – EDU004)**

2,044 pupils scored a total of 933,707 points, which is a decline in the Average Point Score for pupils in Caerphilly by an average of 45.1 points. This takes the Average Point Score from 500.7 points in the previous year to 455.6. When compared to an All Wales figure of 531 points for the current year our position in Wales has moved from 19th to 21st. **(Education – EDU011)**

1,086 pupils aged 15 achieved the Level 2 threshold including a GCSE grade from A* - C, improving our year on year performance by 0.5% (53.1%) on the previous year 52.6%. Compared to an All Wales figure of 60.7% our position in Wales fell from 19th to 21st. **(Education – EDU017)**

The percentage of private sector dwellings brought back into occupation improved by 2.55% (6.41%) compared to the previous year's performance of 3.86%. We returned 65 empty properties to occupation, which moved Caerphilly from a position of 17th to 11th in Wales and from the bottom quartile to the upper middle quartile. **(Communities – PSR004)**

The number of additional affordable housing units has maintained its upper quartile position and moved from 6th in Wales to 2nd, with an extra 24 affordable housing units provided in 2016/17 (75) compared to 2015/16 (51). **(Communities – PLA006b)**

Although our landfill performance improved significantly this year from 9.5% to 4.18% and compared to an All Wales average of 9.5%, our position in Wales moved from 4th to 10th on the previous year as other authorities also improved. Recycling has improved by 3.66% in 2016/17 from 61.86% to 65.52%, moving Caerphilly from 8th to 7th in Wales and compared to an All Wales average of 63.81%. **(Communities – WMT004b & WMT009b)**

Caerphilly recorded 657 less incidents of fly-tipping in 2016/17 when compared to 2015/16, clearing 99.69% of those fly-tipping incidents recorded compared to 97.95% in the previous year. Caerphilly moved by 1 position from 3rd in Wales to 2nd against an All Wales average of 95.37%. **(Communities – STS006)**

Social Services Indicators data will be available in October 2017



What our Regulators told us about our services in 2016/17

Each year we receive an Annual Improvement Report (AIR) from the Wales Audit Office. For 2016/17 the Auditor General concluded: ***The Council is likely to meet its statutory requirements in relation to continuous improvement providing it responds constructively and in a timely way to our statutory recommendations.***



During the course of the year, the Auditor General made some suggestions for improvement for specific pieces of work that are highlighted below:

Reviewing our development of a **Sports and Leisure Strategy** (May 16) our auditors thought that we needed a more effective approach to strategic planning, to be able to demonstrate that our Sports and Leisure Services will meet the future needs of its citizens. They noted that our approach had not been sufficiently strategic but we were strengthening its project management arrangements to resolve this.

In the **Financial Resilience** (April 2016) assessment, our Auditors said that we had a track record of operating within our budget but, we needed to develop our medium term financial plan and supporting savings plans for future years. Our financial control arrangements were generally effective and financial governance arrangements were generally sound but, we needed to provide more whole council savings monitoring reports to our members.

In May 2016 there was a '**Review of arrangements to address external audit and inspection and regulation and proposals for improvements**'. This was a follow up piece of work to see if we had made progress against previous suggestions and concluded that the council's response to WAO recommendations and proposals was supporting improvement in our self-evaluation and scrutiny arrangements, but we had more work to do to address areas for improvement within Internal Audit and Human Resources. We also needed to speed up our progress in these areas.

In 2016/17 and issued in February 2017, we received a '**Good governance when determining significant service changes**' report. The regulators thought that the council's approach to service change has been proportionate to the scale of changes we have made to date and we were strengthening our arrangements to prepare for potentially more significant future service changes. The report recognised that we had a clear set of principles for determining service change that support our current vision, but that we needed to review our vision and principles, they also suggested we introduce a more systematic and transparent arrangement for monitoring the impact of service changes and are clearer on how feedback from citizens consultations have been used when developing proposals for service change. They suggested we introduce a more systemic and transparent arrangement for monitoring the impact of service changes and how citizen consultations are used to develop proposals for change

Savings Planning (Financial Resilience) March 2017



This was about whether our planning for financial savings was supporting our financial resilience. The judgement was that the council has an effective and improving savings planning approach, which is supporting future financial resilience and this is an improved position from 2015-2016. They suggested we ensure that savings plans are underpinned by robust business cases. The report noted that we have detailed savings plans and forecasted that 96% of our 2016-17 savings plan will be achieved (as was the case in 2015-16). To improve further we need to strengthen our links between our savings plans and what is agreed as our Council's priorities.

Other standard performance work included:

Project name	Brief description
Wales Audit Office Annual 'Improvement Plan' Audit 2016/17	Review of the Council's published plans for delivering on Well-being objectives resulting in a certificate of compliance.
Wales Audit Office Annual 'Assessment of Performance'	Review of the Council's published performance assessment resulting in a certificate of compliance.
Wales Audit Office – Annual Improvement Report 2017.	A summary of conclusions of regulator work undertaken throughout the year.
Care Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)	Annual Review and Evaluation of Performance 2016

We have taken action to address the proposals and some of these have already been addressed. We monitor the progress of agreed suggestions and recommendations through a register which is reported to the Councils Audit Committee twice a year, where councillors will challenge and agree progress and be assured action is taking place. The monitoring of the 'register' can be found on the Councils Internet under [Audit Committee Meetings](#)

Other work such as; Wales Audit Office (WAO) reviews on our Asset Management, IT Management and the Welsh Housing Quality Standard were also carried out within the 2016/17 audit schedule, but were not finalised until later in 2017. These will be reported on later in the year when they have gone through the Council's Governance route as they have not been finalised at the time of publishing this report. They will be available on the WAO website (address below) as soon as they are finalised later this year.

Wales Audit Office is the overseeing regulator for the Council (Whole Authority). Wales Audit Office can be contacted by e-mail audit.wales/contact-us or writing to WAO 24 Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9LJ. All the reports above can be found on the Website www.WAO.gov.uk

Important themes that underpin our work



Equalities and the Welsh Language

The Council is committed to identifying and eradicating any form of discrimination, whether direct or indirect, institutional or other, in employment, training and in the procurement and delivery of its services.

The Council's equalities statement makes its commitment clear;

This Council recognises that people have different needs, requirements and goals and we will work actively against all forms of discrimination by promoting good relations and mutual respect within and between our communities, residents, elected members, job applicants and workforce.

We will also work to create equal access for everyone to our services, irrespective of ethnic origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, religious beliefs or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL and other languages, nationality, responsibility for any dependents or any other reason which cannot be shown to be justified.

As part of meeting our ongoing duties under the Equality Act 2010 we have a Strategic Equality Plan 2016-2020 in place along with accompanying Equalities and Welsh Language Objectives and Action Plan 2016-2020.

[Strategic Equality Plan 2016-2020](#)

[Equalities and Welsh Language Objectives and Action Plan 2016-2020](#)

This document sets out those Equalities Objectives and related actions that we have chosen, following extensive consultation and engagement with the public and other stakeholders.

We also have introduced actions under the new Welsh Language Standards (WLS). The WLS are statutory duties around the Welsh Language under new legislation, which places a duty on councils and public bodies in Wales to comply with a set of 176 standards for the way we use the Welsh language in our organisations.

The Welsh Language Standards came into effect on the 30th March 2016 and the standards relevant to Caerphilly County Borough Council are set out in the following Compliance Notice – [Caerphilly CBC Compliance Notice](#). For an up-to-date report on progress on the council's compliance with the Welsh Language Standards, please see the [Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2016-2017](#).

So what have we done this year - we have developed a 5 Year Welsh Language Strategy on how we will increase the number of Welsh speakers by 3% over 5 years (which supports the Welsh Government plan of having 1 million Welsh Speakers by 2050) and promote services and activities through the medium of Welsh.

Last year we enrolled **122** members of staff on Welsh Language training and delivered courses which included Saturday and Weekend Welsh Schools, Lampeter Residential Course and relevant revision courses required to prepare staff for examinations in the summer each year.

In the academic year 2016-2017 a total of **461** people attended a variety of equalities related course during the academic year. These courses included Transgender Awareness, British Sign Language, Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevent training. These courses were delivered to members of staff and staff from partner organisations.

The Youth Forum chose LGBTQ+ issues as one of their priorities and borne from that the Caerphilly Youth Service Project set up a group to support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and other young people who are questioning their gender and sexuality. The first LGBTQ+ group session took place in July 2016, and now has nearly 20 young people attending regularly, with continuous meetings being held on the last Saturday of each month at Blackwood Basement. For further information please go to [LGBTQ+ project](#)

The Council signed up to support the **Armed Forces Covenant (AFC)**. The Armed Forces Covenant is a “promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated fairly”. The AFC is about providing a ‘level playing field’ in supporting our armed forces. So far this work has linked in with existing partnership working so as to take advantage of work already ongoing in the county borough and not create additional work.

We made good progress in 2016/17 embedding our Caerphilly Armed Forces Covenant:

- We successfully hosted the South Wales Armed forces day twice with 10,000 attending in 2016 and over 12,000 this year.
- Our Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum stand was a success at the Caerphilly Big Cheese event with a range of partners attending enabling a number those serving, veterans and their families to access information for in a more informal setting.
- We formally supported the British Legions ‘Count them In’ campaign.
- Our Armed Forces Champion has attended a number of events in the community and nationally to promote and support the Caerphilly Armed Forces Covenant.
- Our Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum meets quarterly.
- Our Armed Forces Champion worked with the Council and interested parties and enabled the Hengoed WW1 memorial plaque to be brought out of storage to be rehung and rededicated at Rhymney Comprehensive.
- Working with our Gwent Armed Forces leads and forums we have applied for funding from the MOD Covenant Fund to a Gwent Regional Armed Forces Covenant Officer. This bid was successful and the officer will be in place shortly to facilitate improved and more consistent delivery and awareness of the Armed Forces Community Covenant across the Gwent areas of: Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Monmouth and Newport. The role would also enable the sharing of good practice and support from across Wales.

The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership Team has allocated funding to hold a number of training sessions for education staff on Prevent, which is part of the Home Office's Counter Terrorism Strategy. Prevent is designed to tackle potential radicalisation from extremist ideas and actions. Training has been delivered to over **280** front line staff members with a further 10 training sessions planned for other frontline staff.

The council continue to support the adaptation of its existing building stock to meet the needs of disabled users. Over £100,000 has been allocated this year for this task. All new buildings are highly accessible and provide inclusive, safe and functional environment for all users.

This year 216 of our buildings are now reasonably accessible by disabled users.

Further information on the council's Equalities related matters are published in more detail on the Equalities pages of the council's website, available at:

www.caerphilly.gov.uk/equalities

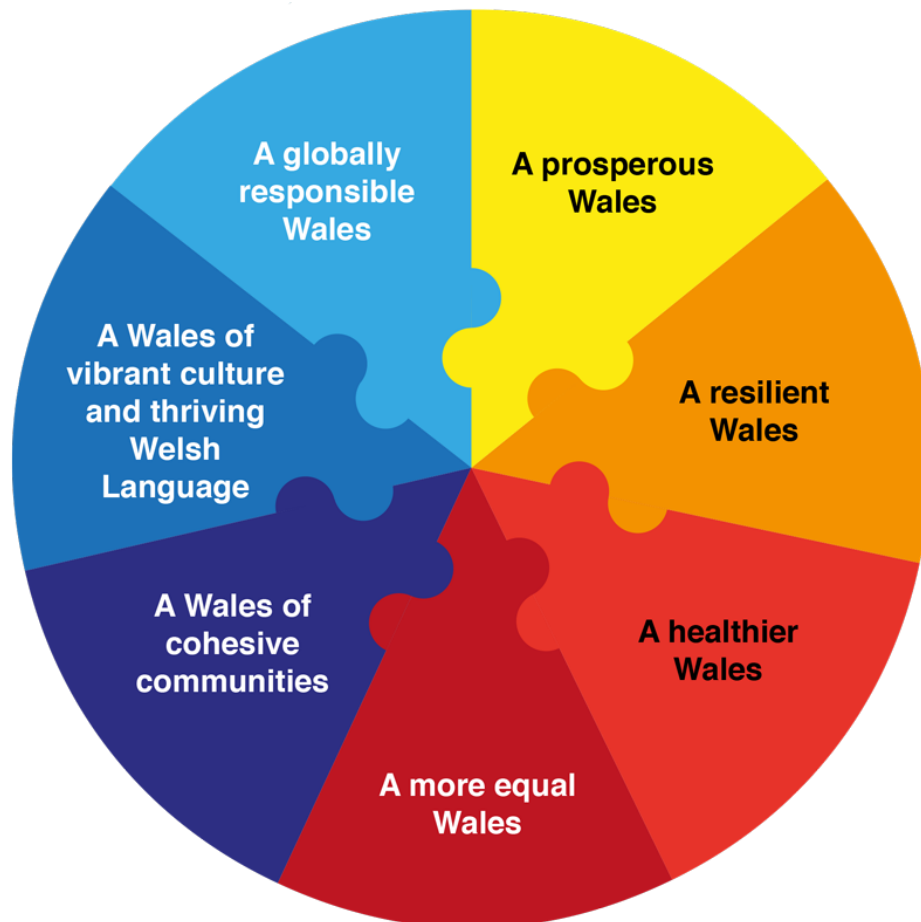


The Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 - update

A new Act was introduced by the Welsh Government, which will change some aspects of how we work. The general purpose of the Act is to ensure that the governance arrangements of public bodies for improving the Well-being of Wales take the needs of future generations into account. The Act is designed to improve the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of Wales in accordance with sustainable development principles.

Well-being Goals

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about encouraging public bodies to think more about the long-term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach. This will help us to create a Wales that we all want to live in, now and in the future. To make sure we are all working towards the same vision, the Act puts in place **seven** well-being goals, which are noted below.



Progress so far.....

Well-Being Future Generations Act 2015

The Caerphilly Public Services Board (PSB) is required to prepare a local assessment of well-being for the area that looks at its economic, environmental, cultural and social situation. The Well-being Assessment will be used to inform planning across the public sector to deliver 'The Caerphilly We Want' and meet the national well-being goals for Wales. The Well-being Assessment was approved by the Caerphilly Public Services Board on the 6th December 2016 and following the assessment, work has started to take place as to how to respond to the findings.

As part of the assessment and the response, we had many conversations with a wide range of people and groups on behalf of the PSB to ask people about the Caerphilly they want in the future and to gain an understanding of whether people's experience of living and working here supports or disagrees with what the statistics tell us.

We have run several workshops, across 5 specific community areas so we could gain peoples opinion on the 'Caerphilly they want' so we can ensure a richer narrative and understanding along with the data so our assessments build on a range of information, not just statistics.

We have used several data sets to pull together a qualitative and quantitative picture for the 'local well-being assessment' of the area. We have targeted events taking place with organisations to look at future trends, long term and preventative approaches, and multi-generational challenges facing the Caerphilly County Borough to have a better understanding of what the borough will look like in 2040.

From taking all these factors into account 37 priorities emerged and given the number we then set about finding a way to prioritise these to a manageable set. To do this we ran prioritisation workshops after we used an 'assessment tool' to see which priorities were more likely to maximise our contribution towards the National Well-being Goals and to see if any could be merged where they were similar. As a result we identified 6 areas (or themes) to work on, of which, the PSB are currently reviewing to determine taking these forward. This work is ongoing and will be subject to change and consultation. Once finalised will form the basis of the PSB Well-being Plan 2018.

Within the Council we are still working on a range of changes and improvements based on the 5 ways of working, to the 7 organisational structures, which are: Corporate, Financial and Workforce Planning, Procurement (the way we purchase goods and services) the way we manage our Assets, Performance and Risk Management. For example: we have run training sessions for new members, updated our Risk Strategy Guidance and Business Planning to promote the 5 ways of working. We now need to establish this thinking into our culture and to set the Councils own Well-being Objectives in a way that shows our contribution to the overall partnership Well-being Plan.



For financial planning, new savings targets for Heads of Service to address the current projected financial shortfall will include a requirement to specify the impact that individual savings proposals will have on the Well-being Goals and the five ways of working.

With workforce planning, Welsh Government have proposed a number of engagement and communication processes, through a public bodies communication sub-group, that will support this work. Our HR Strategy recognises that the council must have a workforce with the right skills and support in order to achieve the cultural change envisaged by the Act. We are doing this through briefings, intranet resources, and by embedding the well-being goals and five ways of working in our planning, decision making, policies and procedures.

Where appropriate all future procurements will consider the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The councils revised Procurement Policy and Strategy will set out how the council can contribute to the Well-being Goals through the co-ordination and development of all third party expenditure. The council has agreed to participate in a Welsh Government pilot, commencing in Spring 2017, which will support the implementation of the Act in our procurement activity. Additionally we have:

- ◆ Carried out training for all Cabinet and Scrutiny Members and Management Officers.
- ◆ Appointed a Future Generations Champion Cabinet Member.
- ◆ Established a Future Generations Advisory Panel for the council.
- ◆ We have changed our scrutiny reports to include an ‘implications section’ on how decision making is part of the five ways of working and a consideration of how the content of the report contributes to the Well-being Goals.
- ◆ Revised our Risk Registers to ensure the long-term is considered in analysing our risks and this may change the way we view the severity of our risks.

Long term
The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.

Prevention
How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.

Integration
Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.

Collaboration
Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives.

Involvement
The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.

The Council Asset Management Strategy was also revised to ensure the principles of the 5 ways of working (on the left) is included in the decision making regarding asset disposal or acquisition.

If you wish to know more about the Well-being and Future Generations Act and our work towards meeting it please contact **Kathryn Peters**, Corporate Policy Manager on eterk@caerphilly.gov.uk or call 01495 235108 or go to: your.caerphilly.gov.uk/publicservicesboard



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<http://www.thewaleswewant.co.uk/future-generations-commissioner>

Stats Wales

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue>

Human Rights Commission (Equalities) - Wales

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/commission-wales>

Welsh Language Standards

<http://gov.wales/about/welshlanguagestandards/?lang=en>

Wales Audit Office

<http://www.audit.wales/>

Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)

<http://cssiw.org.uk/splash?orig=/>

ESTYN

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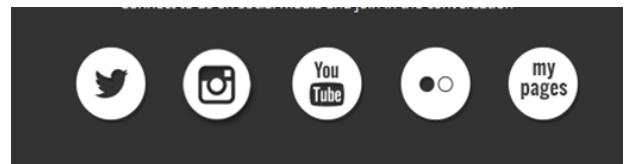
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Appendix 2

2016/17 Public Accountability Measures (PAMs)




Education




Public Accountability Measures





Our performance keys show:



Current year results compared to previous year results		Better than the previous year
		Worse than the previous year
		Performance maintained
		Performance maintained at the best at 100%

Performance Year 2016/17 represents Academic Year 2015/16 (September 2015 - July 2016)

Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales out of 22	All Wales Average
EDU002i Age 15	The percentage of pupils (including those in LA care) in any local authority maintained school, aged 15 as at the preceding 31 August who leave compulsory education, training or work base learning without an approved external qualification. Improvement Direction: Lower result is better	0.5%	21	0.3%	1.1%	22	0.2%
	Of the 2,044 pupils aged 15 at the preceding 31 August in Caerphilly maintained schools 22 left compulsory education, training or work base learning with no qualifications. This is a disappointment and needs to be addressed this year.						
EDU002ii Age 15	The percentage of pupils in local authority care in any local authority maintained school, aged 15 as at the preceding 31 August who leave compulsory education, training or work base learning without an approved external qualification. Improvement Direction: Lower result is better	5.7%	22	0%	18.2%	22	1.1%
	Of the 22 pupils in local authority care in Caerphilly 4 left education, training, or work based learning with no qualifications. Of the 4 children, 2 were taught in a local authority maintained special school and would not have sat for formal qualifications.						
EDU003	The percentage of pupils assessed at the end of key stage (KS) 2, in schools maintained by the local authority, achieving the core subject indicator, as determined by teacher assessment. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	87.4%	16	89.6%	90.4%	3	89.0%
	Of the 1,990 pupils assessed at the end of key stage 2, 1,799 achieved the core subject indicator. This data is taken from and Annual School Census by Welsh Government						

Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales out of 22	All Wales Average
EDU004	The percentage of pupils assessed at the end of key stage 3, in schools maintained by the local authority, achieving the core subject indicator, as determined by teacher assessment. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	80.3%	20	84.10%	82%	20	86.1%
	Of the 1,917 pupils assessed at the end of key stage 3, 1,571 achieved the core subject indicator. The data is taken from the Annual School Census by the Welsh Government.						
EDU006 ii	The percentage of pupils assessed, in schools maintained by the local authority, receiving a teacher assessment in Welsh (first language) at the end of key stage 3. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	10.6%	13	N/A	12.7%	12	18.0%
	Of the 1,917 on roll at the end of key stage 3 in Caerphilly, 244 received a teacher assessment in Welsh (first language). - We have had an additional class of Year 9's in the academic year 2015/16, giving us an extra 37 pupils for assessment in Welsh, due to the opening of a new Welsh medium school in Caerphilly.						
EDU011 Age 15	The average point score for pupils aged 15 at the preceding 31 August, in schools maintained by the local authority. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	500.7	19	N/A	455.6	21	531.0
	Of the 2,044 pupils aged 15 at the 31st August in the preceding year, they scored a total of 933,707 points. Academic year 2015/16 was the last year Welsh Government reported an average point score, the data is now captured as capped point score.						





Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales out of 22	All Wales Average
EDU015a	The percentage of final statements of special educational needs issued within 26 weeks, including exceptions Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	88.5	8	95%	100%	1	77.4%
	All 100 statements of special educational need including those with exceptions were completed within 26 weeks.						
EDU015b	The percentage of final statements of special educational needs issued within 26 weeks, excluding exceptions Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	100%	1	100%	100%	1	95.4%
	All 47 statements of special educational need excluding those with exceptions were completed within 26 weeks.						
EDU016a	Percentage of pupil attendance in primary schools Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	94.5%	21	95.1%	94.6%	17	94.9%
	Of the 4,757,939 sessions in Primary schools in Caerphilly, pupils missed 254,597 sessions in 2015/16 (academic year).						
EDU016b	The percentage of pupil attendance in secondary schools Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	92.7%	22	93.8%	93.4%	20	94.2%
	Of the 3,147,565 sessions in Secondary schools in Caerphilly, pupils missed 207,781 sessions in 2015/16 (academic year).						



Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales out of 22	All Wales Average
EDU017 Age 15	The percentage of pupils aged 15 at the preceding 31 August in schools maintained by local authority who achieved the L2 threshold including a GCSE grade A* - C in English or Welsh first language and maths. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	52.6%	19	58.4%	53.1%	21	60.7%
	Of the 2,044 pupils aged 15 on roll in Caerphilly maintained schools on the Annual School Census, 1,086 achieved the level 2 threshold including a GCSE grade A* - C in English or Welsh first language and mathematics.						
LCL001b	The number of visits to public Libraries during the year, per 1,000 population. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	5,701	6	5,700	6,391	4	5,480
	There were 1,151,384 visits to Caerphilly's Libraries in 2016/17 compared to 1,025,781 in 2015/16.						






Communities Services




Public Accountability Measures




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Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales out of 22	All Wales Average
PSR002	The average number of calendar days taken to deliver a Disabled Facilities Grant. Improvements Direction: Lower result is better	271	17	280	282	17	224
	It took 42,087 calendar days to deliver 149 DFGs in 2016/17. Officer workload pressures due to new contract framework arrangements being required, as well as extra grant funding to be expended and the additional duties taken on by the Team Leader following the deletion of the Principal Housing Officer (Agency) post contributed to the increase in the number of days to deliver a Disabled Facilities Grant. Following staff changes, procedures are now also being reviewed which will take into account the performance measure changes being introduced by WG. The PI "average" reflects the inclusion of all schemes of adaptation in excess of £1000 irrespective of the size of the schemes which will range from as little as £1500 for something like a stair lift installation, to as much as £50,000 in respect of the more complex schemes involving lifting, hoisting and where bedroom/bathroom extensions are necessary						
PSR004	The percentage of private sector dwellings that had been vacant for more than 6 months at 1 April that were returned to occupation during the year through direct action by the local authority. Improvements Direction: Higher result is better	3.86%	17	4.30%	6.41%	11	8.79%
	Of the 1,014 private sector dwellings in the borough that have been empty for more than 6 months, 65 were returned to occupation during the year. The Improvement relating to 2016/17 is thought to be as a direct result of mail shot in April 2016 to empty home owners proactively promoting ways to return empty properties back into beneficial use.						

Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales	All Wales Average
PLA006b	The number of affordable housing units provided during the year as a percentage of all additional housing units provided during the year. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	51	6	N/A	75	2	36
	Of the 216 additional housing units provided in the year 163 of those were classed as affordable housing. This data is populated from Welsh Government using the Affordable housing return and the New build data collection return.						
THS007	The percentage of adults aged 60+ who hold a concessionary bus pass. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	86.1%	12	90%	86.6%	11	87.0%
	37,993 adults aged 60+ hold concessionary bus passes out of a possible 43,864 population 60+ in Caerphilly.						
THS012	The percentage of A, B & C roads that are in overall poor condition. Improvement Direction: Lower result is better	6.6%	10	8.3%	6.5%	10	10.7%
	Of the 491 kilometres of roads scanned in total in 2016/17, 32 kilometres were found to be in poor condition (greater than and equal to the red threshold).						
The following measures are for information only							
THS012a	The percentage of A roads that are in overall poor condition. Improvement Direction: Lower result is better	4.5%	17	4.55%	4.3%	18	3.7%
	Of the 140 kilometres of principle A roads scanned 6 kilometres were found to be in poor overall condition (greater than or equal to the red threshold).						
THS012b	The percentage of B roads that are in overall poor condition. Improvement Direction: Lower result is better	4.1%	10	6%	3.7%	8	4.2%
	Of the 90 kilometres if non-principal/classified B roads 3 kilometres were found to be in overall poor condition (greater than or equal to the red threshold).						





Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales out of 22	All Wales Average
THS012c	The percentage of C roads that are in overall poor condition. Improvement Direction: Lower result is better	9.2%	10	13%	8.7%	11	15.0%
	Of the 260 kilometres of non-principal C roads scanned, 23 kilometres were found to be in overall poor condition (greater than or equal to the red threshold). The percentage of possible survey length increased from previous year.						
WMT004b	The percentage of municipal wastes sent to landfill. Improvement Direction: Lower result is better	9.57%	4	41%	4.18%	10	9.5%
	The amount of waste sent to landfill saw a further decrease in 2016/17 with kerbside collected refuse still being sent to the Viridor plant in Cardiff, for incineration with energy recovery under Prosiect Gwyrdd. A total of 102,422 tonnes of municipal waste was collected in Caerphilly in 2016/17. Of that tonnage 4,286.13 tonnes was sent to landfill compared to 9,830 of 102,755 tonnes in 2015/16. The material sent to landfill was primarily sent by our contractor as a result of the secondary recycling of other waste streams.						
WMT009b	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. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	61.86%	8	58%	65.52%	7	63.81%
	We continue to deliver high levels of performance and have met the Welsh Government statutory targets for recycling (58%) for 2016/17. However, the service continues to be faced with challenges relating to a high amount of contamination in dry recycling waste, which we are hoping to address throughout 2017.						

Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales out of 22	All Wales Average
STS005b	The percentage of highways inspected of a high or acceptable standard of cleanliness Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	96.8%	9	97%	96.8%	8	96.6%
	Of the 1,043 inspections taken of Caerphilly's highways 1,010 were found to have high or acceptable levels of cleanliness.						
STS006	The percentage of reported fly tipping incidents cleared within 5 working days. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	97.95%	3	99%	99.69%	2	95.37%
	Of the 1,929 fly tipping incidents recorded, 1,923 were cleared within 5 working days, 657 less incidents reported compared to 2015/16 (2,533/2,586). The majority of Caerphilly's fly tipping is reported to and collected by street cleansing crews. Through an adopted Quality Management System the service is able to respond swiftly.						
LCS002b	The number of visits to local authority sport and leisure facilities during the year per 1,000 population where the visitor will be participating in physical activity. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	7,593	15	8,089	7,762	16	8,387
	Caerphilly experienced an increase in the number of visits to its indoor and outdoor leisure facilities in 2016/17 with 1,398,344 visits. Bringing the number of visits per 1,000 population back inline with 2014/15 when there were 1,393,220 visits.						


Social Services

Public Accountability Measures

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Public Protection


Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales	All Wales Average
PPN009	The percentage of food establishments, which are 'broadly compliant' with food hygiene standards. Improvement Direction: Higher result is better	95.67%	6	85%	94.97%	12	95.16%
	Of the 1,512 food businesses in the Authority 1,436 were broadly compliant in 2016/17. This figure is dependant on findings found during inspections and is therefore essentially a measure how well the businesses are performing in terms of compliance rather than how well the Local Authority is performing. Non broadly compliant businesses are subject to enforcement revisits to ensure compliance is achieved, however the business would not receive a full inspection and a new risk rating until it's next programmed inspection.						

Corporate Services

Public Accountability Measures

Our performance keys show:

Current year results compared to previous year results		Better than the previous year
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Ref	Description	2015/16		2016/17			
		Our Result	Position in Wales	Target	Our Result	Position in Wales	All Wales Average
CHR002	The number of working days/shifts per full-time equivalent (FTE) local authority employee lost due to sickness absence. Improvement Direction: Lower result is better	11.7	17	10.4	12.2	20	10.3
	Of the average 6,435.1 full-time equivalent employees in CCBC, 78,393 working days/shifts were lost due to sickness absence in 2016/17. The Council has a robust set of policies and procedures in place which enable managers to proactively address sickness absence issues within their service areas. The Council is obviously concerned about this level of absenteeism and has implemented a number of measures to further support Managers in tackling the issue.						
CAM037	The percentage change in the average Display Energy Certificate (DEC) score within local authority public buildings over 1,000 square metres. Improvement Direction: A positive number is better	1%	17	Data for 2016/17 was not submitted due to concerns over national comparator accuracy and reliability. This was in part caused by issues with some utility providers failing to provide reliable and accurate billing during the period. Therefore submitting 2016/17 data could have been misleading however our duty to provide DEC's continues.			

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CABINET – 4TH OCTOBER 2017

SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRAVEL INTEGRATED NETWORK MAP

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

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- 1.1 The attached report, which was presented to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 19th September 2017, sought Members' views on the draft Active Travel Integrated Network Map and reported the responses from the public consultation, prior to its presentation to Cabinet for consideration.
 - 1.2 Officers explained that the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 places new duties on local authorities (LAs) in Wales to produce and publish active travel maps, with the first stage requiring the production of an Existing Routes Map. Caerphilly County Borough Council's Existing Routes Map was approved by the Welsh Government in April 2016. The next stage requires all LAs in Wales to produce an Active Travel Integrated Network Map (INM) by November 2017. A 12-week public consultation on Caerphilly's draft INM has been undertaken and of the 121 questionnaire responses received, 98% stated they support the proposed routes included in the draft INM. Details of the response comments received were appended to the report. As a result of the consultation, there are a number of proposed changes to the INM that will be incorporated into the final version, prior to its submission to Welsh Government (listed at Appendix 3) by the deadline of 3rd November 2017.
 - 1.3 Members highlighted several amendments required to the ward and community listings within the Integrated Network Map document. Officers confirmed that these would be reviewed and updated prior to the final version being submitted to Welsh Government. In response to a query regarding the funding of the INM, it was explained that external funding sources (such as Welsh Government) will need to be secured to progress and deliver the proposals shown within the map. There is an expectation that funding will be made available to allow delivery of this statutory requirement but details have not been released to date. Members were advised that due to the diverse nature of the plan, there is potential for other funding avenues to be explored.
 - 1.4 Following consideration of the report (and subject to the aforementioned amendments) the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended to Cabinet that for the reasons contained therein, the draft Active Travel Integrated Network Map and proposed changes following consultation as appended to the report, be approved.
 - 1.5 Members are asked to consider the recommendation.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 19th September 2017 – Agenda Item 9

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REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19TH SEPTEMBER 2017

SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRAVEL INTEGRATED NETWORK MAP

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Members' views on the draft Active Travel Integrated Network Map and to report responses from the public consultation, prior to its presentation to Cabinet for approval.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 places new duties on local authorities (LAs) in Wales to produce and publish active travel maps. The first stage required LAs to produce an Existing Routes Map. Caerphilly CBC's Existing Routes Map was approved by the Welsh Government in April 2016. The next stage requires all LAs in Wales to produce an Active Travel Integrated Network Map (INM) by November 2017. A 12-week public consultation on Caerphilly CBC's draft INM has been undertaken and of the 121 questionnaire responses received, 98% stated they support the proposed routes included in the draft INM. Approval of the final version of the INM is required to enable submission of the map to the Welsh Government by the deadline.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Active Travel INM contributes to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015:
- A prosperous Wales,
 - A healthier Wales,
 - A more equal Wales,
 - A Wales of cohesive communities, and
 - A globally responsible Wales.
- 3.2 Contributes towards the Council's Corporate Priority to 'promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle'.
- 3.3 Contributes to the Council's 2017/18 Well-being Objective to 'close the gap in life expectancy for residents between the most and least deprived areas in the borough'.
- 3.4 Engineering Services Division Objective: To provide safe and efficient transport and land drainage infrastructure through quality services delivered by means of cost effective management, maintenance and improvement of the networks.

- 3.5 Engineering Services Division Objective: To encourage with others, the provision and use of public transport to help protect the environment and to enhance opportunities for work and leisure.
- 3.6 Engineering Services Division Objective: To work towards a safer environment through positive measures to reduce road accidents and particularly by protecting and providing for vulnerable road users.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 came into force in September 2014 and places new duties on LAs in Wales to produce and publish active travel maps.
- 4.2 Active travel means walking and cycling, including the use of mobility scooters, for everyday journeys. This includes journeys to school, to work, to the shops or to access services, such as health or leisure centres. Active travel does not include walking and cycling for recreational purposes. Active travel is important in promoting healthier lifestyles and reducing the negative impacts of traffic upon our neighbourhoods and communities.
- 4.3 The Act aims to make active travel the most attractive option for shorter journeys. In addition to producing active travel maps, the Act requires LAs in Wales to deliver year on year improvements in active travel routes and facilities, to make enhancements to routes and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists in new road schemes, to have regard to the needs of walkers and cyclists in a range of other highway authority functions and to promote active travel.
- 4.4 The Act only applies to specific 'designated' areas in Wales, which have been determined by the Welsh Government and are based on the population size of settlements. Those communities/ areas included within the Act within Caerphilly County Borough are as follows:
- Aberbargoed, Abercarn, Abertridwr, Bargoed, Blackwood, Caerphilly, Cwmfelinfach, Llanbradach, Machen, Nelson, New Tredegar, Newbridge, Pontllanfraith, Pontlottyn, Rhymney, Risca, Wattsville, Ynysddu, Ystrad Mynach.
- 4.5 The first stage of the Act required local authorities to produce an Existing Routes Map (ERM) by January 2016. The map shows routes within the area that are suitable for active travel and which meet standards set by the Welsh Government. As such the ERM does not show all available walking and cycling routes within the area. Caerphilly CBC's ERM was submitted to the Welsh Government by the deadline and approved in April 2016. The ERM was well received by the Welsh Government and was one of only five LA submissions to be approved immediately.
- 4.6 The next stage of the Act requires all LAs in Wales to produce an Active Travel Integrated Network Map (INM) by November 2017. This will set out the LA's plans for improving active travel routes and facilities over the next 15 years. The map will show the proposed future network of key walking and cycling routes and will include short, medium and longer term schemes. The INM is an aspirational map and the development and delivery of the routes shown on the INM will be dependent on the availability of funding for active travel schemes.
- 4.7 Caerphilly CBC's draft INM has been developed following a review of existing walking and cycling proposals included in Caerphilly CBC's Local Development Plan (LDP) and Local Transport Plan (LTP) and an information gathering exercise with Caerphilly CBC Members, Officers, the Youth Forum and members of the public that took place during Summer/Autumn 2016. Suggestions made during the information gathering stage have been assessed to ensure the proposed improvements are able to meet the standards for active travel routes set by the Welsh Government. The resulting draft INM that has been developed includes proposals for over 100 walking and cycling route improvements.

- 4.8 The consultation version of the draft INM is included as Appendix 1. The map includes details of:
- The existing active travel routes already approved by the Welsh Government following submission of the ERM,
 - A small number of proposed additions to the ERM,
 - Future proposals for improving and expanding the active travel network, which forms the basis of the INM.
- 4.9 A 12-week public consultation on Caerphilly CBC's draft INM has been undertaken, as required by the Welsh Government. Details of the consultation are included in section 9 below. All comments received during the consultation have been reviewed and are detailed in the Active Travel INM Consultation Report (Appendix 2). As a result there are a number of proposed changes to the INM that will be incorporated into the final version prior to its submission to the Welsh Government. The proposed changes to the INM are listed in Appendix 3.
- 4.10 The Welsh Government requires that proposals within a LA's INM are identified as short, medium and longer term schemes and are prioritised in terms of these timescales. This stage of the process is required to be undertaken following the public consultation. Appendix 4 lists each of Caerphilly CBC's active travel proposals as either short (1-5 years), medium (5-10 years) or long-term (10-15 years) schemes. The process of prioritising the active travel proposals into these timescales has been based upon information known about each proposal at the current time. The short-term schemes focus on those proposals that are considered to have a large benefit to communities and have the potential to be progressed and delivered in the short-term.
- 4.11 The development and delivery of the proposals will be dependent on funding becoming available for active travel schemes, for example through the Welsh Government. The requirements of future funding opportunities for active travel may influence which schemes are progressed in the short-term, in order to ensure those schemes that have the greatest likelihood of obtaining funding are prioritised.
- 4.12 The final version of the Active Travel INM is required to be submitted to the Welsh Government for approval by 3rd November 2017. Following this, there is a requirement that the INM will need to be reviewed and resubmitted within the next three years following Welsh Government approval of the INM.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 The Active Travel Integrated Network Map contributes to the Well-being Goals as set out in Section 3 above. It is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act as follows:
- Long term – The proposals aim to improve the active travel network in the County Borough for the long-term benefit of all e.g. through increasing opportunities for active travel and improving access to employment, education and services.
 - Prevention – The active travel proposals aim to encourage more walking and cycling for everyday journeys and aim to bring about a change in behaviour that will have a positive impact on wider policy objectives e.g. through reducing reliance on the car and promoting healthier lifestyles.
 - Integration – The schemes contribute to wider objectives e.g. CCBC's LDP and LTP objectives, City Deal objectives of improving economic performance and tackling worklessness by improving access to employment and the requirements of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

- Collaboration – Input from Caerphilly CBC Elected Members, Officers, the Youth Forum and members of the public has informed the development of the draft INM.
- Involvement – The draft INM has been subject to a 12-week public consultation that has been shared widely with statutory consultees, key external stakeholders, Caerphilly CBC Members and relevant officers, Town and Community Councils, equalities groups and members of the public.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Active Travel INM has undergone Caerphilly CBC's Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) process. The completed EIA form is included as Appendix 5.
- 6.2 Stakeholders in affected minority groups were consulted during the Active Travel INM consultation process in accordance with the Council's Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance document. The consultation information was also sent to Caerphilly CBC officers with an equalities remit for wider dissemination to their contacts. Further details of comments received in relation to equalities issues are included in the Active Travel INM Consultation Report (Appendix 2).
- 6.3 The EIA identified that the Active Travel INM aims to improve accessibility for all sections of the community to a range of services including employment, education, retail, healthcare and leisure facilities. It also identified that equalities issues will need to be considered on a scheme-by-scheme basis during the development and delivery of the Active Travel INM, such as issues of equal access, the impact of active travel schemes on particular groups e.g. in terms of disability, gender or age and the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Active Travel INM is an aspirational, long-term plan that sets out Caerphilly CBC's active travel proposals for the next 15 years. The development and delivery of the routes shown on the INM will be dependent on the availability of funding for active travel schemes. External funding sources will need to be secured, for example from the Welsh Government, to progress and deliver the proposals shown within the map.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no personnel implications.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 The draft Active Travel INM has been subject to a 12-week public consultation, as required by the Welsh Government. Full details of the public consultation are included in the Active Travel INM Consultation Report, which is attached as Appendix 2. The consultation included statutory consultees, key external stakeholders, Caerphilly CBC Members and relevant officers, Town and Community Councils, equalities groups and members of the public. The full of external consultees that were contacted directly is included in Appendix 2. Officers attended the Caerphilly County Borough Access Group and Caerphilly CBC's Youth Forum to encourage participation in the INM consultation by equalities groups.
- 9.2 A dedicated active travel web page on the Caerphilly CBC website included details of the consultation, an online version of the draft INM and a consultation questionnaire. The consultation was promoted via Caerphilly CBC's Newslines, social media and by email to a

range of internal and external contacts. This included members of the public who had requested to be involved in the consultation and Caerphilly CBC Officers with a remit for wider dissemination to stakeholders e.g. to community partnerships and groups. Hard copies of the draft INM and the consultation questionnaire were available at libraries across the County Borough and consultation sessions were also held at seven libraries.

- 9.3 In total 121 respondents completed the consultation questionnaire and a further 8 email responses and 1 petition were received during the consultation period. Of the questionnaire responses received, 98% stated they support the proposed routes included in the draft INM and only 3% stated that certain routes should be removed. All consultation responses that were received have been reviewed and are detailed in the Active Travel INM Consultation Report (Appendix 2). The proposed changes to the Active Travel INM that have resulted from the consultation process are summarised in Appendix 3. The proposed changes will be incorporated into the final version of the Active Travel INM.
- 9.4 The comments received on this report from the list of consultees have been incorporated within the report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To seek Members' views on the draft Active Travel INM and proposed changes following the public consultation, prior to reporting to Cabinet for approval.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 To enable Caerphilly CBC's Active Travel INM to be submitted to the Welsh Government by the 3rd November 2017 deadline and meet the Council's statutory obligations.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Caerphilly County Borough Council Active Travel Integrated Network Consultation Map
Appendix 2 Active Travel Integrated Network Map – Consultation Report
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Appendix 4 Active Travel Integrated Network Map – List of short, medium and long term proposals
Appendix 5 Active Travel Integrated Network Map – Equalities Impact Assessment Form

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili

Map Ymgynghoriad Rhwydwaith Integredig Teithio Llesol

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Yn cynnwys ychwanegiadau arfaethedig
i'r Map Llwybrau Presennol Teithio Llesol

Includes Proposed additions to the Active
Travel Existing Routes Map



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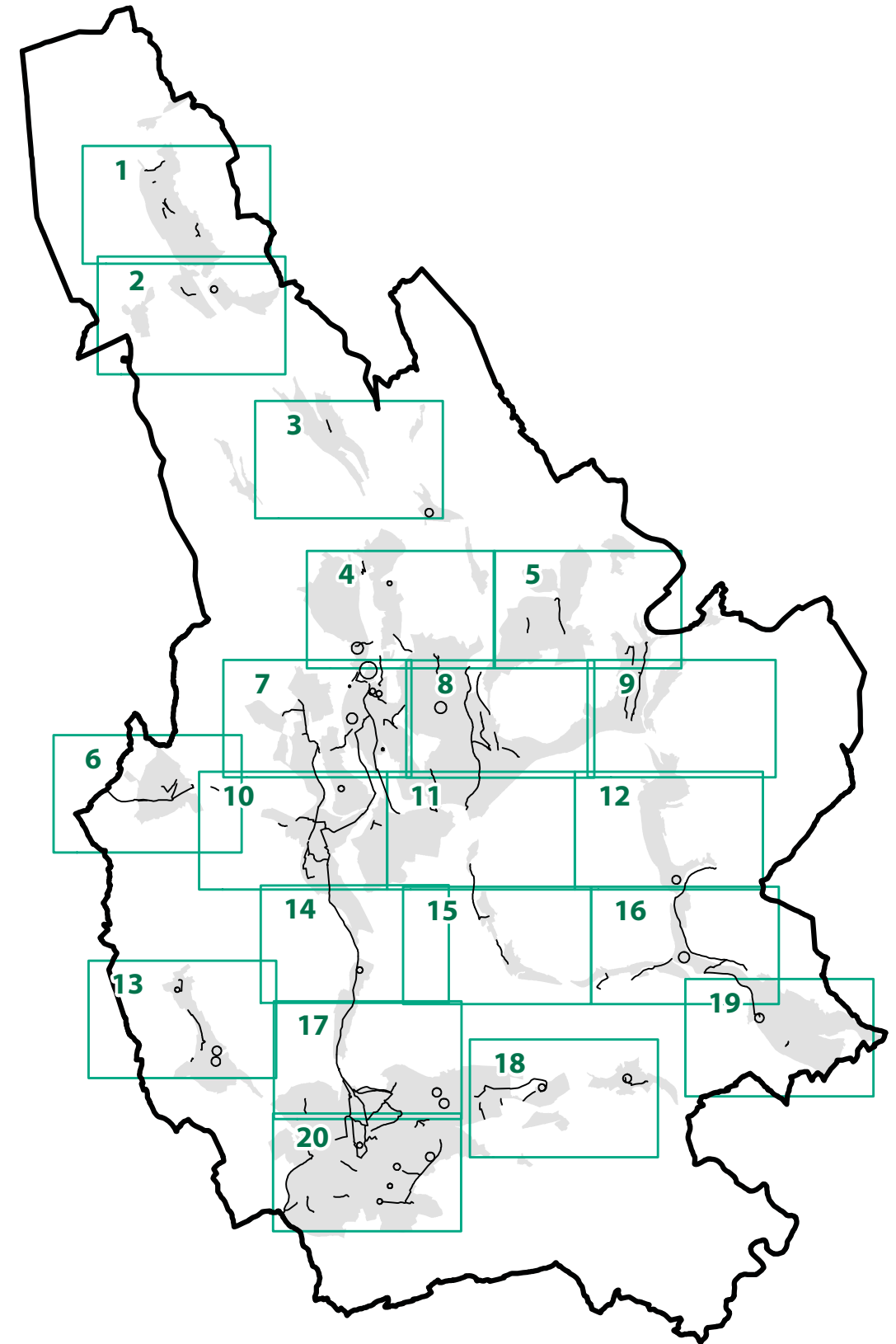


Allwedd:/Key:

Cynigion Map Rhwydwaith Integredig		Integrated Network Map Proposals	
Cerdded		Walking	
Beicio		Cycling	
Cerdded a Beicio		Walking and Cycling	
Ychwanegiad Arfaethedig i Fap Llwybrau Presennol		Proposed Addition To Existing Routes Map	

Ystâd Ddiwydiannol		Industrial Est
Llyfrgell		Library
Parc Gwledig		Country Park
Canolfan Ymwelwyr		Visitor Centre
Ysbyty/Meddygol		Hospital/Medical
Ysgol		School
Gorsaf Bws		Bus Station
Stadiwm Chwaraeon		Sport Stadium
Gorsaf Rheilffordd		Railway Station

Map Llwybrau Presennol Mabwysiedig		Adopted Existing Routes Map	
Llwybr Beicio (ar heol,heb Arwahanu)		Cycle Route (on road,Non Segregated)	
Llwybr Beicio (ar heol, Arwahanu)		Cycle Route (on road, Segregated)	
Llwybr troed/llwybr beicio arwahanu (ar hyd yr heol)		Segregated footpath/cycle track (alongside road)	
Llwybr troed/llwybr beicio arwahanu (i ffwrdd o'r heol)		Segregated footpath/cycle track (away from road)	
Llwybr troed/llwybr beicio lle rhennir defnydd (ar hyd yr heol)		Shared use footpath/cycle track (alongside road)	
Llwybr troed/llwybr beicio lle rhennir defnydd (i ffwrdd o'r heol)		Shared use footpath/cycle track (away from road)	
Croesfan heb ei rheoli		Uncontrolled Crossing	
Croesfan reoledig		Controlled Crossing	



Mae'r llwybrau a ddangosir ar y Map Rhwydwaith Integredig Teithio Llesol Arfaethedig yn aliniadau dangosol sy'n gallu bod yn amodol ar newid wrth i lwybrau pellach gael eu datblygu.
The routes shown on the Proposed Active Travel Integrated Network Map are indicative alignments that may be subject to change as routes are further developed.

Cyf. Tud.	Cymuned	Ward	Cyfeirnod Cyswllt	Disgrifiad	Statws	Cerdded Beicio
13	Senghenydd	Cwm Aber	INMC84	Cyswllt llwybr troed newydd o safle Saw Mill i Ysgol Gynradd Nant-y-parc. Yn gysylltiedig â datblygiad y safle yn y dyfodol.	Newydd	Cerdded
13	Senghenydd	Cwm Aber	INMC85	Gwella'r cysylltiad presennol i'r Ganolfan Iechyd er mwyn darparu cyswllt a rennir ar gyfer cymuned Senghenydd. Cysylltiadau o ganol y pentref i gyfleusterau chwaraeon a'r ysgol leol.	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
13	Abertridwr	Cwm Aber	INMC86	Diwygio'r cysylltiad presennol. Yn cysylltu â'r ysgol leol drwy'r llwybr presennol (ccbc 12).	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
13	Senghenydd	Cwm Aber	INMC97	Ysgol Gynradd Nant-y-parc - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
4	Aberbargod	Aberbargod	INMC8	Cyswllt defnydd a rennir di-draffig newydd o Aberbargod i Orsaf Drenau Bargod. Yn cysylltu â Llwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol (ccbc 4a).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
4	Aberbargod	Aberbargod	INMC91	Ysgol Gynradd Bro Sannan - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
12/16	Trecelyn	Abercarn Crosskeys Gorllewin Rhisga	INMC27	Cyswllt newydd o bentref Rhisga i Ffordd Goedwig Cwmcarn. Yn cysylltu â Crosskeys a thrwy'r llwybr presennol (ccbc 11) i Ganol Tref Rhisga.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
18	Graig-y-rhaca	Bedwas, Tretomos a Machen	INMC82	Gwelliannau i Lwybr Teithio Llesol presennol (ccbc 15e) - Lôn Redbrook	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
18	Machen	Bedwas, Tretomos a Machen	INMC76	Diwygiad i lwybr presennol o ardal Chatham ym Machen ar hyd glan yr afon i ganol y pentref ac Ysgol Gynradd Machen.	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
18	Graig-y-rhaca	Bedwas, Tretomos a Machen	INMC77	Llwybr newydd yn rhannol di-draffig ochr yn ochr â'r briffordd o Graig-y-rhaca i Ysgol Uwchradd Bedwas. Yn cysylltu â Llwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol (ccbc 15f).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
18	Bedwas	Bedwas, Tretomos a Machen	INMC78	Yn gwella'r llwybr presennol ac yn darparu mynediad uniongyrchol newydd i Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Pant Glas a Chanol Pentref Tretomos. Yn cysylltu â'r llwybr RhBC 4 a Llwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol (ccbc 15e).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
18	Tretomos	Bedwas, Tretomos a Machen	INMC79	Yn gwella'r cyswllt presennol i Ganol Pentref Tretomos. Yn cysylltu â'r llwybr RhBC 4 a Llwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol (ccbc 15e).	Diwygiad/Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
17	Bedwas	Bedwas, Tretomos a Machen	INMC94	Ysgol Fabanod Bedwas - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
8	Coed Duon	Coed Duon / Pontllan-fraith/ Penmaen	INMC41	Llwybr newydd beicio/cerdded di-draffig o Faes-y-coed/Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Penmaen i Glwb Rygbi Coed Duon (Canol y Dref).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
4/8	Coed Duon	Cefn Fforest	INMC40	Gwelliannau i'r cyswllt di-draffig o Grove Park i Ysgol Gyfun Coed Duon.	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
4	Cefn Fforest / Britannia	Cefn Fforest / Pengam	INMC46	Yn gwella'r cyswllt, cyswllt rhannol di-draffig o Britannia i Ysgol Gynradd Cefn Fforest gan gynnwys siopau a gwasanaethau.	Diwygiad/ Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
7	Pengam	Cefn Fforest / Pengam	INMC50	Yn gwella'r cyswllt ar lwybr troed presennol ar gyfer defnydd ar y cyd rhwng Cefn Fforest ac Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymini.	Newydd/ Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
16/19	Crosskeys/Rhisga	Crosskeys / Gorllewin Rhisga	INMC30	Cyswllt newydd o RhBC47 (ccbc10d) i Ganol Tref Rhisga yn darparu mynediad i addysg/hamdden/gwasanaethau a chyfleusterau.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
16	Crosskeys / Wattsville	Crosskeys / Ynys- ddu	INMC53	Yn gwella Llwybr Teithio Llesol presennol ar y llwybr ffordd o Wattsville i Crosskeys (ccbc 10b)	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio

5/9	Crymlyn / Treowen	Crymlyn	INMC34	Yn gwella mynediad a chysylltiadau o Dreowen i Ysgol Gynradd Lefel Uchel Crymlyn (SRIC).	Newydd	Cerdded
3	Markham	Crymlyn	INMC95	Ysgol Gynradd Markham - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
5/9	Crymlyn / Trecelyn	Crymlyn / Trecelyn	INMC28	Cyswllt newydd o Grymlyn i Drecelyn (Yn cysylltu Canol y Dref/Gorsaf Rheilffordd ac Ysgol Gyfun Trecelyn). Yn cysylltu â ccbc16.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
4	Gilfach	Gilfach	INMC9	Cyswllt newydd o Gilfach Fargod/Ysgol Gymraeg Gilfach Fargod i gyfleusterau hamdden.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
10	Hengoed	Hengoed	INMC98	Ysgol Gynradd Hengoed - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
10	Cefn Hengoed	Hengoed	ccbc20	Ychwanegiad arfaethedig i'r Map Llwybrau Teithio Llesol Presennol (cymuned Cefn Hengoed).	Wedi'i adeiladu	Cerdded a Beicio
7/10	Ystrad Mynach / Penpedairheol / Cefn Hengoed	Hengoed, Ystrad Mynach a Catwg Sant	INMC24	Gwelliannau i gyswllt cerdded a beicio presennol a newydd o Benpedairheol a Chefn Hengoed i Lwybr RhBC 47 (drwy safle datblygu newydd Cwm Calon).	Newydd/ Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
7	Cefn Hengoed / Tir-y-berth	Hengoed / Catwg Sant	INMC14	Gwelliannau i lwybr presennol sy'n cysylltu Cefn Hengoed i Bentref Tir-y-berth (cyflogaeth, hamdden a gwasanaethau).	Diwygiad	Cerdded
14/17	Llanbradach	Llanbradach	INMC88	Mae cyswllt pentref Llanbradach yn cysylltu â CCBCINMC25 a CCBCINMC87. Yn ffurfio rhan o Lwybr Llinellol Cwm Rhymni coll. Gallai gynnwys gwelliannau i gerddwyr.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
14	Llanbradach	Llanbradach	INMC99	Ysgol Gynradd Cwm Glas - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
17	Caerffili	Llanbradach/ Morgan Jones	INMC103	Cyswllt beicio newydd (rhan o linc i Lanbradach) a chroesi'r A469 ar y groesfan goleuadau traffig. Yn darparu mynediad i siopau, gwasanaethau a gwaith. (Rhan o Lwybr Llinellol Cwm Rhymni).	Newydd	Beicio
17	Caerffili	Llanbradach / Morgan Jones	INMC68	Cyswllt cerdded newydd (rhan o gyswllt i Lanbradach) ac yn croesi'r A469 ar groesfan goleuadau traffig. Yn darparu mynediad i siopau, gwasanaethau a chyflogaeth. (Rhan o Lwybr Llinellol Cwm Rhymni).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
17	Pwll-y-pant	Llanbradach / Morgan Jones	INMC87	Cyswllt newydd yn cysylltu cymuned Llanbradach i Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Pontygwindy gan ddefnyddio'r drosbont presennol.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
10	Maes-y-cwmwr	Maes-y-cwmwr	INMC89	Yn darparu parth 20mya o amgylch Ysgol Gynradd Maes-y-cwmwr, yn cynnwys storio beiciau a gwelliannau mynediad (Cynllun Llwybrau Diogel mewn Cymunedau).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
7/10/11	Maes-y-cwmwr / Pengam	Maes-y-cwmwr / Pengam	INMC26	Cyswllt newydd o Drelyn i RhBC 47 yn cysylltu â Llwybrau Teithio Llesol Presennol (ccbc 8a) gan ddarparu mynediad i Ganol Tref/Gorsaf Fysiau Ystrad Mynach a Gorsaf Rheilffordd Hengoed.	Newydd/ Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Eneu'r-glyn / Parc Churchill	Morgan Jones	INMC55	Cyswllt newydd o Lwybr Teithio Llesol presennol (ccbc13) i Orsaf Eneu'r-glyn.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Eneu'r-glyn / Parc Churchill	Morgan Jones	INMC56	Cyswllt newydd o Lwybr Teithio Llesol presennol (ccbc13) i Asda.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Eneu'r-glyn / Parc Churchill	Morgan Jones	INMC57	Yn darparu cyswllt o Orsaf Eneu'r-glyn i Asda Heol Pontygwindy.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Eneu'r-glyn / Parc Churchill	Morgan Jones	INMC58	Diwygiad i gyswllt cerdded presennol o'r Llwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol (ccbc13) i Asda ac Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Pontygwindy.	Diwygiad	Cerdded
17/20	Caerffili	Morgan Jones	INMC64	Yn gwella'r llwybr cerdded presennol o Barc Manwerthu Crossways i Heol Pontygwindy. Yn cysylltu ag ardaloedd manwerthu a phreswyl.	Diwygiad	Cerdded
20	Caerffili	Morgan Jones	INMC67	Llwybr defnydd a rennir rhannol di-draffig newydd ac yn cynnwys cyfleuster croesi ar Ffordd Pontygwindy. Yn cysylltu â CCBCINMC56 ac yn darparu mynediad i siopau, gwasanaethau a chyflogaeth.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
17/20	Caerffili	Morgan Jones	INMC69	Cyswllt cerdded a beicio newydd (rhan o gyswllt i Lanbradach). Angen croesfan a reolir ar yr A469 / A468. Yn dibynnu ar gynllun gwella cyffordd Pwll-y-pant. Yn cysylltu â CCBCINMC56. (Rhan o Lwybr Llinellol Cwm Rhymni).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio

17/20	Caerffili	Morgan Jones	INMC65	Cyswllt defnydd a rennir newydd ar hyd y llwybr rhannol di-draffig presennol. Yn cysylltu Parc Manwerthu Crossways ag Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Pontygwindy. Yn cysylltu â CCBCINMC64, CCBCINCM66 a CCBCINMC69.	Diwygiad/Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
17	Parc Churchill / Llanbradach	Morgan Jones / Llanbradach	INMC59	Cyswllt newydd o Eneu'r-glyn i Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Pontygwindy ac Asda. Yn cysylltu â CCBCINM57.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
17	Caerffili	Morgan Jones/Bedwas, Tretomos a Machen	INMC66	Cyswllt defnydd a rennir newydd ar hyd y llwybr presennol. Yn cysylltu ag Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Tŷ Bedwas/Lôn y Pandy a datblygiad manwerthu Crossways (rhwydwaith ehangach). Yn cysylltu â CCBCINMC65 a CCBCINMC68.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
1	Rhymni	Moriah	INMC5	Gwelliannau i gyswllt presennol o Ysgol Gynradd Brynawel drwy ardal hamdden i Mount Batten (Ardal Breswyl).	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
2	Rhymni / Abertyswg	Moriah	INMC90	Ysgol Gynradd Rhymni Newydd - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
6	Nelson	Nelson	INMC15	Gwell cyswllt rhwng Ysgol Fabanod Llanfabon a Gorsaf Fysiau Nelson/Canol y Pentref drwy Ashgrove.	Diwygiad	Cerdded
6	Nelson	Nelson	INMC16	Cyswllt llwybr troed newydd ger yr A472 sy'n cysylltu ardal Llanfabon i siopau a gwasanaethau.	Newydd	Cerdded
6/10	Nelson	Nelson	INMC17	Yn creu troedffordd ddi-dor sy'n cysylltu Nelson â Gorsaf Rheilffordd Ystrad Mynach ar ochr ddeheuol y briffordd. (Mae angen 2 ran o'r droedffordd).	Newydd	Cerdded
6	Nelson	Nelson	INMC18	Cysylltiadau dangosol o safle datblygiad Tŷ Du i Orsaf Fysiau Nelson/Llwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol (RhBC 47)(ccbc6) a Gorsaf Abercynon trwy CBSau Merthyr a Rhondda Cynon Taf. Llwybrau'n gysylltiedig â datblygiad y safle.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
3	Tredegar Newydd	Tredegar Newydd	INMC7	Gwella cyswllt defnydd a rennir o Ysgol Gynradd y Rhosyn Gwyn i Dreffilip trwy Stryd yr Ysgol.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
9	Trecelyn	Trecelyn	INMC29	Cyswllt newydd o Ysgol Gynradd Tynewydd i Ganol Tref Trecelyn drwy safle'r datblygiad.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
9/12	Trecelyn / Abercarn	Trecelyn / Abercarn	ccbc16	Ychwanegiad arfaethedig i'r cyswllt Cerdded/Beicio ar y Map Llwybrau Teithio Llesol Presennol o Abercarn/West End i Ganol Tref Trecelyn/y Ganolfan Hamdden/yr Ysgol Gyfun a gwasanaethau.	Wedi'i adeiladu	Cerdded a Beicio
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC44	Y cyswllt newydd o'r Llwybr Teithio Llesol presennol (ccbc4b) i Glan-y-nant. Yn cynnwys cyfleusterau croesi i gerddwyr ar gyffordd â signalau.	Newydd	Cerdded
4/7	Pengam/Britannia	Pengam	INMC45	Gwell cyswllt o Lwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol (ccbc4b) i Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Pengam.	Diwygiad/Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC47	Cyfleuster croesi newydd wrth fynedfa gyffordd â signalau Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni. Yn gwella hygyrchedd ar gyfer y gymuned Trelyn.	Newydd	Cerdded
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC48	Gwell cyswllt o Fairview i Ysgolion Cynradd ym mhentref Trelyn a hefyd yn cysylltu â CCBCINMC 19.	Diwygiad/Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC92	Ysgol Gynradd Trelyn (cyfrwng Saesneg) - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC96	Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
5	Coed Duon	Penmaen	INMC42	Cyswllt defnydd a rennir newydd o R/A Maes-y-coed i Lwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol (ccbc 5) a Chanol Tref Coed Duon ar hyd Ffordd Fenter Sirhywi (A4048).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
8	Maes-y-coed	Penmaen	INMC43	Cyfleuster croesi i gerddwyr newydd ar y B4254 (croesfan heb ei reoli) sy'n cysylltu â llwybrau troed presennol yn cysylltu Maes-y-coed i Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Penmaen ac Ysgol Gynradd Pontllan-fraith.	Newydd	Cerdded
8	Oakdale	Penmaen	INMC83	Llwybr defnydd a rennir newydd (di-draffig) yn darparu cyswllt i Oakdale o Ysgol Uwchradd Islwyn newydd. Yn cysylltu â gwelliannau a wnaed gan y prosiect Cymunedau Llwybrau Diogel Oakdale.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio

5	Oakdale	Penmaen	ccbc17	Ychwanegiad arfaethedig i'r Map Llwybrau Teithio Llesol Presennol. Cynllun "Llwybrau Diogel mewn Cymunedau" Oakdale. Yn cysylltu â CCBCINMC81.	Wedi'i adeiladu	Cerdded a Beicio
5	Oakdale	Penmaen a Chrymlyn	INMC81	Cyswllt newydd o Groespenmaen i Lwybr Teithio Llesol presennol (ccbc5). Yn cysylltu â chyflogaeth a'r Ysgol Uwchradd Islwyn newydd.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Pen-yr-heol	Pen-yr-heol	INMC61	Yn cysylltu Llwybrau Teithio Llesol presennol (ccbc13 a ccbc12) drwy bont sy'n llwyr anabl-gyfeillgar i gwblhau'r Llwybr Cwm Aber i Ganol Tref Caerffili.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Pen-yr-heol	Pen-yr-heol	INMC62	Cyswllt newydd i gysylltu Llwybrau Teithio Llesol presennol (ccbc13 a ccbc12) er mwyn darparu gwell mynediad i Ysgol Gyfun Cenydd Sant ar gyfer cymunedau Eneu'r-glyn / Pen-yr-heol.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
17	Pen-yr-heol	Pen-yr-heol	INMC74	Yn gwella'r cyswllt cerdded presennol i Ysgol Gynradd Cwm Ifor. Yn creu cyswllt cerdded a beicio a rennir.	Newydd/Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Trecenydd	Pen-yr-heol / Morgan Jones	INMC60	Cyswllt newydd o'r Llwybr Teithio Llesol presennol (ccbc13) i Barc Busnes Trecenydd.	Newydd	Cerdded
20	Caerffili	Pen-yr-heol / Martin Sant	INMC63	Cyswllt newydd a mwy uniongyrchol/gwell i gysylltu ardal basn Caerffili i gyflogaeth yn Rhondda Cynon Taf/Caerdydd drwy Daith Taf. Cynllun traws-ffiniol. Yn cysylltu â Llwybr Teithio Llesol (ccbc 13) presennol.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Caerffili	Pen-yr-heol / Martin Sant	INMC70	Gwella llwybr di-draffig presennol drwy danffordd sy'n cysylltu ystadau tai gorllewinol Caerffili i gyflogaeth (Ystâd Ddiwydiannol y Gorllewin) ac ar hyd y llwybr RhBC 4 (Rhwydwaith Llwybrau Teithio Llesol Presennol ccbc14a) i Ganol Tref Caerffili.	Diwygiad/Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Penrhos	Pen-yr-heol / Martin Sant	INMC73	Yn cwblhau cyswllt cerdded a beicio i ystâd tai/ardal fasnachol yn cysylltu i CCBCINMC63 (cyswllt trawsffiniol i Heol Nantgarw/Taith Taf).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
19	Pontllan-fraith	Pontllan-fraith	INMC32	Yn darparu cyswllt o Lwybr Rhwydwaith Beicio Cenedlaethol 47 (Llwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol (ccbc8b)) ar draws yr A472 i Bontllan-fraith.	Newydd	Beicio
11	Pontllan-fraith	Pontllan-fraith	INMC35	Darparu llwybr defnydd a rennir o ardal breswyl Penllwyn i Ysgol Gynradd y Bryn, siopau a gwasanaethau lleol.	Newydd/Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
11	Pontllan-fraith	Pontllan-fraith	INMC36	Yn darparu cyswllt o ardal breswyl y Bryn i Lwybr RhBC 47 (ccbc8a). Yn cynnwys rhannau newydd o lwybr cerdded a beicio ac yn croesi'r A472 trwy drosbont ffordd bresennol.	Newydd/Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
11	Pontllan-fraith / Coed Duon	Pontllan-fraith	INMC37	Yn darparu cyswllt o Bontllan-fraith i Ddatblygiad Manwerthu'r Gogledd yng Nghoed Duon.	Newydd	Beicio
8	Pontllan-fraith	Pontllan-fraith	INMC38	Yn gwella'r cysylltiad rhwng Maes-y-ffynnon/Heol Trecelyn, a'r Parc Diwydiannol gyda Phenmaen/Ysgol Gynradd Pontllan-fraith.	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
8	Pontllan-fraith	Pontllan-fraith	INMC39	Cyswllt newydd o Barc Diwydiannol Penmaen i'r Uwchfaes, Coed Duon (cyswllt CCBCINMC37).	Newydd/Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
8	Y Bryn	Pontllan-fraith	ccbc19	Ychwanegiad arfaethedig i'r Map Llwybrau Teithio Llesol Presennol. Cynllun "Llwybrau Diogel mewn Cymunedau" Ysgol Gynradd y Bryn.	Wedi'i adeiladu	Cerdded a Beicio
2	Pontlotyn	Pontlotyn	INMC6	Cyswllt newydd di-draffig o ystâd tai Brynhyfryd i Ganol Pentref Pontlotyn drwy Safle'r Ysgol - mae angen i gynllun datblygu'r safle ymgorffori Llwybr Teithio Llesol defnydd a rennir.	Newydd / Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
19	Tŷ Sign	Dwyrain Rhisga	ccbc18	Ychwanegiad arfaethedig i'r Map Llwybrau Teithio Llesol Presennol. Cynllun "Llwybrau Diogel mewn Cymunedau" Tŷ Sign.	Wedi'i adeiladu	Cerdded a Beicio
19	Rhisga	Gorllewin Rhisga	INMC33	Gwell cyswllt o Ganol Tref Rhisga i fynediad Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Pont-y-meistr o ran manwerthu, cyflogaeth a gwasanaethau.	Diwygiad	Cerdded
7	Glan-y-nant	Catwg Sant	INMC10	Gwella'r cyswllt presennol o Gilfach i Orsaf Pengam - Llwybr Cerdded.	Diwygiad	Cerdded
7	Glan-y-nant	Catwg Sant	INMC11	Cyswllt beicio newydd a grëwyd ar y briffordd o Gilfach/Ysgol Lewis i Orsaf Pengam.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
7	Gelligaer	Catwg Sant	INMC12	Cyswllt teithio llesol newydd o Ffordd y Crochendy i Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Penallta (ar Heol y Gogledd yn ymuno â cbcINMC24).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
7	Gelligaer	Catwg Sant	INMC13	Gwella'r cyswllt presennol o ganol pentref Gelligaer i Ysgol Gynradd Glyn Gaer.	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio

7/10	Ystrad Mynach / Tir-y-berth / Trelyn	Catwg Sant / Pengam / Ystrad Mynach	INMC19	Cyswllt newydd o bentref Pengam i Ganol Tref Ystrad Mynach ger yr A469. Rhan goll o Lwybr Llinellol Cwm Rhymni. Yn darparu mynediad at gyflogaeth a gwasanaethau (gan gynnwys croesfan i gerddwyr ger Ysgol Gyfun Lewis i Ferched).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
7	Glan-y-nant	Catwg Sant	INMC49	Gwell llwybrau cerdded a beicio lleol i orsaf Pengam. (Cynllun Metro Potensial).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Caerffili	Sant Iago	INMC72	Llwybr cerdded a beicio newydd uniongyrchol i Orsaf Rheilffordd Caerffili a Chanol y Dref. Yn cynnwys cysylltiadau i Barc Lansbury a thrwy groesfan bresennol i Mornington Meadows. Creu llwybr di-dor i ymuno â llwybr RhBC 4 (Llwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol ccbc15c) o'r gyfnewidfa fysiau a rheilffordd.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Caerffili	Sant Iago	INMC75	Gwella'r cyfleuster croesi sy'n cysylltu Ystâd Tai Parc Lansbury i Llwybr RhBC4 (Llwybr Teithio Llesol Presennol ccbc15c).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Caerffili	Sant Iago	INMC101	Gwella llwybr troed presennol i orsaf reilffordd/canol tref Caerffili, yn cysylltu i Barc Busnes Caerffili. Yn cysylltu â CCBCINMC72.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Rhydri / Mornington Meadows	Sant Iago / Morgan Jones	INMC80	Llwybr cerdded/beicio newydd i ystâd tai Mornington Meadows. Yn cysylltu â thrafnidiaeth gyhoeddus, siopau, cyflogaeth a gwasanaethau.	Diwygiad/ Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Caerffili	Martin Sant	INMC71	Gwella llwybr cerdded i ganol y dref (angen ymchwiliadau tir). Yn cysylltu â llwybr RhBC 4 (Llwybr Teithio Llesol presennol ccbc 14b) ac Ystâd Ddiwydiannol y Gorllewin.	Newydd	Cerdded
20	Caerffili	Martin Sant	INMC93	Ysgol Gynradd y Twyn - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynllun i gael ei ddatblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
20	Caerffili	Martin Sant	INMC102	Gwella llwybrau cerdded a beicio lleol i orsaf Caerffili. (Cynllun Metro Potensial).	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
1	Rhymni	Twyn Carno	INMC1	Cyswllt newydd o Dŷ-Coch i lwybr presennol (ccbc1a) ac Ystâd Ddiwydiannol Blaenau'r Cymoedd	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
1	Rhymni	Twyn Carno	INMC2	Cyswllt newydd o lwybr presennol (ccbc1b) i'r Ysgol Gynradd, Canol Tref a chyfleusterau Hamdden.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
1	Rhymni	Twyn Carno	INMC3	Cyswllt newydd o lwybr presennol (ccbc1a) i ardal breswyl Twyn Carno.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
1	Rhymni	Twyn Carno	INMC4	Cyswllt traffig amgen o lwybr presennol (ccbc1b) yn uniongyrchol i Orsaf Rhymni.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
	Dd.y.B.	Wardiau amrywiol ledled y fwrdeistref.	INMC100	Mae ysgolion yn datblygu eu Cynlluniau Teithio ysgol - Ysgolion Uwchradd - Lewis i Ferched ac Ysgol Lewis, Pengam. Ysgolion Cynradd - Pengam, Rhisga, Machen, Santes Helen, Plas-y-felin, Coed Duon, Graig-y-rhaca, Cwmcarn, Waunfawr, Tir-y-berth, Gilfach Fargod, Ysgol Iau Bedwas, Cwmaber - Iau a'r Cyfnod Sylfaen. - Cynllun dyfodol posib o ran llwybrau diogel mewn cymunedau. Cwmpas y cynlluniau i gael eu datblygu.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
11/15	Ynys-ddu/Wyllie	Ynys-ddu	INMC51	Diwygio cyswllt presennol sy'n cysylltu Wyllie i Ysgol Gynradd Ynys-ddu.	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
16	Wattsville	Ynys-ddu	INMC52	Yn gwella cyswllt presennol i Wattsville o Llwybr Teithio Llesol presennol (ccbc10a).	Newydd/ Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
15	Cwmfelin-fach	Ynys-ddu	INMC54	Gwell llwybr defnydd a rennir rhwng Ynys-ddu a Chwmfelin-fach drwy'r parc. Yn cysylltu Ysgolion Cynradd ac yn darparu mynediad at wasanaethau.	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC20	Llwybr troed newydd o RhBC47 i Barc Busnes Tredomen drwy'r B4245. Yn darparu llwybr mwy uniongyrchol i ganol tref Ystrad Mynach,.	Newydd/ Diwygiad	Cerdded
10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC21	Diwygio llwybr presennol sy'n cysylltu ardal breswyl i'r Ysbyty, cyfleusterau hamdden a Gorsaf Ystrad Mynach. (Cynllun Metro Potensial).	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio
10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC22	Diwygio llwybr troed presennol i ddefnydd a rennir yn cynnwys adran beicio ar ffyrdd lleol. Yn cysylltu'r coleg i'r llwybr i'r Orsaf y ffafir gan ffyrwyr sy'n teithio ar y rheilffyrdd. (Cynllun Metro Potensial).	Diwygiad	Cerdded a Beicio

10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC23	Cyswllt newydd o Lwybr RhBC 47 ar hyd llinell reilffordd segur i orsaf Ystrad Mynach. Yn gofyn am dir rheilffordd a throsbont dros yr A472 er mwyn darparu cyswllt di-draffig uniongyrchol i mewn i'r orsaf ar gyfer cerdded a beicio. (Cynllun Metro Potensial)	Newydd	Cerdded a Beicio
10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC31	Cyswllt newydd o ganol tref Ystrad Mynach i Barc Busnes Dyffryn. Yn cysylltu â CCBCINMC19 a CCBCINM25. Rhan o Lwybr Llinellol Cwm Rhymni.	Newydd	Beicio
10/14	Ystrad Mynach / Llanbradach / Caerffili	Ystrad Mynach / Llanbradach / Morgan Jones	INMC25	Cyswllt beicio dangosol o Ystrad Mynach (Parc Busnes Dyffryn cyffordd â goleuadau traffig) i Lanbradach. (Rhan goll o Lwybr Llinellol Cwm Rhymni).	Newydd	Beicio

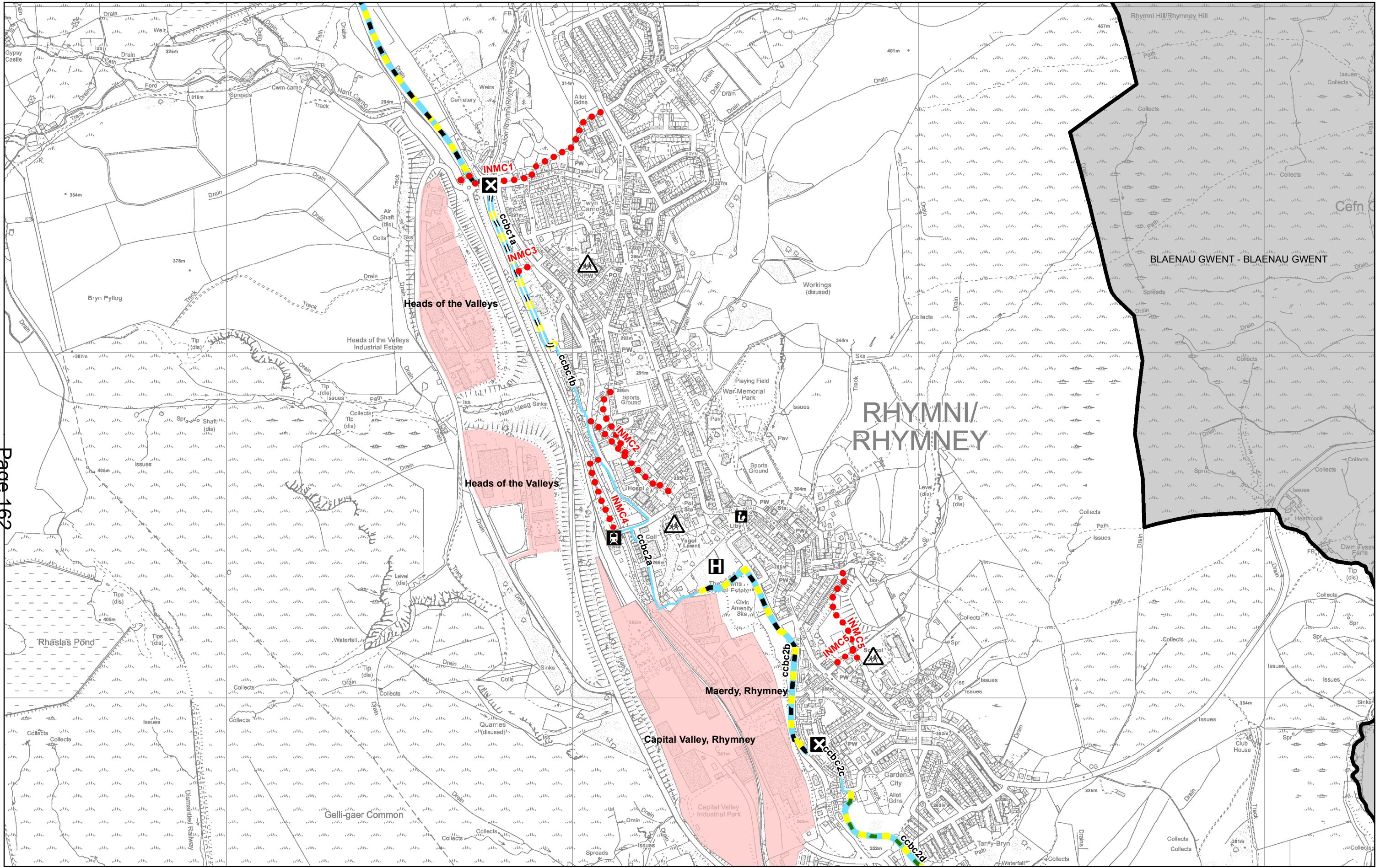
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13	Senghenydd	Aber Valley	INMC84	New footway link from Saw Mill site to Nant-y-Parc Primary. Linked to future development of the site.	New	Walking
13	Senghenydd	Aber Valley	INMC85	Improve existing link to Health Centre to provide a shared use link for the Senghenydd community. Links from village centre to sports facilities and the local school.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
13	Abertridwr	Aber Valley	INMC86	Upgrade existing link. Connects to local school via existing route (ccbc 12).	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
13	Senghenydd	Aber Valley	INMC97	Nant y Parc Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
4	Aberbargoed	Aberbargoed	INMC8	New shared use traffic free link from Aberbargoed to Train Station at Bargoed. Links to Existing Active Travel Route (ccbc4a).	New	Walking and Cycling
4	Aberbargoed	Aberbargoed	INMC91	Ysgol Bro Sannan Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
12/16	Newbridge	Abercarn Crosskeys Risca West	INMC27	New link from Risca to Cwmcarn Forest Drive. Connects to Crosskeys and via existing route (ccbc 11) to Risca Town Centre.	New	Walking and Cycling
18	Graig-y-Rhacca	Bedwas Trethomas and Machen	INMC82	Improvements to existing Active Travel Route (ccbc 15e) - Redbrook Lane	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
18	Machen	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	INMC76	Upgrades an existing path from Chatham area of Machen along riverside to village centre and Machen Primary School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
18	Graig-y-Rhacca	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	INMC77	New part traffic free route alongside the highway from Graig-Y-Rhacca to Bedwas High School. Links to NCN route 4 Existing Active Travel Route (ccbc 15f).	New	Walking and Cycling
18	Bedwas	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	INMC78	Improves existing route and provides new direct access to Pant Glas Industrial Estate and Trethomas Village Centre. Connects to NCN route 4 and Existing Active Travel route (ccbc 15e).	New	Walking and Cycling
18	Trethomas	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	INMC79	Improves an existing link to Trethomas Village Centre. Connects to NCN route 4 and Existing Active Travel route (ccbc 15e).	Upgrade/ New	Walking and Cycling
17	Bedwas	Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen	INMC94	Bedwas Infants School -Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
8	Blackwood	Blackwood/ Pontllanfraith/ Penmaen	INMC41	New traffic free cycling/walking route from Woodfieldside/Penmaen Industrial Estate to Blackwood Rugby Club (Town Centre).	New	Walking and Cycling
4/8	Blackwood	Cefn Forest	INMC40	Enhancements to the traffic free link from Grove Park to Blackwood Comprehensive School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
4	Cefn Forrest/ Britannia	Cefn Forest / Pengam	INMC46	Improved link, part traffic free link from Britannia to Cefn Forest Primary School including shops and services.	Upgrade/New	Walking and Cycling
7	Pengam	Cefn Forest/Pengam	INMC50	Improved link on an existing footpath for shared use between Cefn Forest and Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni.	New/Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
16/19	Crosskeys/Risca	Crosskeys/ Risca West	INMC30	New link from NCN47(ccbc10d) to Risca Town Centre provides access to education/leisure/services and facilities.	New	Walking and Cycling
16	Crosskeys/ Wattsville	Crosskeys/ Ynysddu	INMC53	Improves an existing Active Travel on road route from Wattsville to Crosskeys (ccbc 10b)	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
5/9	Crumlin/Treowen	Crumlin	INMC34	Improves access and links from Treowen to Crumlin High Level Primary School (SRIC).	New	Walking


3	Markham	Crumlin	INMC95	Markham Primary School -Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
5/9	Crumlin/ Newbridge	Crumlin/ Newbridge	INMC28	New link from Crumlin to Newbridge (Connects Town Centre/Rail Station & Newbridge Comprehensive School). Links to ccbc16.	New	Walking and Cycling
4	Gilfach	Gilfach	INMC9	New link from Gilfach Fargoed/Ysgol Gymraeg Gilfach Fargoed to leisure facilities.	New	Walking and Cycling
10	Cefn Hengoed	Hengoed	ccbc20	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map (Cefn Hengoed community).	Built	Walking and Cycling
10	Hengoed	Hengoed	INMC98	Hengoed Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
7/10	Ystrad Mynach/ Penpedairheol/ Cefn Hengoed	Hengoed, Ystrad Mynach & St Cattwg	INMC24	Improvements to an existing and new walking and cycling link from Penpedairheol and Cefn Hengoed to NCN Route 47 (via the new development site Cwm Calon).	New/Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
7	Cefn Hengoed/ Tir-y-berth	Hengoed/ St Cattwg	INMC14	Improvements to an existing path that links Cefn Hengoed to Tiryberth Village (employment leisure and services).	Upgrade	Walking
14/17	Llanbradach	Llanbradach	INMC88	Llanbradach Village link connects to INMC25 and INMC87. Forms part of the missing Rhymney Valley Linear Route. Could include pedestrian improvements.	New	Walking/ Cycling
14	Llanbradach	Llanbradach	INMC99	Cwm Glas Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
17	Caerphilly	Llanbradach/ Morgan Jones	INMC68	New walking link (part of a link to Llanbradach) and crosses the A469 at signalised crossing. Provides access to shops, services and employment. (Part of the Rhymney Valley linear route).	New	Walking
17	Caerphilly	Llanbradach/ Morgan Jones	INMC103	New cycling link (part of a link to Llanbradach) and crosses the A469 at signalised crossing. Provides access to shops, services and employment. (Part of the Rhymney Valley linear route).	New	Cycling
17	Pwllypant	Llanbradach/ Morgan Jones	INMC87	New link connecting the community of Llanbradach to Pontygwindy Industrial estate via existing overbridge.	New	Walking/ Cycling
10	Maesycwmmmer	Maesycwmmmer	INMC89	Provides a 20mph zone surrounding Maesycwmmmer Primary School, includes cycle storage and access improvements(Safe Routes in Communities Scheme).	New	Walking and Cycling
7/10/11	Maesycwmmmer/ Pengam	Maesycwmmmer/ Pengam	INMC26	New link from Fleur de Lis to NCN 47 connecting to Active Travel Existing Routes (ccbc 8a) providing access to Ystrad Mynach Town Centre/Bus Station/Hengoed Rail Station.	New/Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
20	Energlyn/ Churchill Park	Morgan Jones	INMC55	New link from existing Active Travel Route (ccbc13) to Energlyn Station.	New	Walking and Cycling
20	Energlyn/ Churchill Park	Morgan Jones	INMC56	New link from an existing Active Travel Route (ccbc 13) to Asda.	New	Walking and Cycling
20	Energlyn/ Churchill Park	Morgan Jones	INMC57	Provides a link from Energlyn Station to Asda Pontygwindy Road.	New	Walking and Cycling
20	Energlyn/ Churchill Park	Morgan Jones	INMC58	Upgrade to existing walking link from existing Active Travel Route (CCBC13) to Asda and Pontygwindy Industrial Estate.	Upgrade	Walking
17/20	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones	INMC64	Improves existing walking route from Crossways Retail Park to Pontygwindy Road. Connects to retail and residential areas.	Upgrade	Walking
20	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones	INMC67	New shared use route part traffic free and includes crossing facility on Pontygwindy Road. Connects to INMC56 and provides access to shops services and employment.	New	Walking and Cycling
17/20	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones	INMC69	New walking and cycling link (part of a link to Llanbradach). Requires a controlled crossing on the A469/A468. Dependant on Pwllypant junction improvement scheme. Connects to INMC56. (Part of the Rhymney Valley linear route).	New	Walking and Cycling
17/20	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones	INMC65	New shared use link along existing part traffic free path. Connects Crossways Retail Park and Pontygwindy Industrial estate. Links to INMC64, CCBCINCM66 and INMC69.	Upgrade/ New	Walking and cycling
17	Churchill Park/ Llanbradach	Morgan Jones/ Llanbradach	INMC59	New link from Energlyn to Pontygwindy Industrial Estate and Asda. Connects to INMC57.	New	Walking and Cycling

17	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones/Bedwas Trethomas and Machen	INMC66	New shared use link along existing path. Connects to Bedwas House Industrial Estate/Pandy Lane and Crossways retail development (wider network). Links to INMC65 and INMC68.	New	Walking and Cycling
1	Rhymney	Moriah	INMC5	Improvements to an existing link from Brynawel Primary School via recreational area to Mount Batten (Residential Area).	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
2	Rhymney/ Abertysswg	Moriah	INMC90	New Rhymney Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
6	Nelson	Nelson	INMC15	Improved link between Llanfabon Infants School and Nelson Bus Station/Village Centre via Ashgrove.	Upgrade	Walking
6	Nelson	Nelson	INMC16	New footway link adjacent to the A472 linking Llanfabon area to shops and services.	New	Walking
6/10	Nelson	Nelson	INMC17	Creates a continuous footway linking from Nelson to Ystrad Mynach Rail Station on southern side of highway. (2 sections of footway required).	New	Walking
6	Nelson	Nelson	INMC18	Indicative links from Ty Du development site to Nelson Bus Station/Existing Active Travel Route (NCN Route 47)(ccbc6) and Abercynon Station via Merthyr CBC and RCT. Routes linked to development of the site.	New	Walking and Cycling
3	New Tredegar	New Tredegar	INMC7	Improved shared use link from White Rose Primary School to Phillipstown via School Street.	New	Walking and Cycling
9	Newbridge	Newbridge	INMC29	New link from Ty Newydd Primary School to Newbridge Town Centre through development site.	New	Walking and Cycling
9/12	Newbridge/ Abercarn	Newbridge/ Abercarn	ccbc16	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map Walking/Cycling link from Abercarn/West End to Newbridge Town Centre/Leisure Centre/Comprehensive School and services.	Built	Walking and Cycling
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC44	New link from existing Active Travel Route (ccbc4b) to Glan-y-Nant. Includes pedestrian crossing facilities at signalised junction.	New	Walking
4/7	Pengam/Britannia	Pengam	INMC45	Improved link from Existing Active Travel Route (ccbc4b) to Pengam Industrial Estate.	Upgrade/New	Walking and Cycling
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC47	New crossing facility at the signalised junction access to Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni. Improves accessibility for the Fleur de Lis community.	New	Walking
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC48	Improved link from Fairview to Primary Schools at Fleur de Lis and also connects to INMC 19.	Upgrade/New	Walking and Cycling
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC92	Fleur-de-Lys Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
7	Pengam	Pengam	INMC96	Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn -Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
5	Oakdale	Penmaen	ccbc17	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map. Oakdale "Safe Routes in Communities" scheme. Links to INMC81.	Built	Walking and Cycling
8	Blackwood	Penmaen	INMC42	New shared use link from Woodfieldside R/A to Active Travel Existing Route (ccbc 5) and Blackwood Town Centre along Sirhowy Enterprise Way(A4048).	New	Walking and Cycling
8	Woodfieldside	Penmaen	INMC43	New B4254 pedestrian crossing facility (uncontrolled crossing) which connects to existing footways links Woodfieldside to Penmaen Industrial Estate and Pontllanfraith Primary School.	New	Walking
5	Oakdale	Penmaen	INMC83	New shared use path (traffic free) provides a link to Oakdale from the new Islwyn High School. Connects to improvements made by the Oakdale Safe Routes in Communities project.	New	Walking and Cycling
5	Oakdale	Penmaen and Crumlin	INMC81	New link from Croespenmaen to existing Active Travel Route (ccbc5). Connects to employment and new Islwyn High School.	New	Walking and Cycling
20	Penyrheol	Penyrheol	INMC61	Connects existing Active Travel Routes (ccbc13 and ccbc12) via DDA compliant bridge completing the Aber Valley Route to Caerphilly Town Centre.	New	Walking and Cycling
20	Penyrheol	Penyrheol	INMC62	New link connecting existing Active Travel routes (ccbc13 and ccbc12) providing improved access to St Cenydd Comprehensive School for the Energlyn/Penyrheol community.	New	Walking and Cycling

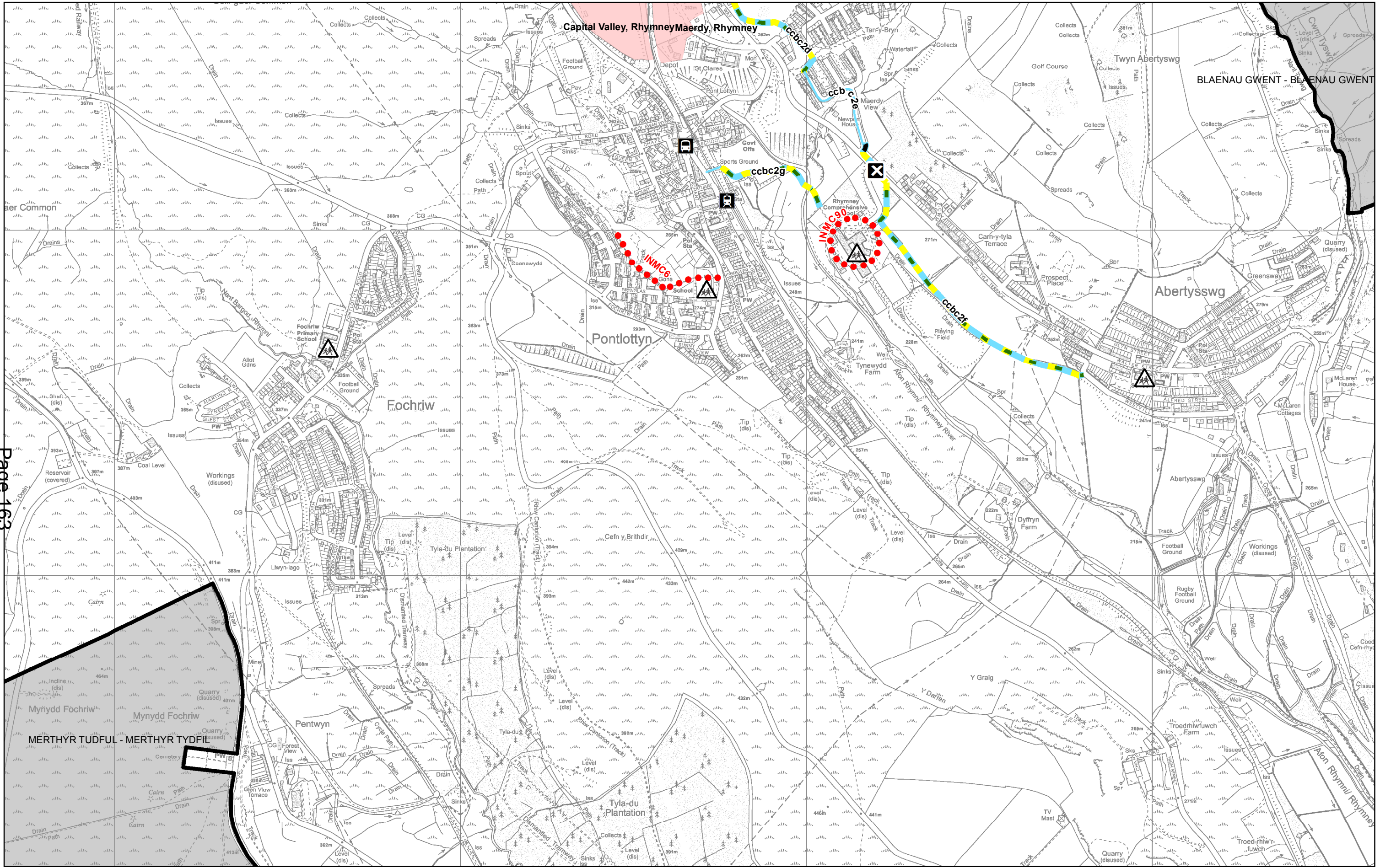
17	Penyrheol	Penyrheol	INMC74	Improves an existing walking link connecting to Cwm Ifor Primary School. Creates a shared walking and cycling link.	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
20	Trecenydd	Penyrheol/ Morgan Jones	INMC60	New link from existing Active Travel Route (ccbc13) to Trecenydd Business Park.	New	Walking
20	Caerphilly	Penyrheol/ St Martins	INMC63	New and more direct/ enhanced link connecting the Caerphilly basin area to employment in RCT /Cardiff via the Taff Trail. Cross boundary scheme. Connects to existing Active Travel Route (ccbc 13).	New	Walking and Cycling
20	Caerphilly	Penyrheol/ St Martins	INMC70	Improves an existing traffic free path via an underpass connecting Caerphilly western housing estates to employment (Western Industrial Estate) and via the NCN route 4 (Existing Active Travel Routes Network ccbc14a) to Caerphilly Town Centre.	Upgrade/ New	Walking and Cycling
20	Penrhos	Penyrheol/ St Martins	INMC73	Completes a walking and cycling link to housing estate/commercial area connects to INMC63 (cross boundary link to Nantgarw Road/Taff Trail).	New	Walking and Cycling
19	The Bryn	Pontllanfraith	ccbc19	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map. Bryn Primary School "Safe Routes in Communities" scheme.	Built	Walking and Cycling
11	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	INMC32	Provides a link from the National Cycle Network Route 47 (Active Travel Existing Route (ccbc8b)) across the A472 to Pontllanfraith.	New	Cycling
11	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	INMC35	Provides a shared use path from Penllwyn residential area to Bryn Primary School, local shops and services.	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
11	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	INMC36	Provides a link from the Bryn residential area to NCN Route 47(ccbc8a). Includes a new sections of walking and cycling path and crosses the A472 via an existing road overbridge.	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
8	Pontllanfraith/ Blackwood	Pontllanfraith	INMC37	Provides a link from Pontllanfraith to the Northern Retail Development in Blackwood.	New	Cycling
8	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	INMC38	Improves the link between Springfield /Newbridge Road, Industrial Park and Penmaen/Pontllanfraith Primary School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
8	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	INMC39	New link from Penmaen Industrial Park to Highfield, Blackwood (Link INMC37).	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
2	Pontlottyn	Pontlottyn	INMC6	New traffic free link from Brynhyfyrd housing estate to Pontlottyn Village Centre via School Site - Site development plan needs to incorporate shared use Active Travel route.	New /Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
19	Ty Sign	Risca East	ccbc18	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map. Ty Sign "Safe Routes in Communities" scheme.	Built	Walking and Cycling
19	Risca	Risca West	INMC33	Improved link from Risca Town Centre to Pontymister Industrial Estate access to retail, employment and services.	Upgrade	Walking
7	Glan y Nant	St Cattwg	INMC10	Improvements to an existing link from Gilfach to Pengam Station - Walking Route.	Upgrade	Walking
7	Glan y Nant	St Cattwg	INMC11	New cycle Link created on highway from Gilfach/Lewis School to Pengam Station.	New	Walking and Cycling
7	Gelligaer	St Cattwg	INMC12	New active travel link from Pottery Road to Penallta Industrial Estate (at North Road joins INMC24).	New	Walking and Cycling
7	Gelligaer	St Cattwg	INMC13	Improvements to an existing link from Gelligaer Village centre to Glyn Gaer Primary School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
7/10	Ystrad Mynach/ Tir-y-berth/Fleur de Lis	St Cattwg/Pengam/ Ystrad Mynach	INMC19	New link from Pengam to Ystrad Mynach Town Centre adjacent to the A469. Missing part of the Rhymney Valley Linear Route. Provides access to employment and services (includes a pedestrian crossing near Lewis Girls Comprehensive School).	New	Walking and Cycling
7	Glan-y-Nant	St Cattwgs	INMC49	Enhanced local walking and cycling routes to Pengam station. (Potential Metro scheme).	New	Walking and Cycling
20	Caerphilly	St James	INMC101	Improves an existing footpath to Caerphilly railway station/town centre connects to Caerphilly Business Park. Connects to INMC72.	New	Walking and Cycling
20	Caerphilly	St James	INMC72	New walking and cycling route direct to Caerphilly Rail Station and Town Centre. Includes links to Lansbury Park and via an existing crossing to Mornington Meadows. Creates a continuous route to join NCN route 4 (Existing Active Travel route ccbc15c) from bus and rail interchange.	New	Walking and Cycling


20	Caerphilly	St James	INMC75	Improves the crossing facility connecting Lansbury Park Housing estate to NCN Route 4 (Existing Active Travel Route ccbc15c).	New	Walking and cycling
20	Rudry/ Mornington Meadows	St James / Morgan Jones	INMC80	New walking/cycling path to Mornington Meadows housing estate. Links to public transport, shops, employment and services.	Upgrade/ New	Walking and Cycling
20	Caerphilly	St Martins	INMC102	Enhanced local walking and cycling routes to Caerphilly station. (Potential Metro Scheme)	New	Walking and Cycling
20	Caerphilly	St Martins	INMC71	Improves a walking route to town centre (requires land investigations). Connects to NCN route 4 (existing Active Travel Route ccbc 14b) and Western Industrial Estate.	New	Walking
20	Caerphilly	St Martins	INMC93	The Twyn Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
1	Rhymney	Twyn Carno	INMC1	New link from Ty-Coch to existing route (ccbc1a) and the Heads of the Valleys Industrial Estate	New	Walking and Cycling
1	Rhymney	Twyn Carno	INMC2	New link from existing route (ccbc1b) to the Primary School, Town Centre & Leisure facilities.	New	Walking and Cycling
1	Rhymney	Twyn Carno	INMC3	New link from existing route (ccbc1a) to Twyn Carno residential area.	New	Walking and Cycling
1	Rhymney	Twyn Carno	INMC4	Alternative traffic free link from existing route (ccbc1b) direct to Rhymney Station.	New	Walking and Cycling
	N/A	Various Wards across the County Borough.	INMC100	Schools developing their school Travel Plans - Comprehensive Schools - Lewis Girls and Lewis School, Pengam. Primary Schools - Pengam, Risca, Machen, St Helens, Plas y Felin, Blackwood, Graig-y-Rhacca, Cwmcarn, Waunfawr, Tir-Y-Berth, Gilfach Fargoed, Bedwas Junior School, Cwmaber Junior and Infants schools. - Potential future safe routes in communities schemes. Scope of schemes to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
11/15	Ynysddu/Wyllie	Ynysddu	INMC51	Upgrades an existing link connecting Wyllie to Ynysddu Primary School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
16	Wattsville	Ynysddu	INMC52	Improves an existing link to Wattsville from existing Active Travel Route (ccbc10a).	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
15	Cwmfelinfach	Ynysddu	INMC54	Improved shared use route between Ynysddu and Cwmfelinfach through the park. Connects Primary Schools and provides access to services.	New	Walking and Cycling
10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC20	New footpath from NCN47 to Tredomen Business Park via B4245. Provides a more direct route to Ystrad Mynach, Town Centre.	New/ Upgrade	Walking
10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC21	Upgrades an existing path which links a residential area to the Hospital, leisure facilities and Ystrad Mynach Station. (Potential Metro scheme).	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC22	Upgrades an existing footpath to shared use includes section which is cycling on local roads. Links college to Station preferred route for pupils travelling by rail. (Potential Metro scheme).	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC23	New link from NCN Route 47 along redundant rail line into Ystrad Mynach station. Requires rail land and road overbridge across A472 will provide a direct traffic free link into the station for walking and cycling. (Potential Metro scheme)	New	Walking and Cycling
10	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	INMC31	New link from Ystrad Mynach Town Centre to Dyffryn Business Park. Connects to INMC19 and INMC25. Part of the Rhymney Valley Linear Route.	New	Cycling
10/14	Ystrad Mynach/ Llanbradach/ Caerphilly	Ystrad Mynach/ Llanbradach/ Morgan Jones	INMC25	Indicative cycle link from Ystrad Mynach (Dyffryn Business Park signalised junction) to Llanbradach. (Missing part of the Rhymney Valley Linear Route).	New	Cycling



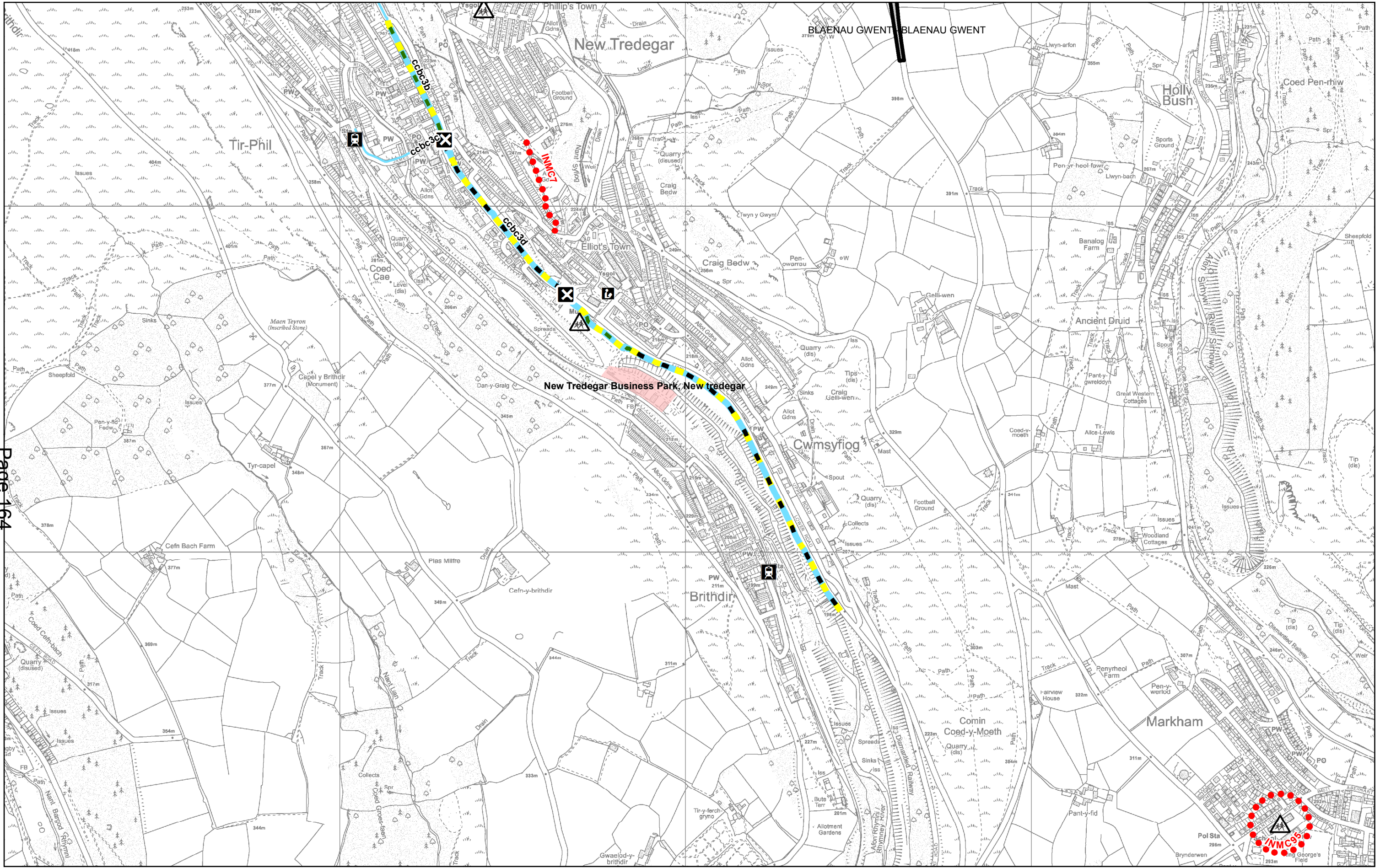
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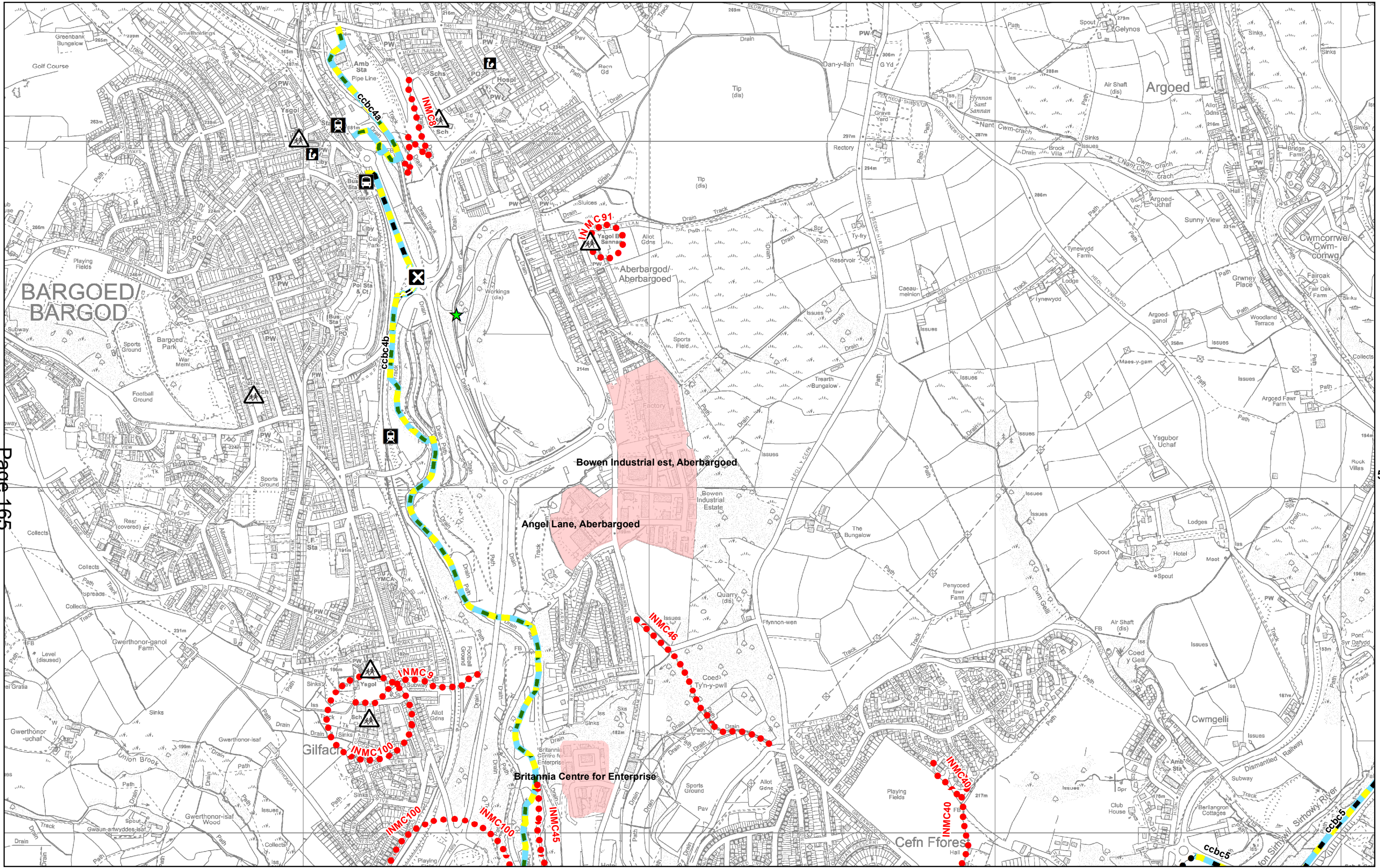
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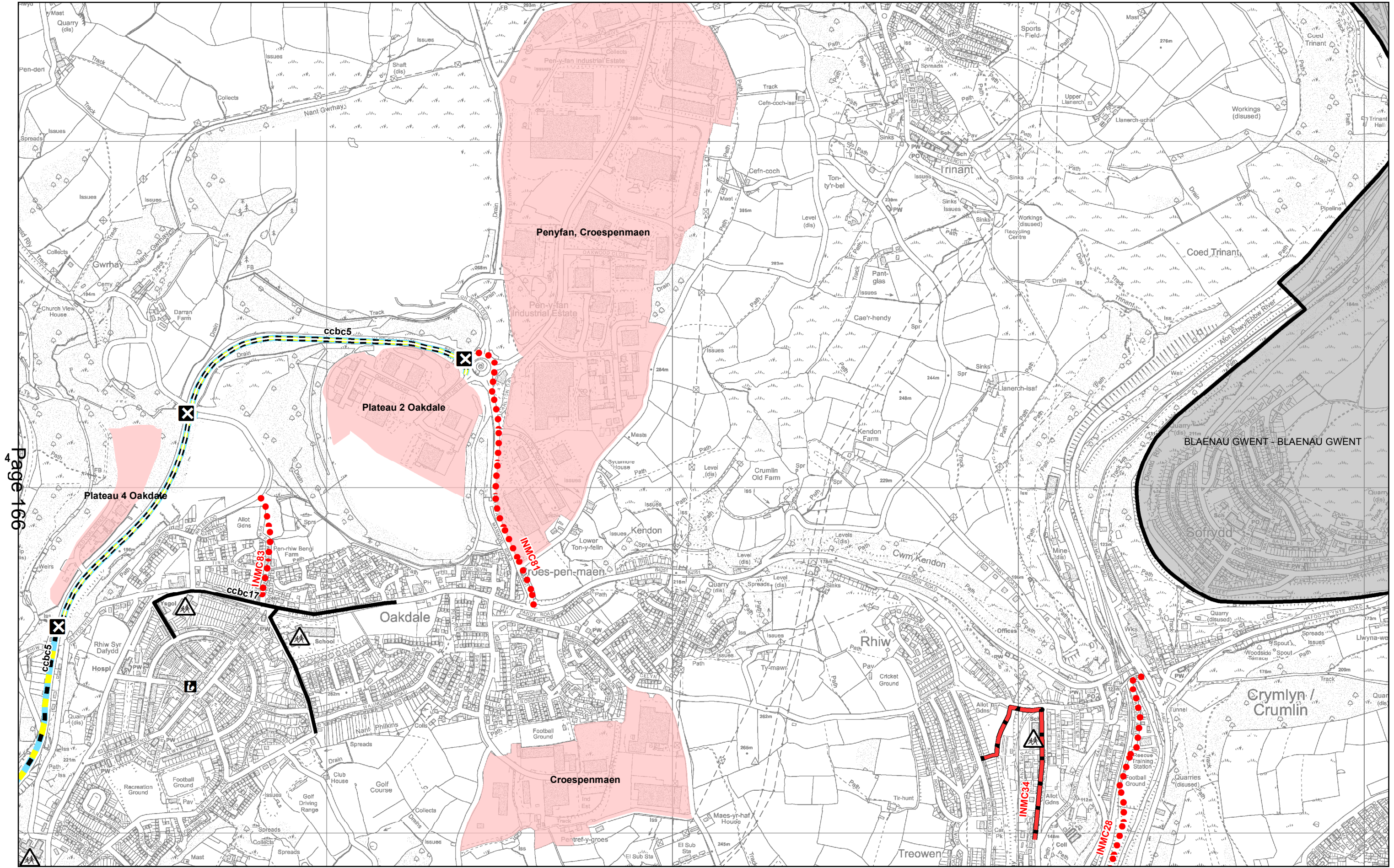
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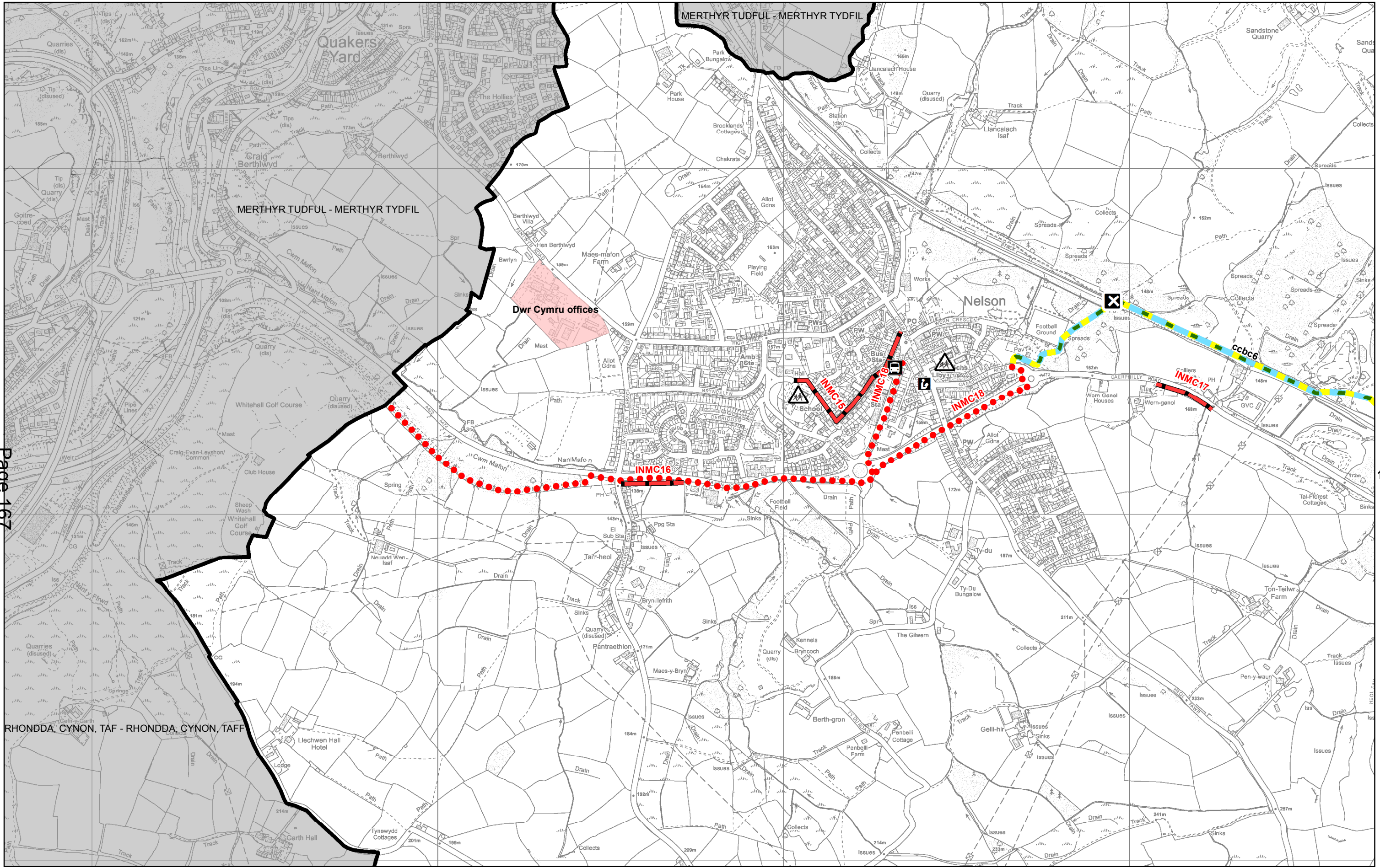
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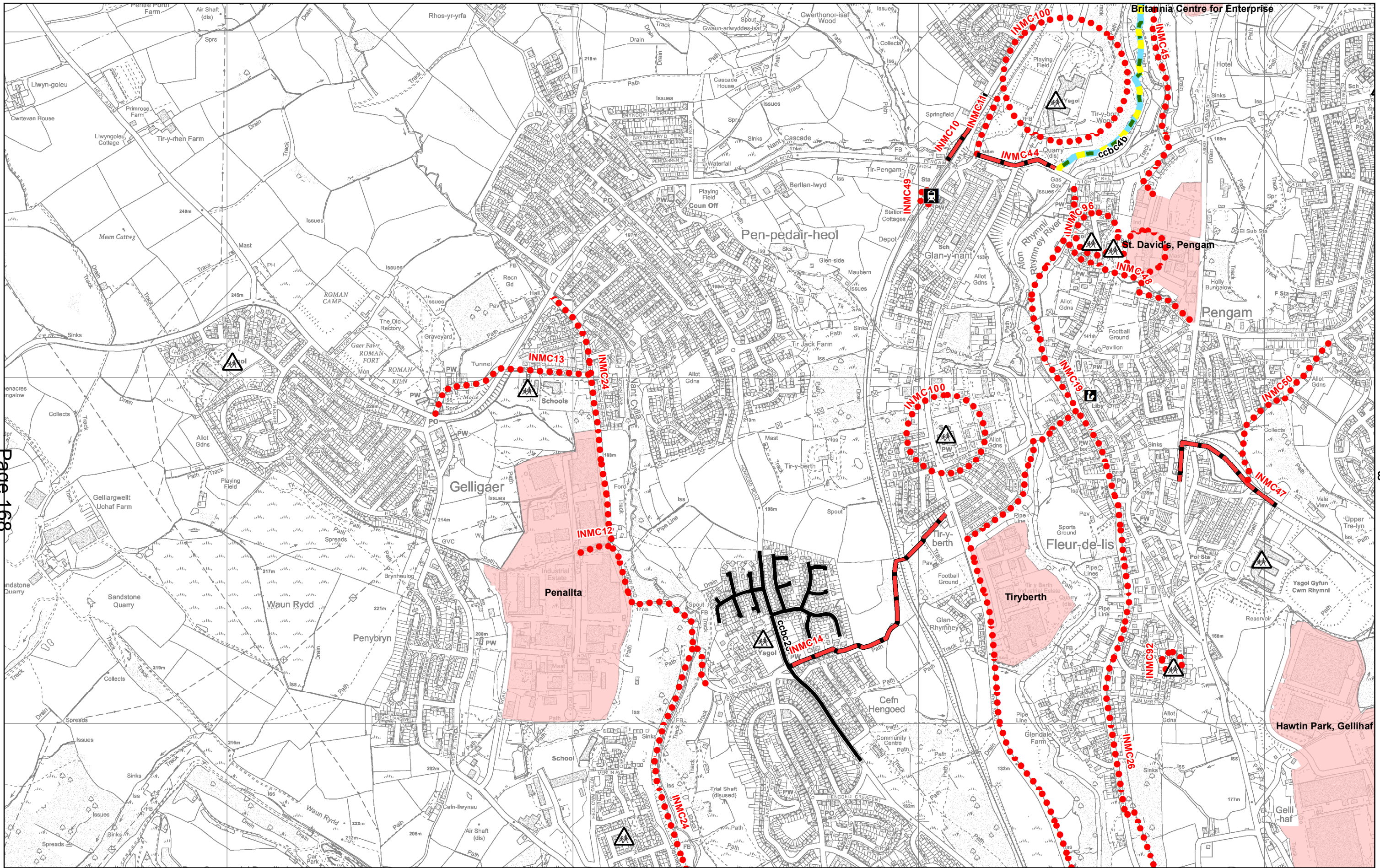
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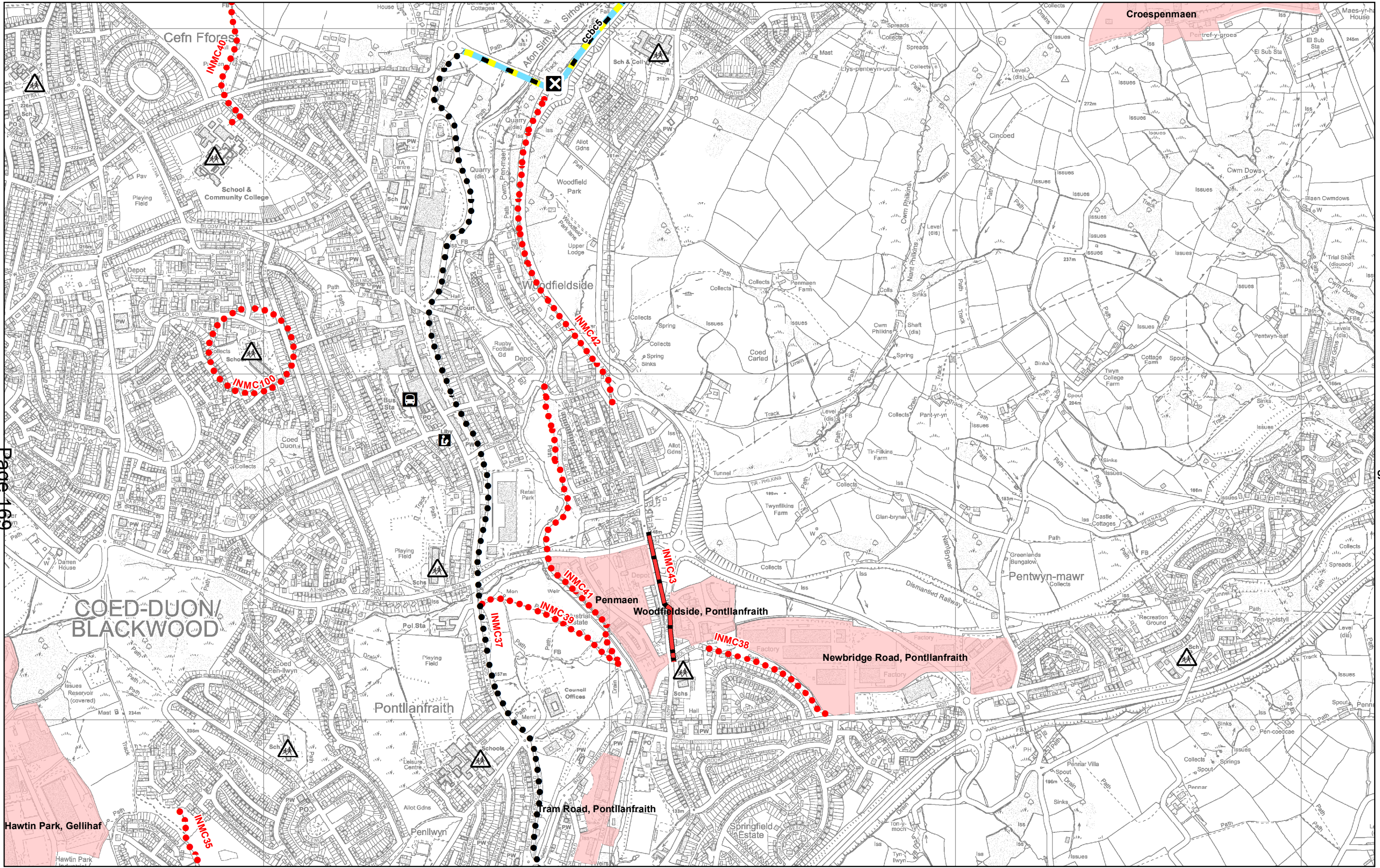
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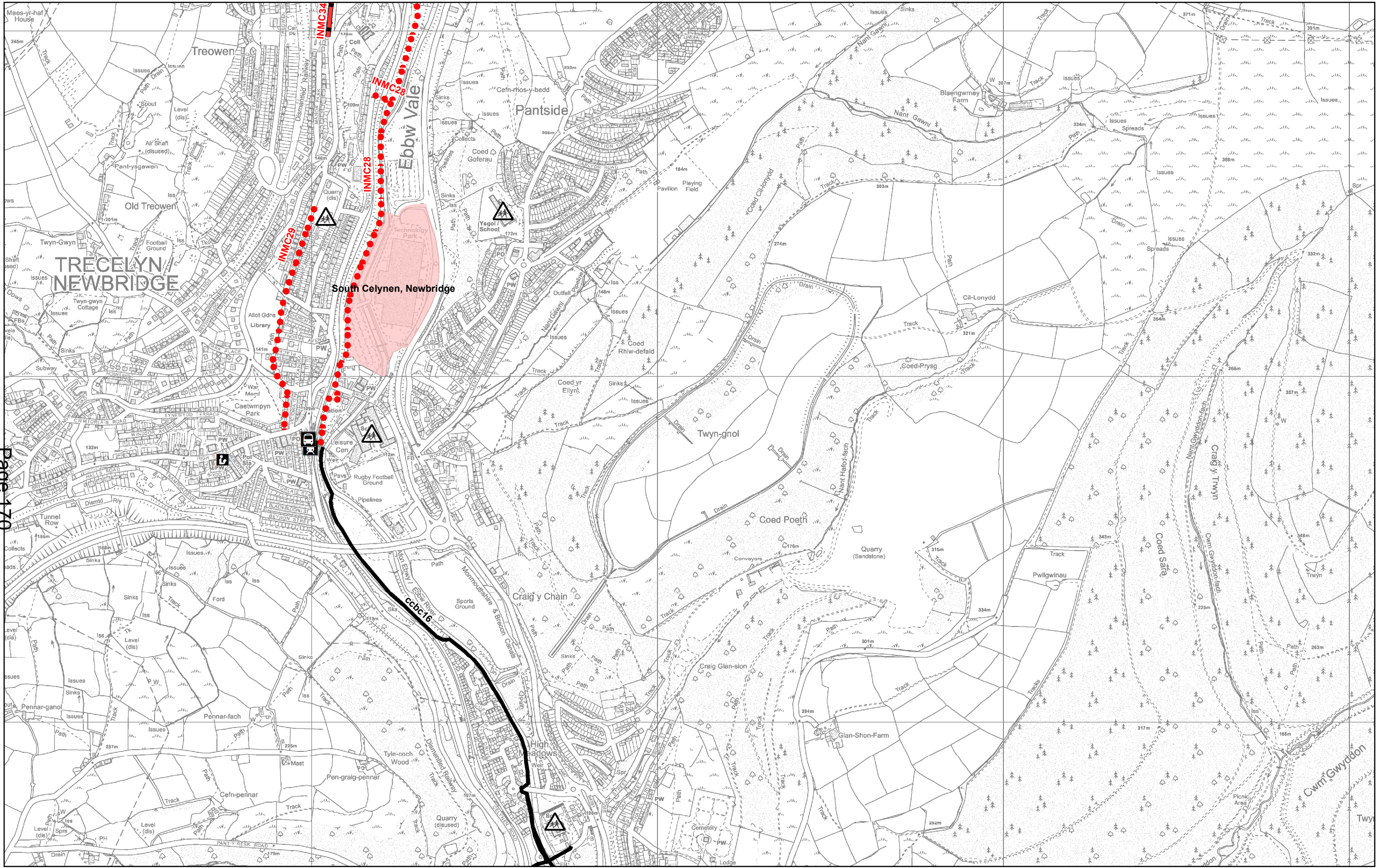
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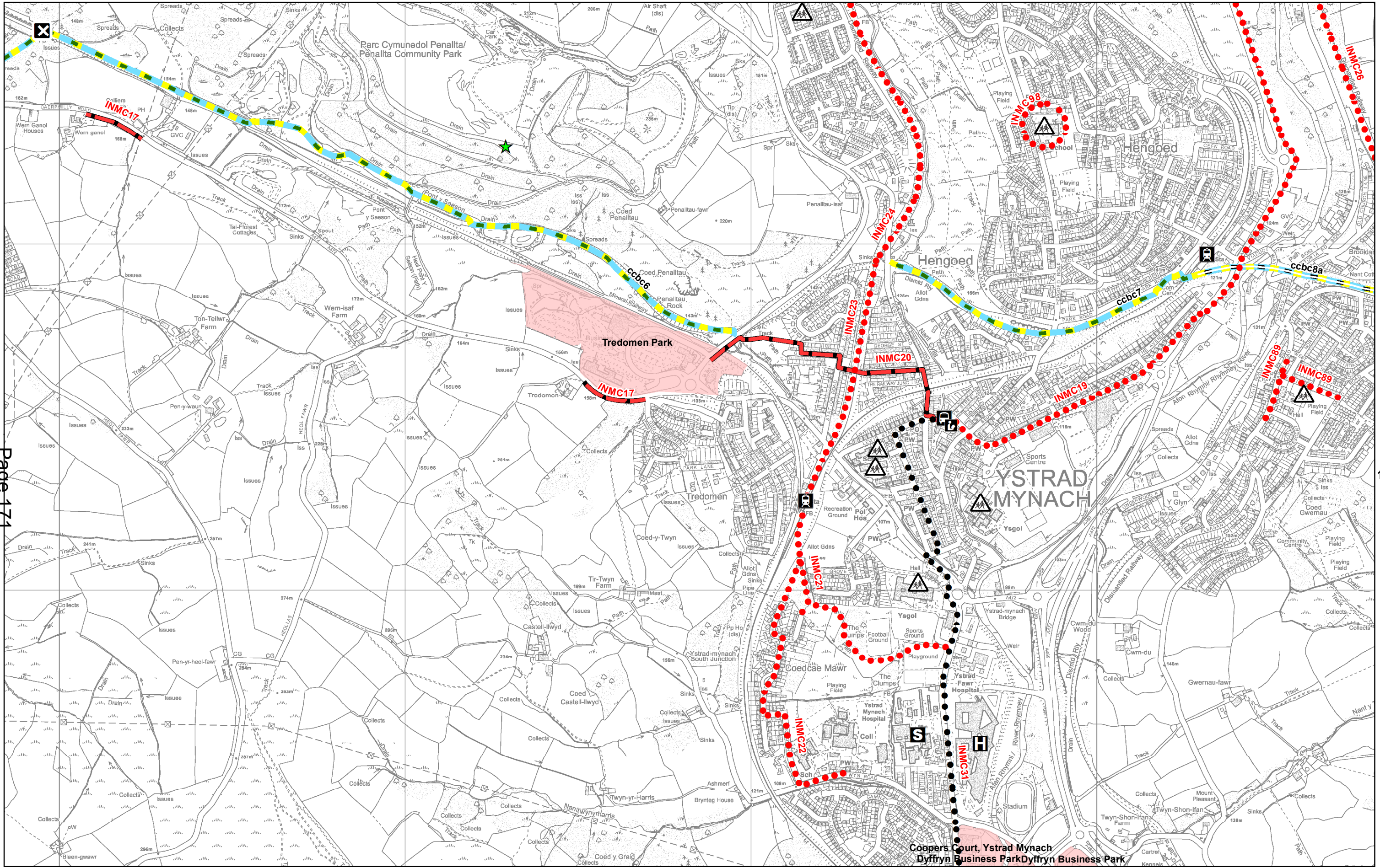
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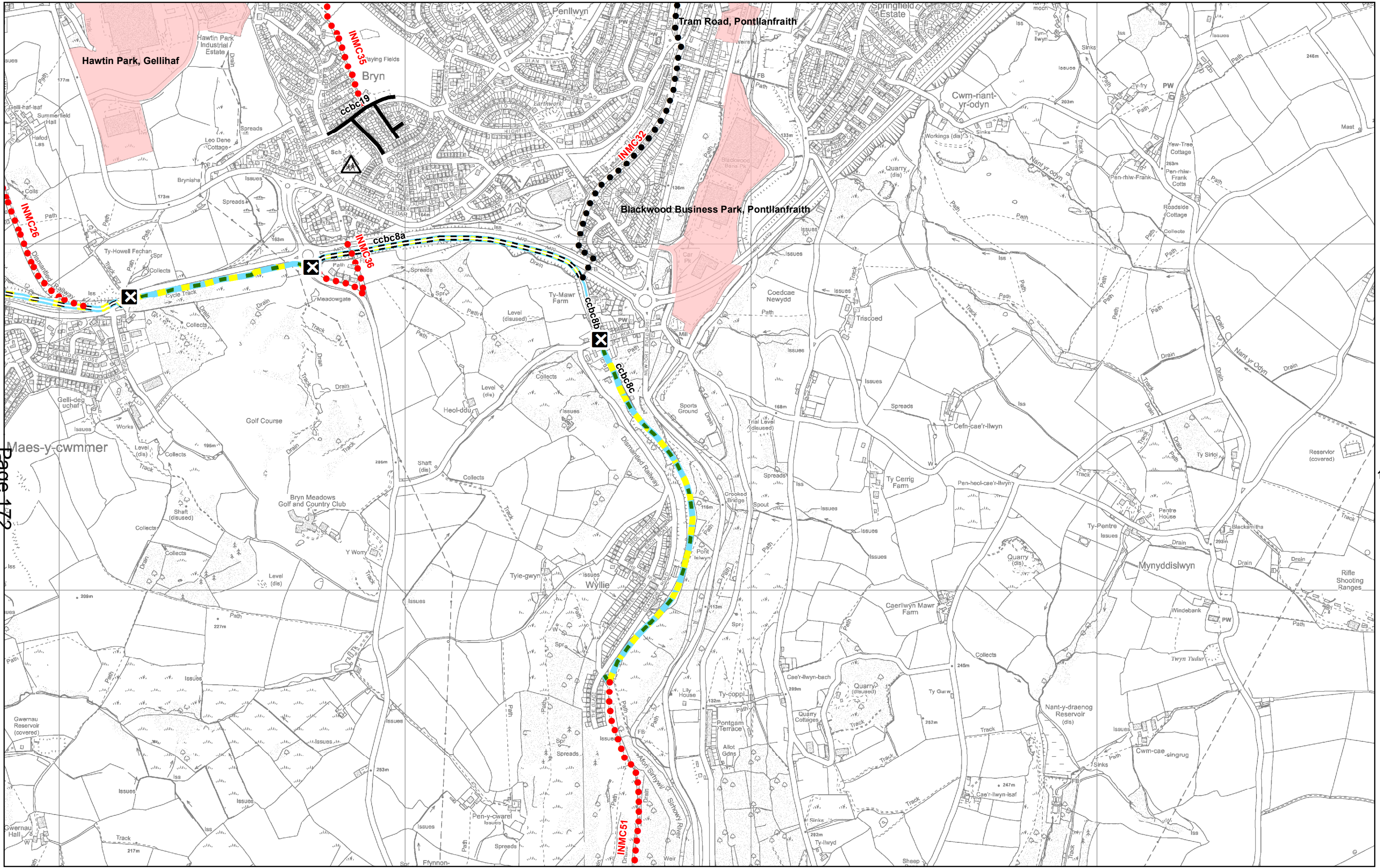
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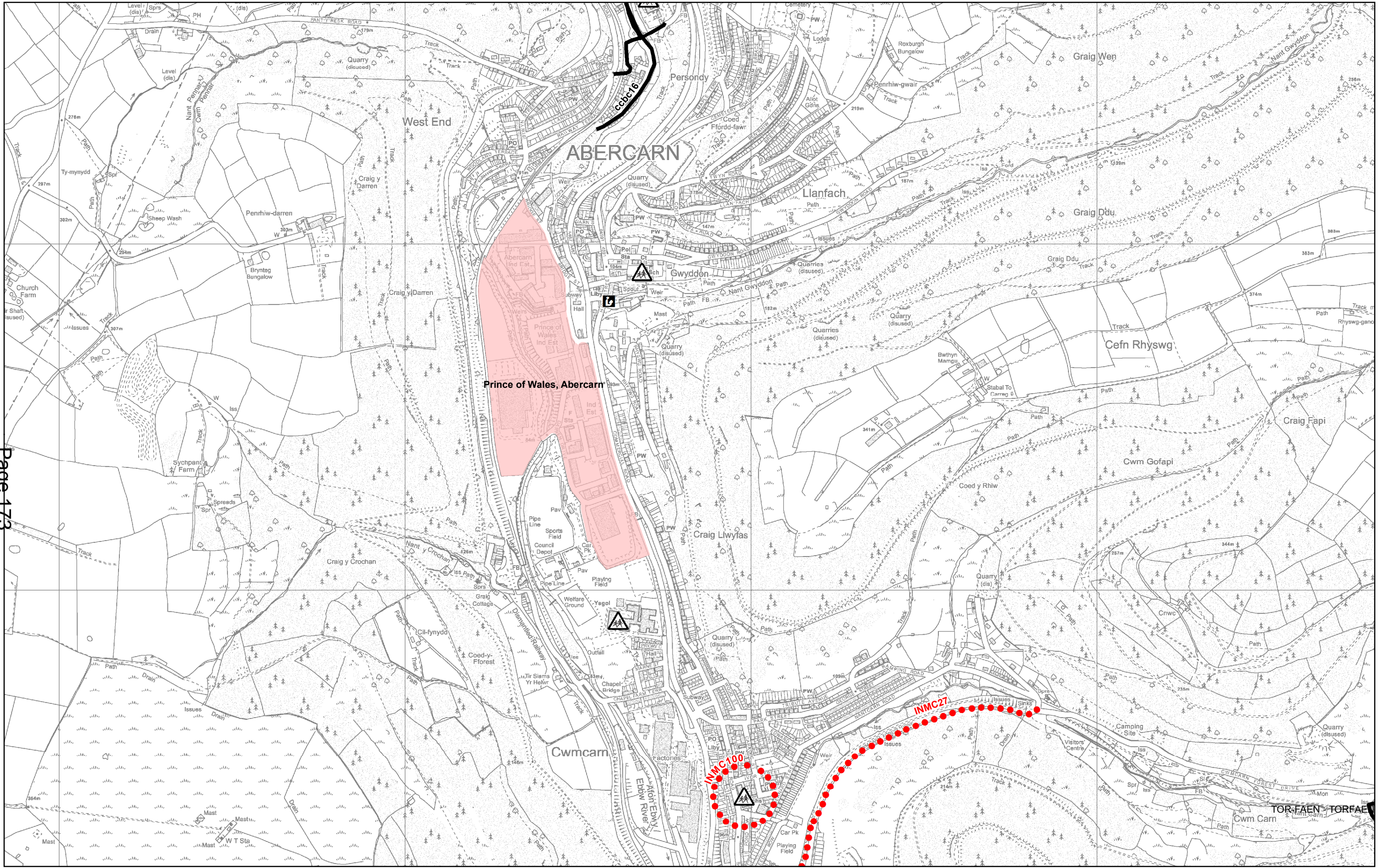
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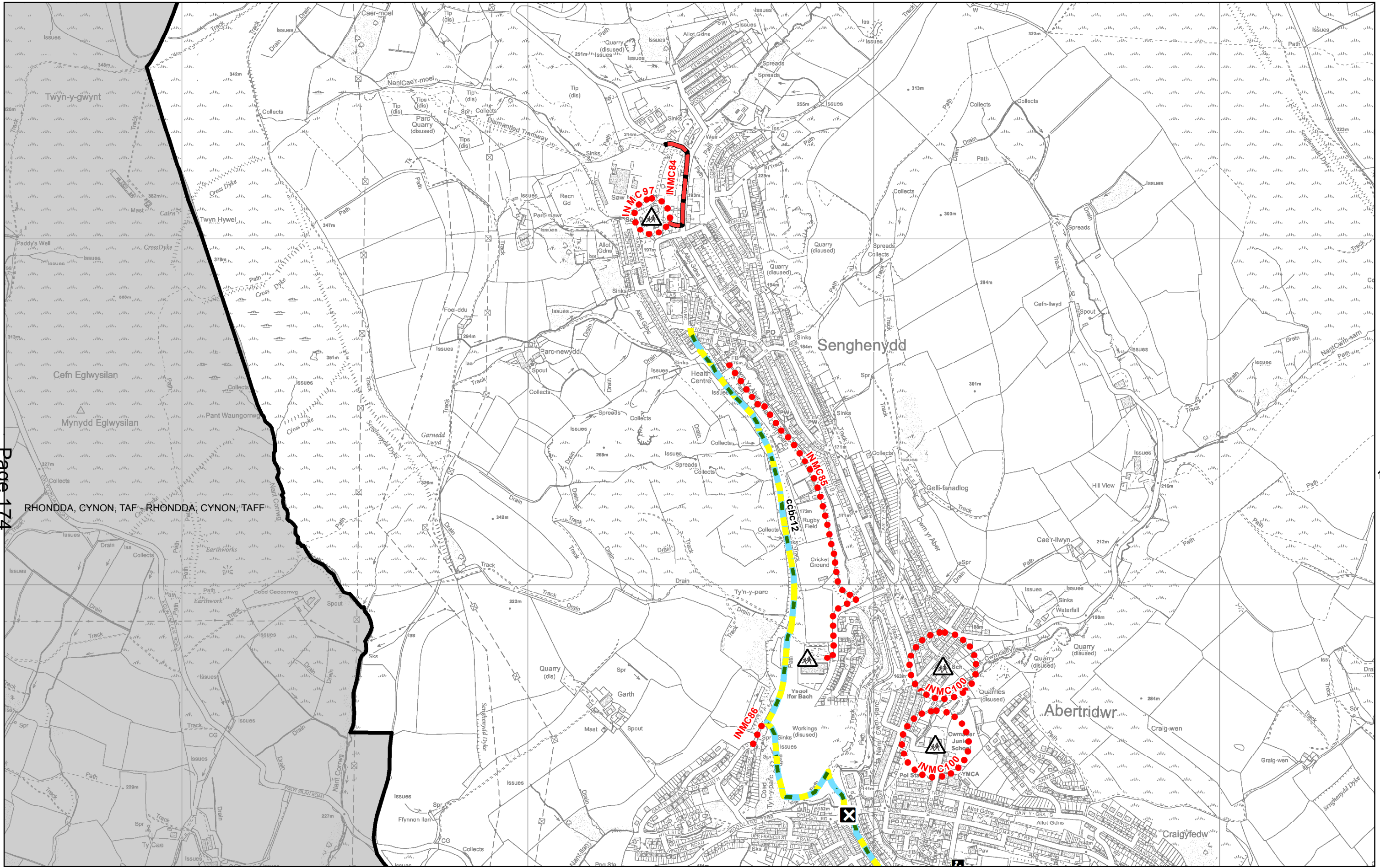
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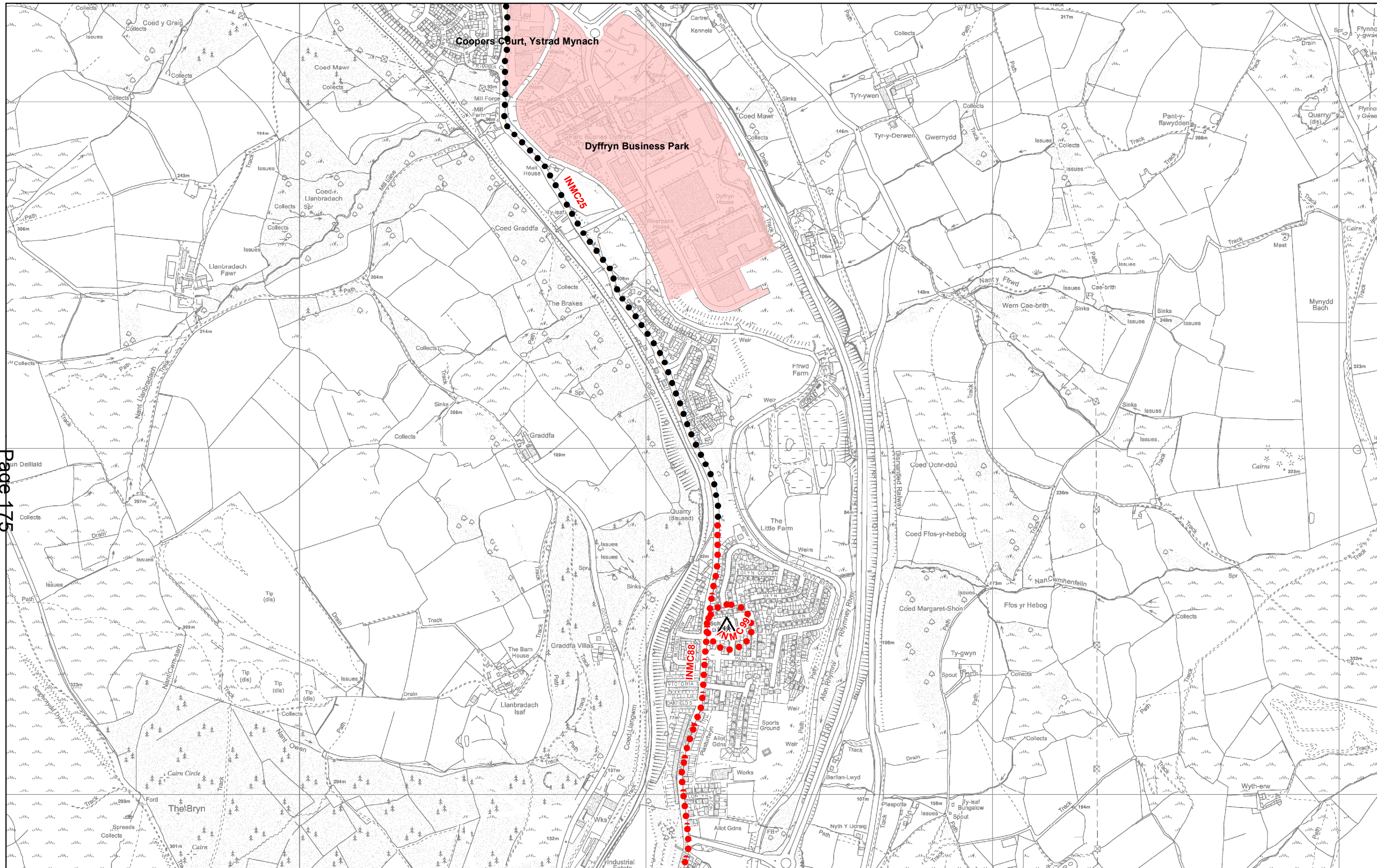
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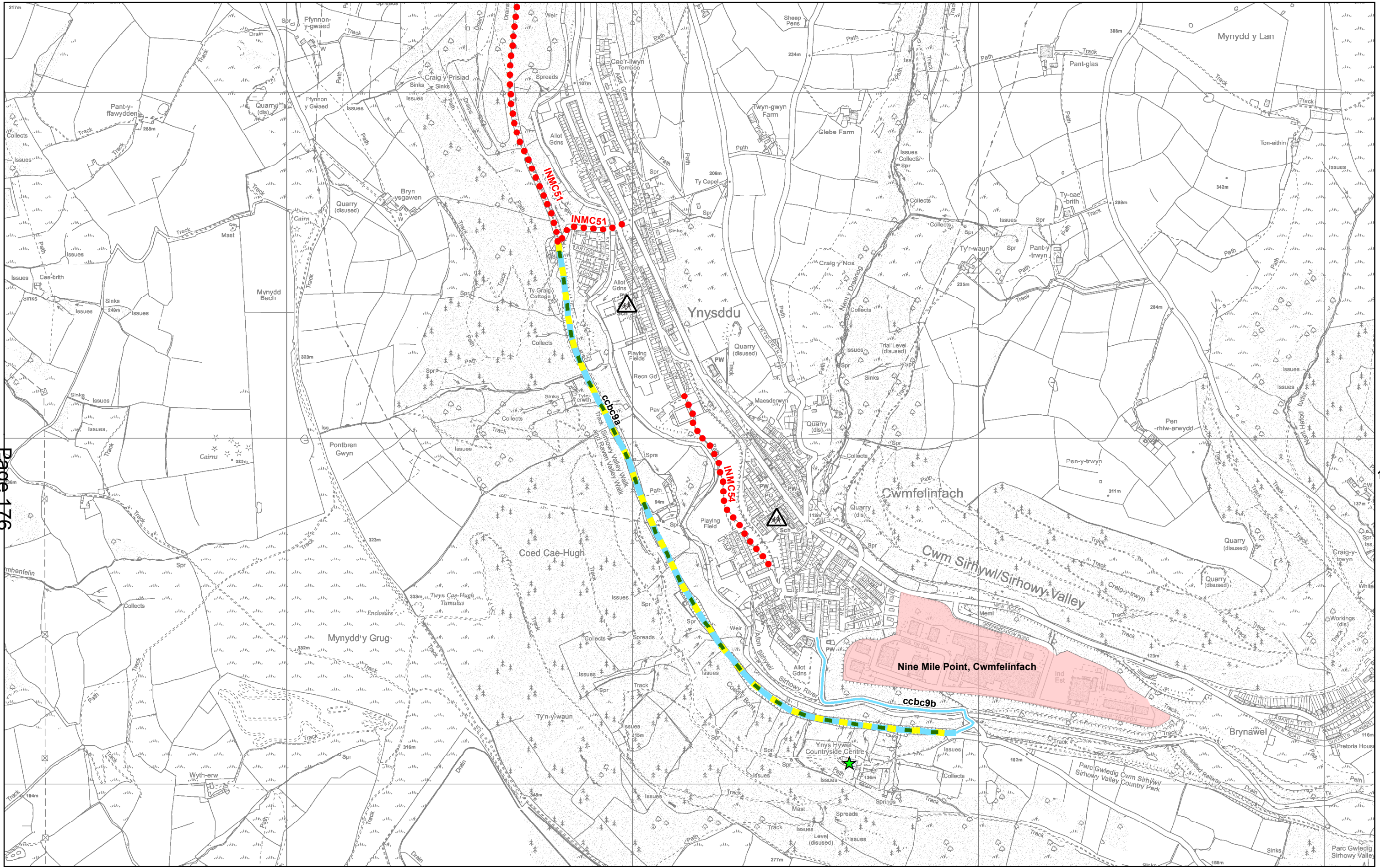
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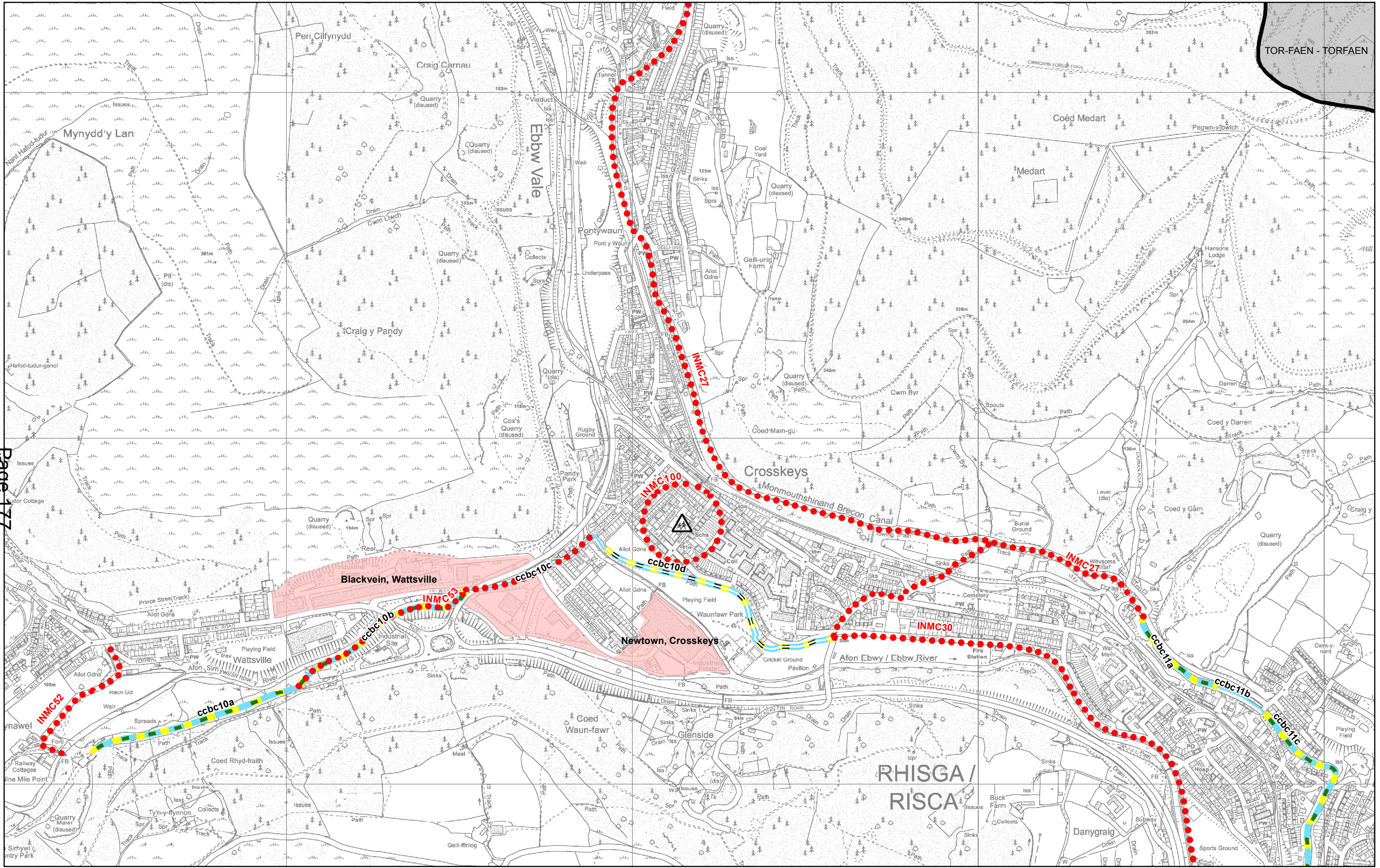


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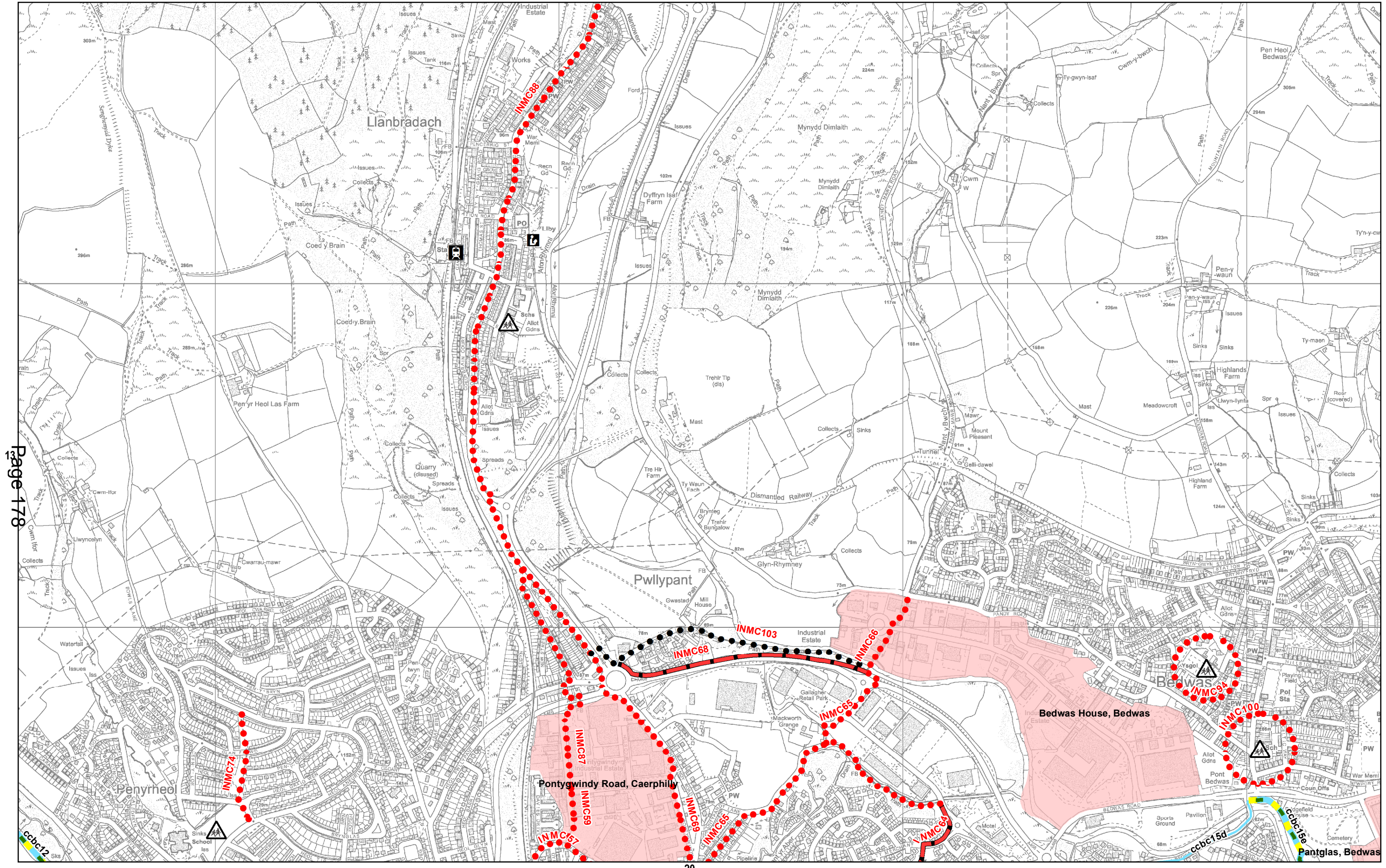
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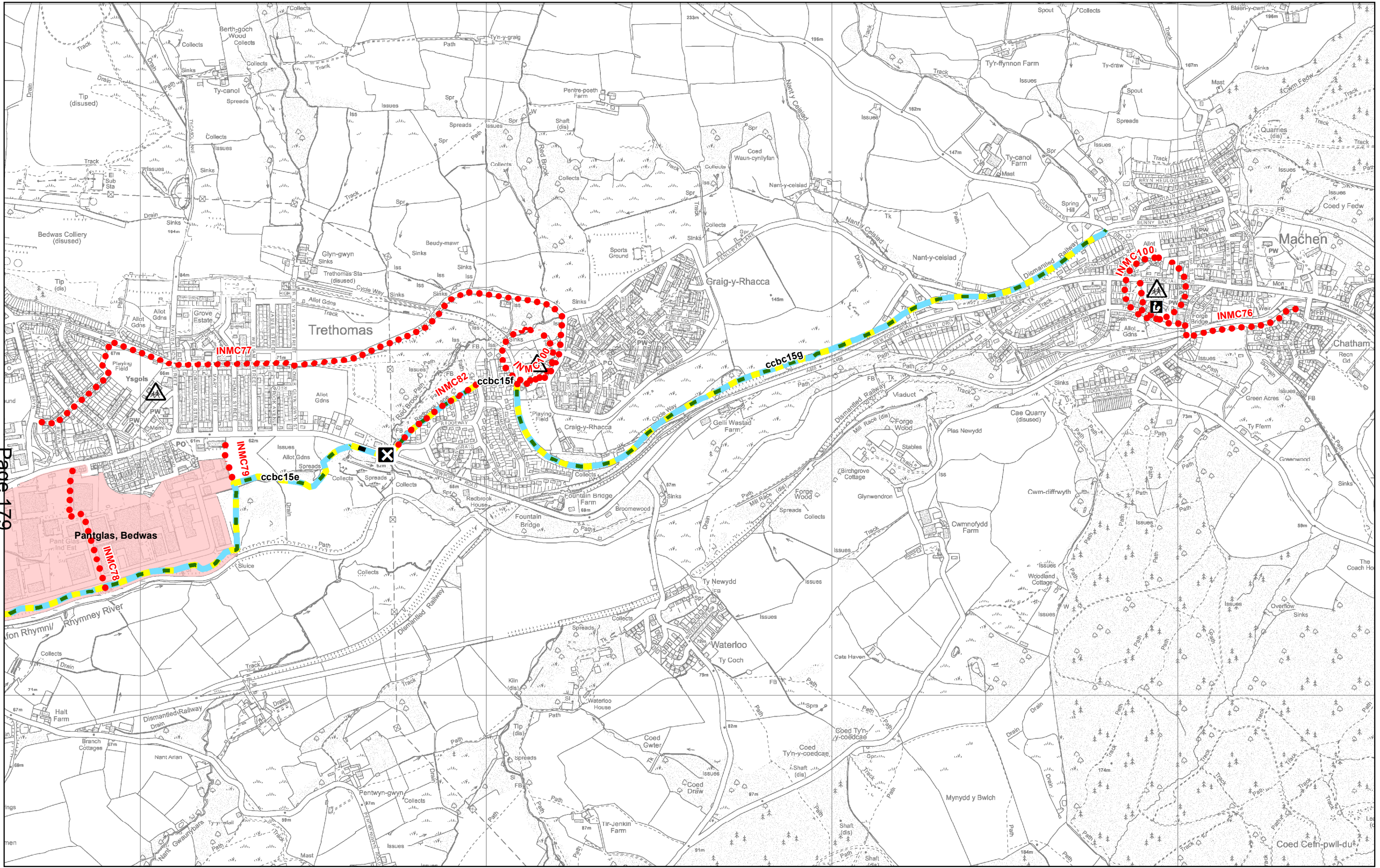
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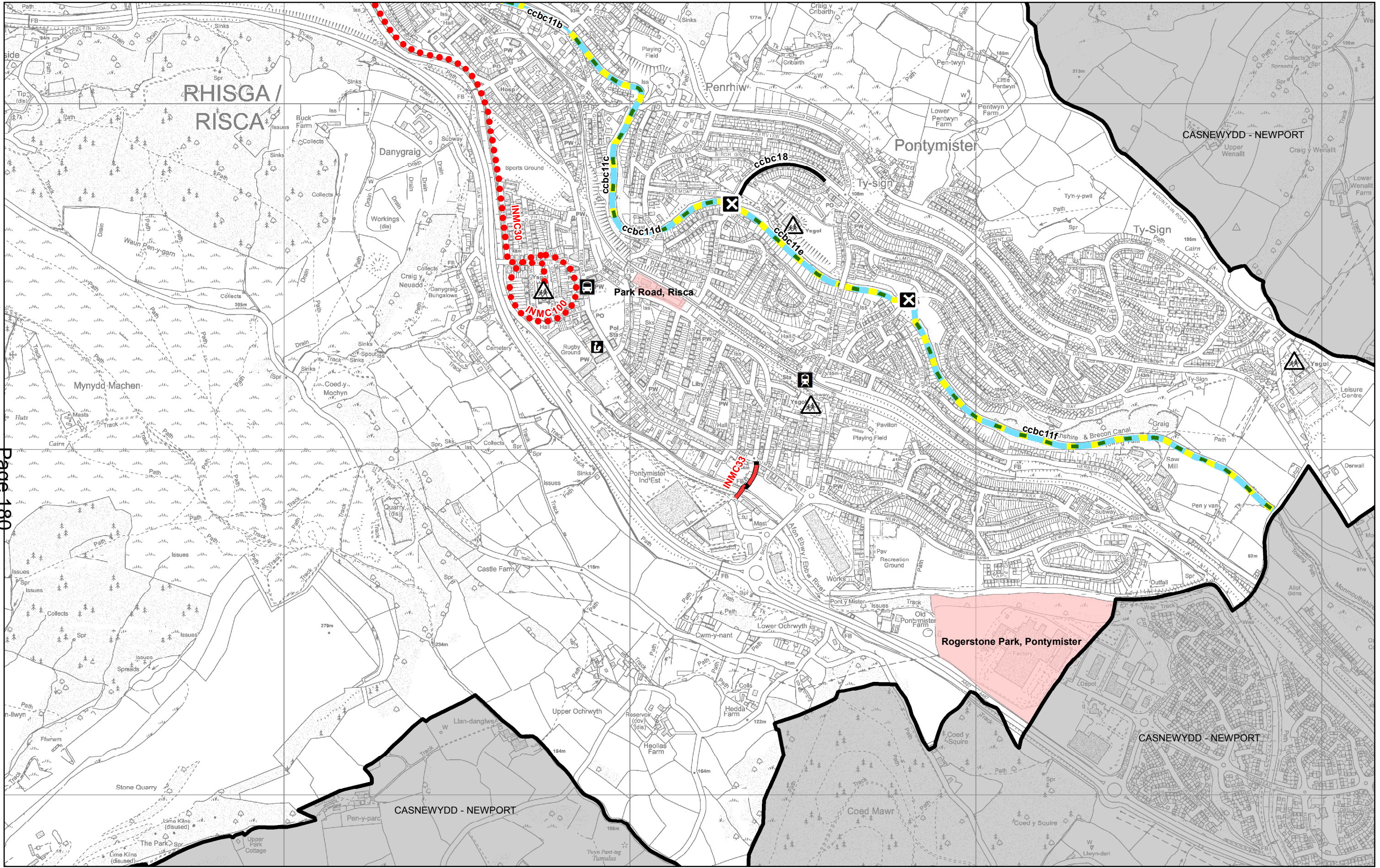
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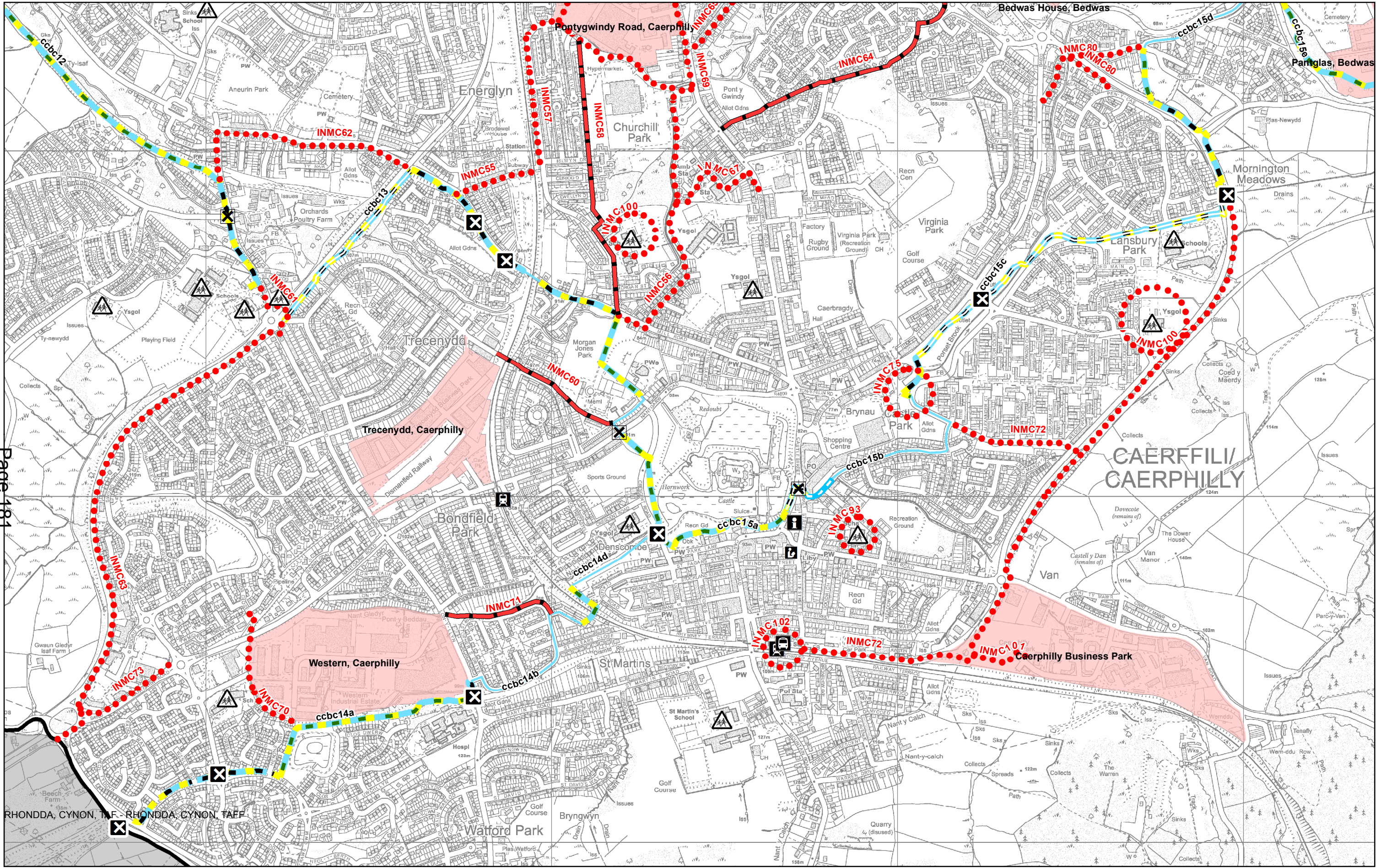
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Consultation Report – July 2017

1. Public Consultation Process

- 1.1 The draft Active Travel Integrated Network Map (INM) has undergone a 12-week period of public consultation, as required by the Welsh Government. The consultation included statutory consultees, key external stakeholders, Local Authority Members and relevant officers, Town and Community Councils and equalities groups. The full list of external consultees that were contacted directly is included in Annex 1.
- 1.2 A questionnaire was developed to assist people in responding to the consultation. A copy of the questionnaire is included as Annex 2. A dedicated active travel web page on the Caerphilly CBC website included details of the consultation, an online version of the draft INM and the consultation questionnaire. The active travel web page had 2544 hits in total during the consultation period.
- 1.3 The consultation was promoted via Caerphilly CBC's Newslines, social media and by email to a range of internal and external contacts. This included members of the public who had requested to be involved in the consultation and Caerphilly CBC Officers with a remit for wider dissemination to stakeholders e.g. to community partnerships and groups. All email contacts were sent a link to the active travel web page on the Caerphilly CBC website.
- 1.4 Hard copies of the draft INM and the consultation questionnaire were available at all libraries across the County Borough and in Caerphilly CBC's Members' library. Seven active travel consultation sessions were also held at libraries. These sessions were advertised on Caerphilly CBC's website, on social media, in the libraries themselves and via five town centre gazettes. In total 87 people visited the library sessions and discussed the active travel consultation with officers. Officers also attended the Caerphilly County Borough Access Group and Caerphilly CBC's Youth Forum to encourage participation in the INM consultation by equalities groups.

2. Responses to the Consultation

- 2.1 A total of 121 completed consultation questionnaires were received during the consultation period. In addition 8 further email consultation responses and 1 petition were received. All responses have been summarised and reviewed in this consultation report.
- 2.2 A summary of the responses to the questions asked in the consultation questionnaire is as follows.

Question 1 – Do you support the proposed routes included in the draft Integrated Network Map?

Number of responses to question - 121

Yes – 98%

No – 2%

Question 2 – Should any of the proposed routes shown be removed from the Integrated Network Map?

Number of responses to question – 118

Yes – 3%

No – 97%

Question 3 – Should any additional route proposals be included in the Integrated Network Map?

Number of responses to question – 106

Yes – 42%

No – 58%

2.3 To summarise the above:

- The vast majority of respondents supported the proposed routes included in the draft INM.
- The vast majority of respondents did not feel that any of the proposed routes should be removed from the draft INM.
- Almost half of those that responded to the question felt that additional route proposals should be included in the draft INM.

3. Summary of comments received and proposed changes to the Active Travel Integrated Network Map

3.1 All comments received during the consultation have been reviewed and consideration given to whether any changes to the Active Travel INM are required. The following sections detail the comments received and Caerphilly CBC's response to each of the comments.

3.2 A consultation session with Caerphilly CBC's Youth Forum was held in May 2017 to encourage participation in the consultation by young people. This session built upon a previous information gathering session with the Youth Forum in January 2017 that informed the development of the draft INM. Comments received during the consultation session with the Youth Forum are also summarised in the tables below.

3.3 Any proposed changes to the Active Travel INM as a result of the consultation, are highlighted in bold in the following tables.

3.4 Reasons given for not supporting the proposed routes included in the draft Integrated Network Map

3.4.1 The consultation questionnaire asked respondents to provide reasons if they did not support the proposed routes included in the draft INM. Only three respondents stated that they did not support the proposed routes and provided the following reasons.

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
As usual, there is a greater amount of time and money spent in the Rhymney Valley, i.e. from Rhymney all the way down to Caerphilly and then up to Senghenydd, down through Bedwas. The Sirhowy Valley always loses out to the Rhymney Valley.	It is considered that the INM contains a good spread of route proposals across the County Borough. Any specific proposals for active travel routes that come forward in the Sirhowy Valley will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM.
I cannot support the proposed route map as it stands as it is not fair to all in particular the people who will be living at the significant housing expansion at Waterloo, Machen and indeed the surrounding area.	The inclusion of an additional active travel proposal relating to the proposed housing development at Waterloo is considered in section 3.6.6 below.
It appears that two proposed active travel routes utilise level crossings namely INMC27 proposes a walking and cycling route over the Kings Head Level crossing at Medart Street, Crosskeys and a shared use footpath/ cycleway to the east of Nelson using the Gelligaer Level Crossing. Network Rail has a national programme of level crossing closures due to the safety risk such crossings pose to pedestrians, cyclists and rail users. The proposed active travel routes mentioned above would increase the usage of a level crossing by pedestrians and cyclists and therefore Network Rail raises an objection to the inclusion of these routes. Any crossing over the railway line must be either an overbridge or subway and not a level crossing.	Comments in relation to level crossings noted. It should be noted that the two level crossings referred to in the INM are existing level crossings and are already available for use by pedestrians and cyclists. Further consideration is given to the two level crossings in section 3.5.1 below. It should also be noted that a new Operator and Development Partner (ODP) will be appointed in 2018 to operate rail services across Wales and to develop plans for, implement and operate Metro services on the Core Valley Lines. The ODP may adopt a different approach to level crossings and discussions will be undertaken with the ODP at the appropriate time in the future development of the INM.

3.5 Comments received in relation to whether any of the proposed routes should be removed from the INM

3.5.1 The consultation questionnaire asked respondents to provide details of any proposed routes they felt should be removed from the INM. Only four respondents to the survey felt that proposed routes should be removed and provided the following details.

Comments received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
I think priority should be given to areas where children's safety is at risk. Lots of projects in the draft propose 'upgrades' where facilities already exist. I think sites that require essential pedestrian facilities, which currently have none, should take priority. Caerphilly local area has already had lots of money spent on it and will have Pwllypant roundabout project completed.	Comments noted. The Welsh Government requires all schemes in the INM to be prioritised into short, medium and long-term schemes. The comments relate to INMC47 (new crossing facility at the signalised junction access to Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni), which has been prioritised as a short-term scheme. No change proposed to INM.
Most of the ones in the Rhymney Valley.	No specific reasons provided for the removal of the proposed routes in the Rhymney Valley. No change proposed to INM.
Crumlin – Newbridge.	No specific reasons provided for the removal of the proposed route from Crumlin to Newbridge. No change proposed to INM.
Route INM27 where the proposed walking and cycling route crosses over the Kings Head Level Crossing to the east of Medart Street, Crosskeys. Shared use footpath/ cycleway east of Nelson where the path uses Gelligaer Level Crossing.	The comment refers to two existing level crossings. Both level crossings are already in use and provide an access from proposed and existing active travel routes into the communities of Crosskeys and Nelson respectively. It is important that links into communities are retained to encourage use of the routes for active travel journeys. No specific improvements to the level crossings have been identified at this stage, but discussions will be undertaken with Network Rail (or equivalent following award of the new franchise) should a potential improvement to a level crossing be identified. No change proposed to INM.

3.5.2 Comments made by the Youth Forum in relation to whether any of the proposed routes should be removed from the INM are as follows.

Comments received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
INMC40 (enhancements to the traffic free link from Grove Park to Blackwood Comprehensive School) – no need for it as there are existing paths already.	Comment noted that this is an existing route. It is considered that the proposal should be retained in the INM as some small-scale improvements could enhance the route for shared use. No change proposed to INM.

Comments received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
INMC91 (Ysgol Bro Sannon Primary School – potential future Safe Routes in Communities scheme) – take off as a good road.	Comment noted. It is considered that the proposal should be retained in the INM as the scope of the scheme will depend on the outcome of Ysgol Bro Sannon’s School Travel Plan. No change proposed to INM.
INMC7 (Improved shared use link from White Rose Primary School to Phillipstown via School Street) – can’t work out why route is included – no point to it so should be removed.	Comment noted. It is considered that the proposal should be retained in the INM as some small-scale improvements could enhance the route for shared use. No change proposed to INM.

3.6 Comments received in relation to whether any additional route proposals should be included in the INM

- 3.6.1 The consultation questionnaire asked respondents to provide details of any additional route proposals that they felt should be included in the INM. Over 40 respondents to this question felt that additional proposals should be included. Such suggestions were also provided in response to later questions within the consultation questionnaire and via those that responded to the consultation by email.
- 3.6.2 All comments received relating to additional route proposals have been included in the tables below and have been split by area for ease of reference. Due to the length of responses received, some suggestions have been summarised and the main points highlighted in the tables below. All suggestions for additional route proposals have been reviewed on site prior to the response being developed.

3.6.3 General comment received

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
<p>Two respondents provided comments about east-west active travel routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More cross-valley links. Transport/ accessibility plans over recent years always seem to focus on the linear valley routes (easy fixes and quick wins). We need to have cross-valley considerations for truly integrated communities and social access (variety/ options etc.) • There is a notable lack of east west routes. Is there a case for looking at increasing east-west links? 	<p>Comments noted. The INM currently includes a number of east-west community connections e.g. INMC18 linking Nelson and Abercynon, INMC46 linking Britannia and Cefn Fforest, INMC14 linking Tir-y-Berth and Cefn Hengoed. The topography and steep gradients of valley communities are often a limiting factor in the provision of cross-valley east-west active travel routes. Any specific proposals that come forward for cross-valley and east-west links will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.</p>

3.6.4 Comments received about the Heads of the Valleys area

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
<p>Hangar Youth and Community Centre, Bedwellty Road, Aberbargoed.</p>	<p>The INM includes a proposal for a future Safe Routes in Communities scheme at Bro Sannon Primary (INMC91). The scope of the scheme has yet to be developed and will consider routes to and from the Hangar in Aberbargoed. Ysgol Bro Sannon's walking bus currently uses a route from the Hangar. It is proposed that the wording of INMC91 be changed to include reference to the Hangar Youth and Community Centre.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Include reference to the Hangar Youth and Community Centre, Aberbargoed in description of INMC91.</p>

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
Deri to Bargoed should be included.	The Act only applies to specific ‘designated’ areas in Wales, which have been determined by the Welsh Government and are based on the population size of settlements. The Deri community is not included within the Act and as such the INM does not include routes to and from Deri. No change proposed to INM.
Gypsy Castle to Dowlais to complete route to Asda from Rhymney.	<p>It is considered that the completion of the route from Rhymney Bridge to Dowlais via Gypsy Castle would provide an active travel connection to employment (e.g. Pant Industrial Estate) and retail from the Rhymney community. The Welsh Government is currently progressing design of the route as part of the A465 Heads of the Valleys dualling works. It is considered that an additional active travel proposal to complete this route should be included in the INM.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Include an additional active travel route proposal to complete the National Cycle Network Route 46 from Rhymney Bridge to Dowlais.</p>
A trail for hill walkers/ ramblers connecting Rhymney Bridge with existing walking trails in Brecon Beacons National Park e.g. Beacons Way.	Proposal would not be an active travel route but would be aimed at tourism and leisure use. Suggestion passed to CCBC Tourism. No change proposed to INM.
In Fochriw (running north of Coronation Crescent) – rough path, not good for cycling or walking. Comment provided by youth forum.	The Act only applies to specific ‘designated’ areas in Wales, which have been determined by the Welsh Government and are based on the population size of settlements. The Fochriw community is not included within the Act and as such the INM does not include routes to and from Fochriw. No change proposed to INM.
Brithdir to Aberbargoed ‘line’ should be included and there is no lighting on it at all. Comment provided by youth forum.	Comment noted. Due to the location and remote nature of the route, it is not considered at this stage that the route would be used for active travel journeys e.g. to work, to school or to the shops. Further evidence would be required to confirm that the journey purpose would comply with the active travel definition. The route may be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
INMC8 (new shared use link from Aberbargoed to Bargoed train station) should have lighting. Comment provided by youth forum.	Comment noted. The provision of lighting to be considered in the development and design of the scheme.
There is a break between ccbc4a and ccbc4b. Is this intentional? Is there a proposal to join them up?	Comment noted. Active travel routes link to a specific destination, which in the case of both ccbc4a and ccbc4b is Bargoed town centre. It will not always be the case that active travel routes link directly to each other. There is no proposal at this stage to provide an active travel link between ccbc4a and ccbc4b due to the constraints of the existing highway network at this location. Any specific proposals that come forward for alternative alignments for the route will be considered in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.

3.6.5 Comments received about the Mid Valleys area

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
<p>Five comments made reference to an east-west route linking Newbridge with communities to the west e.g. Pentwynmawr, Gelligroes, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood. Three of these made specific reference to the opening of Pennar Tunnel in Pentwynmawr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No east-west links between Blackwood and Newbridge. Given Newbridge is currently the closest and most easily accessed rail station shouldn't we prioritise these? • Ideally linking Newbridge to Gelligroes and Cwmcarn via a cycling route. Currently Newbridge is a bit cut off in that respect. This may also provide safer routes to schools in Pentwynmawr and Abercarn. This may be difficult but investigating the old railway line from Pontllanfraith to Newbridge may be a possibility. • Pennar Tunnel cycle/ walk way from Pentwynmawr to Newbridge following old rail line. Consultation on this was on 4th March 2011. • Newbridge - Pontllanfraith Primary School via Hall's Tramroad and Pennar Tunnel, with link to Pentwynmawr Primary School. • No cross valley links between Newbridge/ Pontllanfraith. An opportunity to press for opening of Pennar Tunnel? 	<p>Comments noted. Proposals for links between Newbridge and communities to the west have not been identified at this stage, as a suitable alignment for an east-west active travel route linking these areas is difficult to identify. At this stage it is not considered that a route through Pennar Tunnel would generate significant active travel journeys. Any specific proposals that come forward for links from Newbridge to communities to the west will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM. In relation to the comment regarding a route from Newbridge to Cwmcarn, the INM currently includes a route that links Newbridge and Abercarn i.e. ccbc16. An additional proposal for a link between Abercarn and Cwmcarn is considered below.</p>

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
<p>Five comments were received relating to a route providing links between Abercarn and Cwmcarn i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INMC27 Pontywaun - ccbc16 West End Abercarn, linking Cwmcarn Primary, Cwmcarn High and Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Gwyddon. • Maybe a route from Abercarn to Cwmcarn Forest Drive. • Cwmcarn to Abercarn. • There are no links between Abercarn and Cwmcarn. • There are no links serving the Prince of Wales (employment). 	<p>Comments noted. It is considered that a route between Abercarn and Cwmcarn has the potential to be used for active travel journeys e.g. to the Prince of Wales Industrial Estate. Due to the constrained nature of the local highway network, it is considered that the most appropriate and direct alignment for an active travel route would be alongside the A467 linking the two communities. There was on-site evidence of the existing footway along the A467 being used for walking and cycling journeys. It is proposed that a route between Abercarn and Cwmcarn be added to the INM. The development and design of the proposal would need to consider how best to link the route to the wider active travel network and into the two communities.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Include an additional active travel route proposal linking Abercarn and Cwmcarn along the A467.</p>
<p>Four respondents made reference to the Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni School Travel Plan e.g. Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni is developing a school travel plan, so please could this be included in the map too.</p>	<p>The INM already includes a proposal linked to those schools that are developing School Travel Plans (INMC100). It is proposed that Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni be included within this scheme proposal, as the school has now begun the process of developing a School Travel Plan.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Include Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni within INMC100 as a potential future Safe Routes in Communities scheme, as the school is now developing a School Travel Plan.</p>
<p>Why not put more cycle routes down through the Sirhowy Valley. It's much prettier and cleaner than the Rhymney valley.</p>	<p>It is considered that the INM contains a good spread of route proposals across the County Borough. Any specific proposals that come forward in the Sirhowy Valley will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>Sort out Maescymmer. There are two free flowing bypasses that are compromised by a bottleneck. Major traffic hold up every working day both in and out of the area.</p>	<p>Comment relates to the highway network in Maescymmer not to active travel proposals.</p>

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
<p>An improved link between Ystrad Mynach Station and cycle route ccbc6 through Penallta Park. Currently the route which I cycle regularly either involves cycling on a busy main road, or on a pavement, neither of which are ideal.</p>	<p>The INM already includes proposals to improve links between Ystrad Mynach rail station and ccbc6 through Penallta Park e.g. INMC20 and INMC23. INMC20 is currently shown as a walking route improvement and it is considered that there is potential to also improve this route for cycling. There is also the potential to use Station Road, which is already traffic calmed, as an on-road cycle link from INMC20 to the vicinity of Ystrad Mynach train station. It is proposed that these changes to INMC20 be included in the INM.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Change INMC20 from a walking proposal to a walking and cycling proposal and extend route to include Station Road, Ystrad Mynach.</p>
<p>The Bwl Road in Nelson should have a footpath from the entrance to Lon-y-Celyn linking to Shingrig Road (B4255) which is on the main bus route.</p>	<p>The constraints of the existing highway network at this location, e.g. the narrowness of the road and frontage development, limit the scope for the provision of a footway along Bwl Road, Nelson. An alternative alignment for the provision of a walking link from Lon-y-Celyn to Shingrig Road would need to be considered prior to its inclusion in the INM. No change proposed to INM at this stage.</p>
<p>Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni, Fleur-de-Lis Primary School, Pengam Primary School, Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn - students from these schools need to cross the A4049 and there is poor provision for pedestrian safety.</p>	<p>An active travel proposal to provide a pedestrian crossing on the A4049 is already included in the INM i.e. INMC47. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>Connect the cycle route from The Walk direct to Penallta Park.</p>	<p>There is an existing access point from The Walk, Ystrad Mynach onto the cycle route that connects to Penallta Park i.e. ccbc7. It is considered that there is potential to improve this link, particularly for walking and it is proposed that this be included in the INM.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Include an additional proposal to improve the existing walking link from The Walk, Ystrad Mynach onto ccbc7. Also include an additional existing active travel route that connects ccbc6 and ccbc7 to provide a continuous link from The Walk directly to Tredomen</p>

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	Park and Penallta Park.
Connecting Pontllanfraith health centres to end of INMC39.	<p>There is an existing proposal in the INM to provide a new walking and cycling route from Woodfieldside/ Penmaen Industrial Estate to Blackwood town centre (INMC41). It is considered that there is potential to extend INMC41 and improve existing paths to provide direct access to the health centres in Pontllanfraith. This will also connect to INMC39.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Extend INMC41 to provide a direct walking and cycling link to the health centres in Pontllanfraith.</p>
A safe walking route to Crumlin High Level School from Woodview up narrow lane past Rhiwfarm Crescent, William Street and Parry Terrace - down the steep hill - Hillside to the school on Commercial Road.	<p>The highway network at this location is very narrow and constrained. It is not considered that there is scope to provide an active travel walking route along the highway at this location. Signage to indicate 'pedestrians in road' will be relocated to a more visible/ prominent position in 2017/18 as part of the Crumlin Safe Routes in Communities scheme. No change proposed to INM.</p>
Crossing to Pontymister Industrial Estate at west end to join to existing path. Improve bridge at east end for cycles. Improve links to public transport and train station cycle storage.	<p>The suggestion for a crossing at the western end of Pontymister Industrial Estate would require the provision of a new bridge across the River Ebbw. This would be a significant scheme to construct and the location of the bridge would involve land ownership issues. It is not considered that such a significant proposal for a new active travel link at this location should be included in the INM at this stage. There is an existing proposal in the INM to improve the walking link from Risca to the eastern end of Pontymister Industrial Estate (INMC33). It is not considered that improvements to the bridge at this location for cycling would have great benefit for active travel journeys due to the lack of onward cycling links into Risca. Any specific proposals that come forward for wider improvements to active travel routes into Risca will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. The INM does not currently include proposals for additional cycle storage provision at train stations, but this will</p>

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	be considered on a site by site basis in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
Improved route to Risca Primary School from Pontymister.	Comment noted. The INM currently includes a proposal relating to the development of Risca Primary School's School Travel Plan (INMC100). Potential improvements to routes used by pupils to school, e.g. from Pontymister, will be considered as part of the development of the School Travel Plan. No change proposed to INM.
Cwmcarn Scenic Drive Crosskeys - Risca between the bypass and River Ebbw.	The INM already includes a proposal to provide a link from Cwmcarn Forest Drive to Risca (INMC27). No change proposed to INM.
Difficult to cross road at McDonald's roundabout (Newbridge) if using train from Abercarn. Have to cross a very busy main road.	The INM currently includes an existing, off-road active travel route between Newbridge rail station and Abercarn (ccbc16) that avoids the need to cross the road at this location. Due to an alternative active travel route being available, there are no proposals identified at this stage to improve the crossing point at this location. No change proposed to INM.
Upgrade path from Pottery Road Cefn Hengoed to Penallta Industrial Estate to link in with East Road on Penallta Industrial Estate. This is a traditional route for people living in Cefn Hengoed to access factories on Penallta Industrial Estate which has been blocked off during periods of housing development.	A pedestrian route at this location has been provided as part of the Cwm Calon housing development. There is no scope to widen the route for shared-use by pedestrians and cyclists due to land issues and therefore no improvements to the existing route have been identified. No change proposed to INM.
Route from Crumlin High Level - football field to end of Kennard Terrace (joins with rail end of INMC34).	It has been assumed that the comment refers to an informal sports field to the rear of Crumlin High Level Primary. It is not considered that the route would be used for active travel journeys, as the route would only link to an informal area of land/ sports facility. No change proposed to INM.
Extension to the cycle path after Hollybush on the path from Blackwood – Hollybush.	The Act only applies to specific 'designated' areas in Wales, which have been determined by the Welsh Government and are based on the population size of settlements. The Hollybush community is not included within the Act and as such the INM does not include routes to and from Hollybush. No change proposed to INM.

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<p>It is unsafe getting from Risca Community School /leisure centre down to Risca. Have to travel across fields to get to canal. No lighting on canal. Need lighting along canal so that it can be used after school to get home and used for leisure. Comment provided by youth forum.</p>	<p>Comment noted. Proposals for active travel links to Risca Community School have not been identified at this stage. Proposals for improved routes to and from school are identified through the School Travel Plan process. The INM currently includes details of those schools that have recently completed or are in the process of developing their School Travel Plans. Risca Community School has previously developed a School Travel Plan, but this is over 10 years old. Risca Community School will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM, once the process of updating the School Travel Plan is progressed. Due to the canal setting, the wide range of uses it supports and ecology issues, it is not considered appropriate at this stage to provide lighting along the canal in this area. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>Currently a path through woodland from Panside to school and shops (parallel to Hilltop Crescent). Although a lot of people use it is not very safe – dark, not tarmacked etc. Comment provided by youth forum.</p>	<p>The suggested route has a steep gradient, is set back from houses/ surveillance and has limited natural light as it passes through a wooded area. Routes/ footways along the existing highway network are considered more appropriate for active travel journeys e.g. to school. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>A path is needed by Greenwood Road, Cefn Fforest (near school). Islands on road are dangerous, more crossings needed. Comment provided by youth forum.</p>	<p>Unsure of specific location being referred to as there are existing footways and no islands along Greenwood Road. Comment may refer to islands at Twynyffald Road/ Cefn Road junction. The INM already includes a proposal to improve the link from Grove Park to Blackwood Comprehensive School (INMC40). Road crossings at this location will be considered as part of the development and design of INMC40. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>Path linking Tir-y-Berth to Bryn Siriol, Penpedairheol (past Olivers Skips) – overgrown, should be better maintained and have better lighting. Comment provided by youth forum.</p>	<p>The suggested route is considered too remote and the gradient too steep over a significant distance for active travel journeys, in line with the Welsh Government standards. No change proposed to INM.</p>

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Goes off Penallta Road before cycle path and links to near Glyngaer Primary along disused railway – boggy, no lights, not entirely paved. Comment provided by youth forum.	Unsure of the specific location being referred to but it has been assumed that the comment refers to Hengoed Primary not Glyngaer Primary. The suggested route is considered too remote and the gradient too steep over a significant distance for active travel journeys, in line with the Welsh Government standards. No change proposed to INM.
INMC46 (improved link from Britannia to Cefn Fforest Primary) needs lighting. Comment provided by youth forum.	Comment noted. The provision of lighting to be considered in the development and design of the scheme.
Shared use of National Cycle Network Route 47 ends east of Nelson and doesn't continue north west to CCBC boundary with Merthyr Tydfil CBC.	<p>Comment noted. It is considered that the existing shared-use route from Nelson to the county boundary with Merthyr CBC does have the potential to be used for active travel journeys. For example, a comment has been received through the consultation from a respondent who uses the route from Trelewis to travel to Ty Penallta in Tredomen. The continuation of the route into the Merthyr county borough is included within Merthyr CBC's ERM. It is proposed that an additional route from ccbc6 to the Merthyr county boundary is included within Caerphilly CBC's INM as an existing active travel route.</p> <p>Proposed changed to INM – Include an additional existing active travel route from ccbc6 in Nelson to the Merthyr county boundary.</p>
Route through Bedwlwyn Road, Ystrad Mynach. Very dangerous for walkers and the main walking route between Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach. Nursery Rhymes Day Nursery are located along this route and have to cross multiple children over a busy road.	Bedwlwyn Road, Ystrad Mynach has footways along each side and a steep gradient. No specific improvements for active travel have been identified at this stage. Any specific proposals that come forward for improvements to the route will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
What about Penpedairheol access link to Glan-y-nant/ Pengam?	Unsure of the specific location of the suggested route. Proposals for links between Penpedairheol and Glan-y-nant/ Pengam have not been identified at this stage. Any specific proposals that come forward will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
What about Penybryn to Tredomen/ Ystrad offices/ village/ train station?	Comments noted. Proposals for links between Penybryn and Ystrad Mynach have not been identified at this stage. There are existing footpath links between Penybryn and Penallta Industrial Estate, but the steep gradients and

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	the route through the Industrial Estate are not considered appropriate to be designated as active travel routes in line with the Welsh Government standards. Any specific proposals that come forward will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
Blackwood to all local train stations.	The INM already includes proposals to provide a cycle link from Blackwood to National Cycle Network Route 47, which will improve access to Hengoed train station (INMC32 and IMNC37). No change proposed to INM.
What about joining Ebbw Vale/ Crosskeys to Wattsville?	Unsure of the specific location of the suggested route. The INM already includes active travel proposals between Crosskeys and Wattsville i.e. ccbc10, INMC53 and INMC52. No change proposed to INM.
There is no link between Oakdale/ Penyfan (employment) and Crumlin (potential rail station).	Comment noted. The INM does not include active travel links to the potential rail station at Crumlin at this stage, due to the timescales linked to the potential future development of the rail station. A suitable alignment for an active travel route directly linking Oakdale/ Penyfan and Crumlin that would meet the Welsh Government standards is unlikely to be identified due to the gradient/ topography of the area. Alternative alignments for links in the area would need to be considered. Any specific proposals that come forward for links between Oakdale/ Penyfan and Crumlin and links to a potential rail station at Crumlin will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
No link between Ty Du and potential rail station at Nelson (Northern end of Handball Court). Possible extension of INMC18?	Comment noted. The INM does not include active travel links to the potential rail station at Nelson at this stage, due to the timescales linked to the potential reinstatement of passenger services along the Ystrad Mynach to Trelewis rail line and the future development of a rail station at Nelson. The inclusion of links to a potential rail station will be considered in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
Links between Ystrad Mynach rail station and town centre are overly long and tortuous – a more direct route would seem to be needed.	Comment noted. The constrained nature of the existing highway network limits the scope of providing direct links between Ystrad Mynach rail station and the town centre. It is has already been proposed above that INMC20 be

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	extended to include Station Road, Ystrad Mynach and this will improve links between the rail station and the town centre. Any additional proposals that come forward for improved links to the town centre will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
There is no link south from Ynysddu – need to link to Crosskeys rail station.	Comment noted. Proposals for active travel links from Ynysddu to Crosskeys rail station have not been identified at this stage. It should be noted that the existing Sirhowy Valley cycle route does provide an off-road connection from Ynysddu to Crosskeys. This section of route is not currently included in the INM as the link is remote from communities and it is not considered at this stage that it would be well used for active travel journeys. This section of route will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM should evidence of usage of the route for active travel journeys become available. No change proposed to INM.
There is no direct link to Crosskeys Rail station.	Comment noted. Proposals for links directly into Crosskeys rail station have not been identified at this stage due to the constraints of the local highway network e.g. limited scope to improve the existing access to the station due to the rail bridge over High Street, Crosskeys. Any specific proposals that come forward for active travel links to Crosskeys rail station will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
No links to Risca rail station.	Comment noted. Proposals for links directly to Risca rail station have not been identified at this stage. Any specific proposals that come forward for active travel links to Risca rail station will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
No links south from Risca Town Centre.	Comment noted. Proposals for links south from Risca town centre have not been identified at this stage. Any specific proposals that come forward for active travel links south from Risca town centre will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.

3.6.6 Comments received about the Caerphilly Basin area

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
<p>Three respondents made reference to active travel routes to/ from the proposed Waterloo housing development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed housing development at old 'Paint Works' site. No proposed route shown linking to National Cycle Network. A direct route into Riverside Path would be much preferred than climbing up/ down to the Trethomas to Machen cycle path and where? It would also provide a ready made and ideal link to Caerphilly railway station and town access. Perhaps as a condition of the development, it could include the construction of a footbridge over the river? The network map should show a proposed route from Waterloo Machen to the National Cycle Network at Trethomas River Walk. This will support active travel to Pant Glas Industrial Estate, Bedwas High School, Bedwas Primary School, Tyn-y-Wern Primary School, Ty Bryn Surgery, Tesco, Spar, Co-op plus many more facilities. There are no routes linking to Waterloo. As a major housing site (with planning permission) shouldn't we be planning links? 	<p>Comments noted. Specific active travel proposals to the housing development at Waterloo have not been identified at this stage and will be considered as part of the future development of the INM. It is considered that the INM would benefit from the inclusion of a proposal highlighting that future active travel routes will be identified to link into the Waterloo housing development.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Include an additional proposal highlighting that future active travel routes will be identified to link into the Waterloo housing development.</p>
<p>INMC85 (shared-use link for the Senghenydd community) does not link into ccbc12. To facilitate longer trips it should.</p>	<p>It is considered that a connection between INMC85 and ccbc12 would benefit active travel journeys, e.g. to school, and improve network connectivity. It is proposed that an extension to INMC85 to link directly to ccbc12 be included in the INM.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Extend INMC85 from Senghenydd to provide a direct link to ccbc12 in the vicinity of Ysgol Ifor Bach, Abertridwr.</p>
<p>Where you have an uncontrolled crossing just below the Watford in Caerphilly. This should be changed to a controlled crossing. At present this crossing is very dangerous with cars playing chicken all the time. School children</p>	<p>Comments noted. The feasibility of any active travel improvements at this location, including the provision of a controlled crossing point, will need further consideration prior to inclusion in the INM. It should be noted that there have</p>

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and pedestrians try and cross here and very soon there will be a serious accident. There should also be an additional crossing further up the hill.	been no recorded personal injury collisions at the uncontrolled crossing at this location over the past 10 years. The suggestion will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
Tunnel to Cardiff	The suggestion for a tunnel to Cardiff is unfeasible. No change proposed to INM.
Walking/ cycle link between INMC65 and INMC80 through Parc Pontypany.	A link between INMC65 and IMC80 is considered feasible and would provide an active travel link from Mornington Meadows into Crossways Retail Park and to the wider active travel network. It is proposed that this extension to INMC80 be included in the INM. Proposed change to INM – Extend INMC80 through Parc Pontypany to link directly to INMC65.
NCN 4 - Caerphilly Station via St Martin's Road	The constraints of the existing highway network, e.g. width of road and on-street parking, limit the scope for cycling improvements along St Martin's Road, Caerphilly. The existing highway is available for use for cycling but no improvements have been identified at this stage that would improve the environment for active travel. There are existing footways on both sides of the road and therefore no pedestrian improvements have been identified at this stage. No change proposed to INM.
Looking at the map of Caerphilly, there isn't much that goes through the town in a roughly North/ South direction. St Cenydd Road and Pontygwindy Road could be a good inclusion for extra routes.	Comment noted. The constraints of the existing highway network, e.g. width of Pontygwindy Road and St Cenydd Road and on-street parking along St Cenydd Road, limit the scope for cycling improvements along both roads. There are footways on both sides of the roads and the existing highway is available for use for cycling. No improvements have been identified at this stage that would improve the environment for active travel. Any alternative proposals that come forward for north-south links through Caerphilly town will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
Pedestrian lights need to be placed on the roundabout by Peters Pies (Bedwas), as it's used daily by children walking to and from high schools. It's a dangerous intersection and even if they walked up past the Fishermans Inn there are no pedestrian lights to ensure safe crossing	Comments noted. There are future proposals for a highway network improvement scheme at this location i.e. A468 Bedwas Bridge Roundabout. Active travel improvements, including the potential provision of controlled crossing points, will be considered as part of

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of the road and again it is quite a dangerous intersection. If the route was made safer you would encourage more children to walk.	the future development of this highway improvement scheme. Any proposed future improvements to pedestrian crossing points will be incorporated into the future development of the INM. It should be noted that school transport is currently provided for comprehensive pupils travelling from the Caerphilly area to Bedwas High School if they are within the school catchment. No change proposed to INM.
Develop old railway line alongside Lansbury Park for leisure/ walking.	The INM already includes a proposal to provide an active travel route along the alignment of the old railway line alongside Lansbury Park (INMC72). Development and design of the proposal will consider the most appropriate alignment for the route i.e. along the route of the railway or along the highway verge. No change proposed to INM.
Could provide a zebra crossing and lights by Twyn School.	The INM already includes a proposal for a potential future Safe Routes in Communities scheme at the Twyn Primary School (INM93). The scope of the scheme has yet to be developed and will consider the need for additional pedestrian crossing points in the vicinity of the school. No change proposed to INM.
Could you please put a zebra crossing on Cardiff Road, Caerphilly opposite Greggs.	There is an existing pelican crossing on Cardiff Road to the north of this location and no further active travel improvements have been identified at this stage. The feasibility/ need for any further crossing points along Cardiff Road will need further consideration prior to inclusion in the INM. No change proposed to INM at this stage.
Caerphilly area.	No specific details of additional route proposal provided. Any specific proposals that come forward in the Caerphilly area will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
Any Caerphilly routes - Caerphilly to Rudry.	The Act only applies to specific 'designated' areas in Wales, which have been determined by the Welsh Government and are based on the population size of settlements. The Rudry community is not included within the Act and as such the INM does not include routes to and from Rudry. No change proposed to INM.

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<p>Would like to see a cycling/ walking path linking Graig y Rhacca to the existing cycle route via Penllwyn Lane, but would need to be widened to be safer. It would make sense because to get to Machen from Graig-y-Rhacca, you would need to go to Trethomas and then down there (basically making a circle). Comment provided by youth forum.</p>	<p>Penllwyn Lane considered unsuitable as an active travel route due to gradient of some sections, remote nature and potential for conflict with traffic. Narrow lane with no scope to widen without significant land acquisition. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>Two respondents made reference to Pwllpant roundabout and that there is no link between INMC87 and INMC69.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is proposed that active travel proposal INMC69 be extended to link to INMC87 along the A468/A469 highway verge. A link at this location will be provided as part of the Pwllpant roundabout highway improvement works.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Extend INMC69 to link directly to INMC87 along the A468/A469 highway verge at Pwllpant roundabout.</p>
<p>Proposed housing development at Catnic Caerphilly. At design stage get developer to provide links into INMC69 and INMC65.</p>	<p>Suitable active travel connections will be sought at all new development sites. Links into the development at the Catnic site in Caerphilly have previously been considered as part of the planning process and will be provided where possible. No additional proposals to be included in the INM at this stage at this location. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>Pandy Road, Bedwas suitable for conversion into cycle route and links into Cherry View Estate. This will also encourage use from the recently approved housing development at Pandy Road.</p>	<p>Suitable active travel improvements will be sought at all new development sites. The constraints of the existing highway network, e.g. width of road and on-street parking, limit the scope for walking and cycling improvements along Pandy Road, Bedwas. The existing highway is available for use for cycling but no improvements have been identified at this stage that would improve the environment for active travel. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>Existing alternative Route 4 along Church Street, Bedwas and continue into Hillside Terrace to link into Llanfabon Drive not marked.</p>	<p>The constraints of the existing highway network, e.g. width of road and on-street parking, limit the scope for walking and cycling improvements along Church Street and Hillside Terrace, Bedwas. The existing highway is available for use for cycling but no improvements have been identified at this stage that would improve the environment for active travel. It should be noted that this is not</p>

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	a designated alternative route for National Cycle Network Route 4. No change proposed to INM.
INMC64 at exit/ entry on Pontygyndy Road install a safe crossing point, which will via Rhos Street give a link into INMC56.	Comment noted. The feasibility of any active travel improvements at this location, including the provision of a crossing point on Pontygyndy Road, will be considered during the development of INMC64. No change proposed to INM.
Existing route ccbc15g shown only as far as Llanfabon Drive bridge. Doesn't continue to end at its Glyn Gwyn Street entrance. This could save valuable pounds as this route is already built to NCN standard.	The route being referred to is not currently owned or maintained by Caerphilly CBC and remains the responsibility of Sustrans. The route is therefore not shown on the INM as an existing active travel route. The route is already available for use by pedestrians and cyclists. The youth forum has raised concerns about evidence of drug use along this route and these comments have been passed to Sustrans. The INM includes an alternative route proposal linking Graig-y-Rhacca to Bedwas High School alongside the existing highway network (INMC77). It is considered that this alternative alignment would be more suitable for use for school journeys as it is less remote. No change proposed to INM.
Where link INMC77 emerges from Pant Glas Industrial Estate at main road A468 beside Evolution Cars, opposite Bevan Close or divert westwards towards the existing pelican crossing (upgrade to toucan?) and link up via the Bryn. This will provide a north/ south route into Pant Glas Industrial Estate and a 'cross town' link to Route 4/ Rhymney riverside path.	Comment noted. It has been assumed that the comment relates to INMC78 not INMC77. Improvements to the existing A468 pelican crossing are considered difficult, due to visibility constraints at the point where INMC78 emerges onto the A468 and as there is limited scope to widen the footway for shared-use in the vicinity of Evolution Cars without significant re-alignment of the A468. No change proposed to INM.
Provide a safe cycle crossing (toucan?) at entrance to Western Industrial Estate/ Moathouse Pub/ Bondfield Park/ St Margarets Road. This would provide a much safer crossing, especially at rush hours, and provide a through route to Aber Station. This could help reduce the sea of commuter cars in Nu-Aire/ PHS and other car parks.	There is already a proposal in the INM to improve a walking route to Western Industrial Estate and Caerphilly town centre i.e. INMC71. The provision of an improved crossing point at this location on Lon-y-Llyn will be considered during the development of the proposal. No change proposed to INM.
INMC60 into East Avenue, Trecenydd – improve by installing vandal proof lighting?	Comment noted. The provision of lighting to be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.
At Penclawdd, Mornington Meadows, Porset	Comment noted. The most appropriate

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Stream end, provide a route between the existing garages to link up with the footpath at INMC80.	alignment for INMC80 into Mornington Meadows will be considered during the development and design of the scheme. No change proposed to INM.
Path ccbc15c/ National Cycle Network Route 4 crossing point to Lansbury Park from Bedwas Road. Upgrade crossing to 'single alternative flow'. The present speed of vehicles entering/ leaving does not provide a safe crossing for an 8 year old child, the recommended starting age for safe riding on the National Cycle Network.	<p>Comment noted. There is currently traffic calming in place on the approach to the crossing point from Lansbury Park. The junction with Bedwas Road also acts as a traffic calming feature to slow traffic. A priority working would not be feasible at this location due to the proximity of the Bedwas Road junction. No issues were observed on site with pedestrians and cyclists using the crossing point. It is considered that small-scale improvements could be implemented to enhance the crossing point and that the INM would benefit from an additional proposal highlighting areas where small-scale improvements are proposed to the existing active travel network. It should be noted that it is not considered that all sections of the National Cycle Network would be suitable for use by an 8 year old child as some sections are on-road.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Include an additional proposal highlighting locations where small-scale improvements are proposed to the existing active travel network. This will include the pedestrian/ cyclist crossing point at the entrance to Lansbury Park from Bedwas Road (ccbc15c). Scope of schemes to be developed.</p>
It would be better for the route through Morgan Jones Park to enter the park via the entrance opposite number 106, rather than having cyclists mixing with traffic along the lane behind Nantgarw Road. This entrance would be preferable to vulnerable cyclists mixing with traffic when riding through the car park at the library end. This is a vulnerable area with drivers, having taken children to the park, pay less attention looking out for cyclists than to other cars.	Comment noted. The suggestion would require an alternative route through Morgan Jones Park to be used for cycling. A number of considerations would need to be taken into account when considering the most appropriate route for cycling through the park, such as the potential for conflict between cyclists and vulnerable child pedestrians within the more heavily used areas of the park. Discussions will need to be undertaken with Caerphilly CBC Parks regarding the feasibility of an active

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	travel route using the suggested entrance and alternative route through the park. The suggestion will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM, following discussions with Caerphilly CBC Parks. No change proposed to INM at this stage.
Overall lacks direct north/south links between Caerphilly Town Centre and Asda area. This could be overcome by upgrading the existing rear access lanes along the east of Pontygwindy Road, via Charles Street and Lawrence Street then rear access lane of houses on Bedwas Road to cross Bedwas Road at B&M Stores and into ccbc15c by Morrisons petrol station.	Comment noted. Proposals for north-south links in the vicinity of Pontygwindy Road, Caerphilly have not been identified at this stage, as a suitable alignment for an active travel route at this location is difficult to identify due to the constraints of the local highway network. It is not considered at this stage that the use of the rear lanes in this area would be a suitable environment for an active travel route. Any alternative proposals that come forward for north-south links in Caerphilly town will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
Plans to develop housing for Virginia Park Golf and Driving Range? Don't miss the boat on this one to incorporate links/ entrance to other nearby routes e.g. Park Avenue area. You missed the Meadowland Close on the old Venosa Industrial Estate big time.	Comment noted. Suitable active travel connections will be sought at all new development sites. No additional proposals to be included in the INM at this stage. No change proposed to INM.
Regarding the footbridge at St. Cenydd roundabout, would the installation of twin ramps, sufficiently wide enough apart for mobility scooters to travel up and down make it DDA compliant? This would save a lot of money instead of having to replace it and probably many others within Caerphilly CBC.	Comment noted. Design options for the footbridge to be considered in the development of the proposal i.e. INMC61. No change proposed to INM.
Does not provide any routes, links to Caerphilly Leisure Centre, hence the need for several safe crossing points along Pontygwindy Road to encourage young children and adults too, to ride to the swim pool, tennis coaching etc. and so reverse the culture of being taken by car for 'healthy exercise'.	The INM already includes a proposal to provide a crossing facility on Pontygwindy Road in the vicinity of Caerphilly Leisure Centre i.e. INMC67. No change proposed to INM.
What about Llanbradach to Bedwas (avoiding extremely busy roads).	Comment noted. The INM currently includes proposals to provide links from Llanbradach towards Caerphilly and Bedwas e.g. INMC88,

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	INMC68, INMC103 and INMC66. Alternative potential alignments for a direct route between Llanbradach and Bedwas across open land are considered remote and would have limited opportunities for active travel journeys. Any specific alternative proposals that come forward for a route between Llanbradach and Bedwas will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
An additional route that does not take you up lanes from Bedwas to Caerphilly is needed.	Comment noted. The INM currently includes proposals that provide links from Bedwas to Caerphilly e.g. INMC65 and INMC66. Proposals for further links between Bedwas and Caerphilly have not been identified at this stage. Any specific proposals that come forward for further routes between Bedwas and Caerphilly will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM. No change proposed to INM.
At the corner of the Bridge End Inn public house, Bedwas the pavement narrows to pram width meaning we have to walk in single file. At this same point is the Church Road and Newport Road junction, which is another bottle neck for road traffic which often becomes blocked at school run times. This spot is particularly dangerous as vehicles often swing over the narrow pavement at this point either at speed or manoeuvring through the stationary traffic. Improved safety suggestion – wider pavement.	Comment noted. The highway network at this location is very constrained. It is not considered that there is scope to widen the footways at the Church Street and Newport Road junction due to the narrow carriageway width along Church Street. It is difficult to identify improvements at this location that would enhance the pedestrian environment. No feasible active travel improvements have been identified at this stage. No change proposed to INM.
I feel it would be beneficial if Bedwas High School was also included bearing in mind that it is this age group that start to walk/ cycle to school unaccompanied. Children attending Infant and Primary Schools are mostly likely to be accompanied by an adult.	The INM already includes a proposal for an improved route from Graig-y-Rhacca to Bedwas High School (INMC77). Additional proposals for active travel links to Bedwas High School have not been identified at this stage. Proposals for improved routes to and from school are identified through the School Travel Plan process. The INM currently includes details of those schools that have recently completed or are in the process of developing their School Travel Plans. Bedwas High School has previously developed a School Travel Plan, but this has not been updated for some time and is almost 10 years old. Bedwas High School will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM, once the process of updating the School Travel Plan is progressed. No change proposed to INM.

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<p>Detailed comments received relating to the traffic light controlled crossing at A468 The Square, Bedwas and difficulties for pedestrians using the crossing. These have been summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking to school towards Bedwas in the morning – during the pedestrian phase, the pedestrian crossing point is blocked by stationary/ slow moving traffic on the A468 or by traffic moving through the crossing from Church Road/ Newport Road, Bedwas. • Walking home from school from Bedwas in the afternoon – pedestrians are required to cross the A468 in three phases, having to wait on traffic islands in between each phase. This is not a pleasant experience as pedestrians are stranded between lanes of traffic. As a result a lot of people cross without waiting for the pedestrian phase in the traffic signals, which sets a bad example and is dangerous. <p>Comments suggest that perhaps the sequencing and timings of the lights could be reviewed and improved for increased pedestrian safety and crossing experience.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It is difficult to identify pedestrian improvements at this location due to the need to maintain a balance between providing controlled pedestrian crossing facilities and maintaining efficiency of the A468 strategic route. Future highway improvement schemes are proposed at the Greenway/ Bedwas Road junction and the A468 Bedwas Bridge Roundabout, which will aim to improve the efficiency of the junctions along the A468 and reduce the problems caused by queuing traffic. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>Crossing the bridge on Old Bedwas Road – there is no footpath and the bridge has to be crossed in single file. There is an increasing amount of traffic crossing the bridge at school run times. Exiting the bridge is particularly of concern as some vehicles leave the main road at speed and close to the right hand side corner of the bridge. Improved safety suggestions – signage warning of pedestrians and cyclists on the bridge, traffic slowing measures on the A468 approach to the bridge, white line pedestrian space road markings across the bridge.</p>	<p>Comment noted. It is considered that some small-scale improvements could be implemented to the bridge to highlight its use by pedestrians e.g. signage. It has been suggested above that the INM would benefit from an additional proposal highlighting areas where small-scale improvements are proposed to the existing active travel network. It is proposed that this location on an existing active travel route be included.</p> <p>Proposed change to INM – Include an additional proposal highlighting locations where small-scale improvements are proposed to the existing active travel network. This will include the bridge</p>

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	crossing on Old Bedwas Road (ccbc15d). Scope of schemes to be developed.
<p>Detailed comments received relating to the Pandy Road/ Church Road junction, Bedwas that have been summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very busy at school run times and reference made to the junction becoming busier in the future due to the planning approval for houses to be built further along Pandy Road. • Impossible to see if any traffic is turning into Pandy Road from Church Road/ Newport Road direction. • Equally as dangerous if you attempt to cross on the junction itself, although visibility is better to see vehicles turning into Pandy Road. • Kerb at the junction is high and buses have to swing round the corner. • Delivery vehicles and cars park/ drop off at this point despite yellow lines. <p>Improved safety suggestions – designated pedestrian crossing point, zebra crossing, warning signs, additional school crossing person.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The INM already includes proposals relating to the development of Bedwas Junior and Bedwas Infants School Travel Plans (INMC100 and INMC94). Potential improvements to routes to school, including the area around the Pandy Road/ Church Road junction, will be considered as part of the development of the School Travel Plans. It should be noted that the planning approval for the residential development at land north of Pandy Road, Bedwas includes a funding contribution for the development of these School Travel Plans and for the delivery of improvements identified through the travel planning process e.g. walking buses, scooter and cycle parking, infrastructure improvements. As the scope of proposals INMC94 and INMC100 is yet to be developed, no change is proposed to the INM at this stage.</p>

3.7 Route proposals that respondents felt should be Caerphilly CBC's top priorities for improving for active travel

3.7.1 The consultation questionnaire asked respondents to provide details of the three route proposals that should be Caerphilly CBC's top priorities for improving for active travel. Proposals that were mentioned five times or more by respondents are detailed below and include responses provided by Caerphilly CBC's Youth Forum.

3.7.2 Proposals that were mentioned 15+ times by respondents

- INMC47 – New crossing facility at the signalised junction access to Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni. INMC47 was mentioned less than 15 times in response to this question, however a petition was also received during the consultation period that related to this proposal. Further details are provided in section 3.8.3 below.
- INMC24 – Improvements to an existing and new walking and cycling link from Penpedairheol and Cefn Hengoed to National Cycle Network Route 47 (via the new development site at Cwm Calon).

3.7.3 Proposals that were mentioned between 10 and 14 times

- A number of respondents made reference to the route connecting Ystrad Mynach, Llanbradach and Caerphilly. This includes proposals INMC31, INMC25 and INMC88.

3.7.4 Proposals that were mentioned between 5 and 9 times

- INMC72 – New walking and cycling route direct to Caerphilly rail station and town centre. Includes links to Lansbury Park and via an existing crossing to Mornington Meadows.
- INMC63 – New and more direct/ enhanced link connecting the Caerphilly basin area to employment in RCT/ Cardiff via the Taff Trail.
- INMC28 – New link from Crumlin to Newbridge.
- INMC48 – Improved link from Fairview to primary schools at Fleur-de-Lis.
- INMC23 – New link from National Cycle Network Route 47 along redundant rail line into Ystrad Mynach station.
- INMC92 – Fleur-de-Lis Primary School – potential future Safe Routes in Communities Scheme.
- INMC19 – New link from Pengam to Ystrad Mynach town centre adjacent to the A469.

3.8 Other comments received about the draft INM

- 3.8.1 The consultation questionnaire asked respondents to provide any other comments they had about the draft INM. The comments are summarised in the table below and includes comments from those that responded to the consultation via email.
- 3.8.2 A number of supportive comments were received in response to this question. These did not require any changes to the INM to be considered and are therefore not included in the table below. Annex 3 provides a summary of the supportive comments received.

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
Some proposed routes seem to already exist in some form.	The INM proposals include a number of upgrades/ improvements to existing routes.
Unclear if this is for example an additional cycle lane or walking route? The latter would be nice, if keeping environmentally friendly.	The key to the INM details whether the routes are walking only, cycling only or shared-use routes.
It will be important that these routes meet the different needs of walkers/ cyclists, e.g. appropriate levels of segregation, direct routes, continuous infrastructure.	Comments noted. Issues to be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.
Not travel related but maybe under the same department/ scheme. The mountain biking in the Cwmcarn Scenic Drive has been voted as good as any in the world, this is testament to the team that helped make it. Now I am under the impression that the future of the Scenic Drive is under threat because of the potential damage caused by the deforestation that is happening in the area. I think the future of the drive and the cycling should be made a priority by the council (who always claim to have no money but have lots in reserve).	Comments not related to active travel. Comments passed to CCBC Tourism.
Two of the most intimidating junctions for cyclists in Caerphilly are the roundabout at the top of GE hill (Caerphilly Road meeting with Nantgarw Road) and the Cedar Tree roundabout (A468/A469). The St Cenydd Rd roundabout on the A468 closely follows. Any provision that improves those roundabouts for cyclist would be a huge benefit.	The INM already includes proposals to provide new shared-use routes in the vicinity of these three roundabouts e.g. INMC63 and INMC69. No change proposed to INM.

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A key would have been helpful to understand the integrated map (or perhaps I didn't see it). The map is very confusing from an outsider to the project.	A key is included as part of the draft INM. The visibility and format of the INM's key will be considered in developing the final version of INM. Proposed change to INM – Review the visibility and format of the INM's key to ensure the INM is as user-friendly as possible.
Car parks should be provided with rapid electric vehicle charge points.	Comment not related to active travel. Comment passed to CCBC Traffic Management.
Why is so much money constantly be ploughed into the Rhymney Valley and Caerphilly Town? It's like flogging a dead horse. Why can't more money be spent in the Sirhowy Valley?	It is considered that the INM contains a good spread of route proposals across the County Borough. Any specific proposals that come forward in the Sirhowy Valley will be considered for inclusion in the future development of the INM.
Have begun to use the cycle path/ walkway from Ty Penallta to Nelson as far as Trelewis, Quakers Yard and along the Taff Trail to home as a walking route and on bike. However unable to use it from early November to late March due to lighting. Not sure if solar lighting is an option for the future but presumably cost and/or theft vandalism is an issue that would prevent this. It's a shame I can only use active travel for six months of the year.	Comments noted. A number of sections of the National Cycle Network in the County Borough do not have lighting provided. This is particularly the case with more remote sections of route that are some distance from the urban environment. The provision of lighting on routes is influenced by a number of factors e.g. ecology matters along more remote sections, ongoing maintenance and energy costs and the likely level of usage of a route for active travel journeys. The provision of new lighting on active travel routes will focus on key links that are likely to have substantial use for active travel e.g. journeys to school. It is not considered that this section of the NCN from Tredomen to the county boundary with Merthyr would be heavily used for active travel journeys. No change proposed to INM.
I request as much traffic free cycling/ walking routes as possible please. I would like to know how paths will be maintained and kept clear of broken glass and debris (which is a current problem on existing paths).	Comments noted. The majority of route proposals in the INM are traffic-free routes. All designated active travel routes will be subject to an agreed Caerphilly CBC inspection regime and maintenance issues will be dealt with accordingly.
In view of the fact that the plan is an aspirational map for the next 15 years, limited availability of funding and the previous failure to complete the existing footpath/cycle way from Cwm Calon to link with NCN 47 are the Council examining the possibility of any sponsorship of sections by local business, joint funding with Community Councils etc.?	Comments noted. The potential of match funding from a variety of sources will be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.

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Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni School Travel Plan is being developed – this is not included on your map.	Comment previously considered in 3.6.5 above and proposed that Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni School Travel Plan be included within INMC100 of the INM.
Important to coordinate timing of train and bus travel.	Comment not related to active travel. Issue being considered as part of the Metro initiative.
Please start to get plan into action as soon as possible.	The INM is an aspirational map that sets out Caerphilly CBC's Active Travel proposals for the next 15 years. The development and delivery of the routes shown on the INM will be dependent on the availability of funding for Active Travel schemes.
Segregated cycling route needed on INMC64 (Crossways Retail Park to Pontygwindy Road).	INMC64 is currently shown on the INM as an improvement to an existing walking route. It is considered that there is scope to improve the route of INMC64 for both walking and cycling. It is proposed that the INM be changed to include INMC64 as a walking and cycling route improvement. Proposed change to INM – Change INMC64 (Crossways Retail Park to Pontygwindy Road) from a walking proposal to a walking and cycling proposal.
More paths to all schools.	The INM already includes a number of proposals to improve active travel routes to schools. Additional proposals will be identified through the development of School Travel Plans e.g. by those schools referred to in INMC100.
Please consider use of appropriate (i.e. rural off road) cycle paths by horse riders. We are very vulnerable road users who share our bridle paths with bikes and are very keen that we should in turn be able to share designated cycle routes.	Comments noted. The needs of vulnerable users to be considered in the development and design of individual schemes. It should be noted that the majority of active travel proposals are within more urban areas due to the definition of active travel focusing on journeys to work, school, services etc.
Add seats for resting along the way.	Comment noted. To be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.
Clear and concise signage would be very necessary. Sometimes people may think a path is private ground and not use it.	Comment noted. To be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.

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<p>Trails not joined by cycle lanes not cordoned off so nothing to stop cars (people on phones) crossing over into bike lanes. Need to ban cars round schools. Encourage youngsters to cycle to school.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The majority of proposals in the INM are off-road routes that will not require cyclists to cycle on-road. Accessibility and safety issues will be considered in the development and design of individual schemes. Caerphilly CBC works closely with schools across the county borough to encourage more walking and cycling to school e.g. through the development of School Travel Plans and the delivery of National Standards Cycle Training.</p>
<p>It seems disjointed. Few routes seem to join up.</p>	<p>The active travel proposals within the INM all aim to link communities/ residential areas to an active travel destination e.g. for work, education, retail, health, leisure etc. Active travel links are provided to services and facilities and do not necessarily provide a connection to other active travel routes. The active travel network will be developed over time to provide more linkages to the existing active travel network.</p>
<p>Although the proposed routes are prepared for walking to work it would also be helpful if they can also be developed for leisure walking.</p>	<p>All active travel routes delivered will be available for leisure use, in addition to being used for active travel journeys.</p>
<p>The proposed suggested route in Waterloo would provide a safe active travel route away from the very busy A468, help to promote economic growth in the Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen ward, lessen the amount of car journeys on the A468 and help to reduce the environmental impact of traffic in the area and help fulfil some of the Council's Wellbeing objectives. I also believe this should be part of a planning obligation.</p>	<p>Comment noted. Active travel proposals to the Waterloo housing development have been considered in 3.6.6 above. It has been proposed that the INM includes an additional proposal to highlight that future active travel routes will be identified to link into the Waterloo housing development.</p>
<p>In principle, Network Rail supports the identification of active travel routes across Caerphilly County Borough, however the Council must ensure that no such crossing utilise level crossings. Network Rail must be advised of any active travel routes which utilise land or structures within our ownership and which may have implications for the management and maintenance of our land or structures. In this respect I note that some active travel routes do relate to structures and land within Network Rail ownership and therefore I would advise you to contact Network Rail's Asset Protection Wales Team in advance of finalising any routes. The initial point of contact is assetprotectionwales@networkrail.co.uk</p>	<p>Comments noted in relation to level crossings and the need to advise Network Rail if active travel routes utilise land or structures within Network Rail ownership. Consultation to be undertaken with Network Rail (or equivalent following award of the new franchise) at the appropriate time as the development of individual schemes is progressed.</p>

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I walk my children to school most days. I think a lot more dropped kerbs are needed as we sometimes cycle and scooter.	Comment noted. Any specific proposals for additional dropped kerbs will be considered for inclusion the future development of the INM.
Some of these proposed routes need lighting (INMC2 in particular).	Comment noted. The provision of lighting to be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.
I think the quality of improvements is probably an important factor in their success. Assuming success is people using the new routes. I'm a cyclist and a walker, the state of pathway for cycling is important to me. In bad weather tarmac is much nicer than a gravel pathway because it's not only quicker but cleaner.	Comments noted. The surface of active travel routes to be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.
The cycle path between Cwm Calon and Ystrad should be completed. It has been left half finished. There are around 800 houses at Cwm Calon, who could then have the option to walk/ cycle to the train station.	Welsh Government requires all proposals in the INM to be prioritised into short, medium and long-term schemes. The proposal being referred to is already in the INM, i.e. INMC24, and has been prioritised as a short-term scheme.
Solar lighting of cycle paths and walkways for winter use.	Comment noted. The provision of lighting to be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.
INMC94 and INMC100 Bedwas Infant and Junior Schools – on the map the area for the routes indicated by the red dotted line are very limited in area, in that the school catchment areas for children walking to the schools is much larger. I appreciate that these schemes have yet to be developed but do feel it is important that the catchment areas are taken into consideration in the planning development stage.	The red dotted areas shown on INM94 and INMC100 indicate the location of the relevant schools and do not represent the scope of the schemes. The School Travel Plans that are developed will consider the whole school catchment area. Proposed change to INM – Include an explanation of the School Travel Plan icon within the INM's key.
I am encouraged by the plan that you have sent me. I want to particularly urge you to prioritise linking Llanbradach to the other parts of the network via the Rhymney linear route – the proposed upgrades are important and I hope will be done soon.	Welsh Government requires all proposals in the INM to be prioritised into short, medium and long-term schemes. The proposal in the INM linking Llanbradach to Caerphilly (INMC88) has been prioritised as a short-term scheme.

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
<p>I am a big fan of the traffic calming that has been done at the South end of Llanbradach, and I hope that this is made permanent. I hope you will maintain the current traffic calming at either end of Llanbradach, but I would hope that you would consider altering them to include a bike lane along the pavement edge so that cyclists can continue straight on, and do not have to swing out into traffic. It would be great if the road through Llanbradach could have marked cycle routes if this is possible. One other possibility is to cut off some of the corner between Llanbradach and Pwll-y-Pant – there is a wood there and there are paths there at the moment. If one of these was paved so cyclists could cycle along them, rather than along the main highway, that would be wonderful.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The INM already contains a proposal to connect Llanbradach south towards Caerphilly town (INMC88). Comments to be considered in the development and design of the scheme. No change proposed to INM.</p>
<p>A generic consultation response was received from Sustrans, which is being sent to each local authority in response to their INM consultation. Due to the length of the response, this is included in Annex 4 for reference.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Specific comments raised in relation to infrastructure to be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.</p>
<p>The route of the Ysgol y Llawnt walking bus – surface needs to be improved for scootering and need for warning signs before bottom of Goshen Street.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Proposal INMC2 in the INM follows the route of the Ysgol y Llawnt walking bus. Comments to be considered in the development and design of the scheme.</p>
<p>Link from Route 47 to Nelson village via Wern – would access from wheelchairs be possible over railway? Would benefit elderly walkers, pushchairs and cycles too.</p>	<p>Comment noted. Discussions would be needed with Network Rail (or equivalent following award of the new franchise) regarding any proposed improvements to level crossings, in light of Network Rail's comments about their programme of level crossing closures (refer to section 3.4.1). No change proposed to INM at this stage.</p>
<p>The reference ccbc3 is not on the list of schemes.</p>	<p>The link referenced ccbc3 is an existing active travel route. The list of schemes only includes details of the INM proposals and does not include details of the existing active travel routes that have previously been approved by the Welsh Government. No change proposed to INM.</p>

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
The existing and proposed routes in many cases do not actually meet up – what happens between them?	The active travel proposals within the INM all aim to link communities/ residential areas to an active travel destination e.g. for work, education, retail, health, leisure etc. Active travel links are provided to services and facilities and do not necessarily provide a connection to other active travel routes. The active travel network will be developed over time to provide more linkages to the existing active travel network.
There seems no rationale behind the identification of the proposed routes – what are we trying to connect?	Each active travel route proposal provides a link from an origin (e.g. a community/ residential area) to an active travel destination (e.g. employment, education, retail etc.). The INM includes a description of each scheme proposal and this includes details of the services/ facilities that the proposed route provides a connection to and from.
If we are identifying schools for safe routes, should we also be identifying major destinations to be treated in the same way i.e. town centres, employment centres, tourist attractions, service centres, transport hubs and interchanges?	The INM identifies those schools that have developed or are in the process of developing a School Travel Plan, but where the scope of any potential active travel proposal has yet to be developed. Schools have specifically been identified in this way due to there being a dedicated funding stream available for delivering improvements to walking and cycling routes to schools i.e. Safe Routes in Communities. No such dedicated funding stream is currently available for other destinations e.g. employment, town centres, public transport interchanges etc. The INM will therefore continue to focus on only identifying specific route proposals to these other destinations. No change proposed to INM.

3.8.3 In addition to the above comments, a number of responses were received in relation to pedestrian safety and the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility on the A4049, Fleur-de-Lis. The individual responses received via the consultation questionnaire or by email are summarised as follows:

- The A4049 is a very busy, high-speed road and is very hard to cross. It needs pedestrian safety measures. The speed limit of the road is 40mph and incidents/ accidents have occurred on this road and junction. The road is used by industrial vehicles/ HGVs accessing businesses at nearby industrial estates.
- The INMC47 proposal is really needed for safer transport and walking/ cycling on and around the A4049 e.g. to improve pedestrian safety for students in four schools and to allow residents to access local businesses and local industrial estates without using their car.

- The dangerous road, pedestrian hazards and the lack of a pedestrian crossing facility makes access to Fleur-de-Lis, local employment destinations and a range of community facilities difficult and hazardous e.g. shops, the library, sports clubs, youth clubs, a children's park, bus stops and the community centre. This particularly affects young people, older people and those with mobility problems.
- Improved pedestrian safety on the A4049 in Fleur-de-Lis will connect residents to key sites such as schools, workplaces, health centre, care homes, sport clubs and shopping areas in Fleur-de-Lis. It will encourage people to rely less on their cars when making short journeys. It will improve the pedestrian safety of children, elderly and people with disabilities in our community.

3.8.4 In addition to the consultation responses, a petition was received with 173 signatures and comments regarding community concerns about pedestrian safety due to traffic volumes and speed on the A4049 and the lack of pedestrian crossing facilities. This consultation report does not include the detail of each comment received via the petition. The petition has been dealt with separately in line with Caerphilly CBC's procedure for petitions.

3.8.5 The Active Travel INM response in relation to the comments is that the proposal to provide a new pedestrian crossing facility at the A4049/ B4254 traffic signals is already included as a proposal within the draft INM i.e. INMC47. The Welsh Government requires all the proposals within the INM to be prioritised into short, medium and long-term schemes. The proposal INMC47 has been prioritised as a short-term scheme.

3.8.6 One comment received from respondents was that pupils from Fleur-de-Lis Primary, Pengam Primary and Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn also cross the A4049, in addition to pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni. It is proposed that this additional detail be added to the INM description of INMC47.

Proposed change to INM – Expand the description of INMC47 to include reference to Fleur-de-Lis Primary, Pengam Primary and Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn.

3.9 Comments received in relation to equalities issues

- 3.9.1 The consultation questionnaire asked respondents to provide details if they felt that any of the proposals would affect them because of issues relating to equalities e.g. age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, gender reassignment, marital status, religious or non-religious belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents. The comments received are detailed in the table below.
- 3.9.2 A number of general, supportive comments were received from respondents in response to this question. These did not require any changes to the INM to be considered and are therefore not included in the table below. Annex 3 provides a summary of all supportive comments received.

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
<p>The INMC92 Fleur-de-Lis Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme, proposal will enable me to visit family and friends in the Bryngwyn area. Currently volume and speed of traffic inhibits this due to my limited mobility. I am also extremely concerned for my grandchildren who live in Bryngwyn who will be attending Fleur-de-lis Primary school in the next few years. A safe place to cross the road is currently missing which makes children and adults very vulnerable.</p>	<p>Comments noted. INMC92 is already included as a proposal in the INM. The scope of a potential Safe Routes in Communities scheme at this location is yet to be developed and will be informed by the issues raised in the Fleur-de-Lis Primary School Travel Plan.</p>
<p>As a parent of Welsh speaking children, I feel we are disadvantaged on a pedestrian safety issue if Cwm Rhymni School Transport Plan is not included in the map. It should also be highlighted that the English speaking secondary schools have pedestrian safety measures in place already.</p>	<p>Comment previously considered in 3.6.5 above and it has been proposed that the INM be changed to include the Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni School Travel Plan within INMC100.</p>
<p>Any environmental improvements of this nature will help to improve all of our lives 'for the better' (providing they enhance and not damage the local biodiversity and surrounding environments and consider minority group constraints i.e. mobility/ disability/ physiological/ psychological) and don't promote opportunities for enviro-crime or anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The issues raised will be considered in the development and design of individual schemes.</p>
<p>The Welsh medium school, Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni is the only Secondary school in CCBC to not have pedestrian safety measures in place for students.</p>	<p>Comment refers to the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility at the signalised junction access to Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni. This proposal is already included in the INM i.e. INMC47. Welsh Government requires all schemes in the INM to be prioritised into short, medium and long-term schemes. INMC47 has been prioritised as a short-term scheme.</p>

Comment received	Response to comment (Proposed changes to the INM in bold)
I speak Welsh and feel that the Welsh schools are treated differently to the English speaking schools and we don't get public funding for safety.	All schools throughout the County Borough are treated equally in the development of proposals to encourage walking and cycling to school. A key factor in identifying measures to encourage safe and sustainable travel to school is through the development of a School Travel Plan. Caerphilly CBC works closely with schools across the County Borough to help develop and deliver School Travel Plans. It is crucial that schools engage with, lead on and take responsibility for the development of a School Travel Plan, which will identify issues associated with the journey to school and measures to encourage more walking and cycling to school. The School Travel Plan is the first step in identifying a potential scheme that may subsequently secure external funding for delivery e.g. through Safe Routes in Communities.
I have two children that attend the school (Ysgol Cwm Rhymni) every day and I cross the road regularly as well. I have a partial vision disability and the vehicles move far too fast to be safe for me to cross.	Comment refers to the INM proposal to provide a new pedestrian crossing facility at the signalised junction access to Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni (INMC47). This proposal is already included in the INM. Welsh Government requires all proposals in the INM to be prioritised into short, medium and long-term schemes. INMC47 has been prioritised as a short-term scheme.
Welsh schools need transport/ travel plans finalised and included on the map - as they are not marked for Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni.	Comment previously considered in 3.6.5 above and it has been proposed that the INM be changed to include the Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni School Travel Plan within INMC100.
Important to have Welsh language signage.	Comment noted. To be considered in the development and design of individual schemes. All schemes will be designed to comply with the Welsh Language Standards.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The public consultation process has resulted in a number of proposed changes to the INM as detailed in the above Consultation Report. These will be incorporated into the final version of the INM prior to submitting the INM to the Welsh Government in November 2017. A summary of the proposed changes to the INM are as follows:
- Include reference to the Hangar Youth and Community Centre, Aberbargoed in description of INMC91.
 - Include an additional active travel route proposal to complete the National Cycle Network Route 46 from Rhymney Bridge to Dowlais.
 - Include an additional active travel route proposal linking Abercarn and Cwmcarn along the A467.
 - Include Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni within INMC100 as a potential future Safe Routes in Communities scheme, as the school is now developing a School Travel Plan.
 - Change INMC20 from a walking proposal to a walking and cycling proposal and extend route to include Station Road, Ystrad Mynach.
 - Include an additional proposal to improve the existing walking link from The Walk, Ystrad Mynach onto ccbc7. Also include an additional existing active travel route that connects ccbc6 and ccbc7 to provide a continuous link from The Walk directly to Tredomen Park and Penallta Park.
 - Extend INMC41 to provide a direct walking and cycling link to the health centres in Pontllanfraith.
 - Include an additional existing active travel route from ccbc6 in Nelson to the Merthyr county boundary.
 - Include an additional proposal highlighting that future active travel routes will be identified to link into the Waterloo housing development.
 - Extend INMC85 from Senghenydd to provide a direct link to ccbc12 in the vicinity of Ysgol Ifor Bach, Abertridwr.
 - Extend INMC80 through Parc Pontypandy to link directly to INMC65.
 - Extend INMC69 to link directly to INMC87 along the A468/A469 highway verge at Pwllpant roundabout.
 - Include additional proposal highlighting locations where small-scale improvements are proposed to the existing active travel network. This will include the pedestrian/ cyclist crossing point at the entrance to Lansbury Park from Bedwas Road (ccbc15c) and the bridge crossing on Old Bedwas Road (ccbc15d). Scope of schemes to be developed.
 - Review the visibility and format of the INM's key to ensure the INM is as user-friendly as possible.
 - Change INMC64 (Crossways Retail Park to Pontygwindy Road) from a walking proposal to a walking and cycling proposal.
 - Include an explanation of the School Travel Plan icon within the INM's key.

- Expand the description of INMC47 to include reference to Fleur-de-Lis Primary, Pengam Primary and Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn.
- 4.2 It will be important to ensure that the consultation responses that have been received continue to be considered during the development and design of schemes within the INM.

Annex 1 – List of External Consultees

An email with details about the consultation and a link to the Caerphilly CBC Active Travel web page was sent directly to the following external consultees:

- Action on Hearing Loss Cymru
- Age Concern
- Age Cymru
- Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board
- Arriva Trains Wales
- Axiom Manufacturing Services Ltd, Newbridge
- Bi Cymru
- Bikeshredz Ltd, Caerphilly
- Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
- Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
- Bridgend County Borough Council
- Bridges into Work
- British Deaf Association
- British Horse Society
- British Motorcyclists Federation
- Bus Users Cymru
- Cadw
- Caerphilly Business Forum
- Caerphilly County Borough Access Group
- Caerphilly Cycling Club
- Caerphilly Parent Network
- Caerphilly Ramblers
- Caerphilly Runners
- Campaign for Better Transport
- Canal and River Trust
- Cardiff Capital Region
- Cardiff City Council
- Changing Faces
- Coleg Gwent
- Coleg y Cymoedd
- Community Transport Association (Wales)
- Confederation of British Industry (Wales)
- Confederation of Passenger Transport (Wales)
- Cwmcarn Paragon Cycling Club
- Cwm Taf Local Health Board
- Cyclists Touring Club (Cymru)
- Deafblind Cymru
- Disability Can Do
- Disability Wales
- Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
- Federation of Small Businesses (Wales)
- First Cymru
- First Great Western
- Freight Transport Association (Wales)
- Friends of the Earth Cymru
- GAVO
- Gelligaer Ramblers
- General Dynamics, Blackwood

- Groundwork
- Guide Dogs
- Gwent Education Multi-Ethnic Service (GEMS)
- Gwent Police
- Institute of Directors (Wales)
- Islwyn Ramblers
- Living Streets
- Machen Miggly Moos
- Marine Society and Sea Cadets
- Menter Iaith Caerffili
- Merthyr County Borough Council
- Monmouthshire County Council
- NAT Group
- National Bureau for Students with Disabilities
- National Trust
- Natural Resources Wales
- Network Rail
- Newport City Council
- One Voice Wales
- Open Spaces Society
- Passenger Focus
- Primary and Secondary Schools in Caerphilly County Borough
- Public Health Wales
- RAC Foundation
- Race Council Cymru
- Race Equality First
- Railway Paths
- Rainbow Group
- Ramblers Cymru
- Rhondda Cynon Taf Access Group
- Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
- Royal National Institute of Blind People Cymru
- Sight Cymru
- SNAP Cymru
- South Wales Chamber of Commerce
- South Wales Trunk Road Agency
- Stagecoach in South Wales
- Stonewall Cymru
- Stroke Association
- Sustrans
- The Crown Estate
- The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales
- Torfaen County Borough Council
- Town and Community Councils
- Umbrella Gwent
- University of South Wales
- Vale of Glamorgan Council
- VALREC
- Wales Council for Deaf People
- Wales Council for Voluntary Action
- Wales TUC
- Welsh Cycling
- Welsh Government

- Welsh ICE
- Wheels for Wellbeing
- WLGA
- Woodland Trust
- YMCA
- Yr Urdd

Annex 2 – Consultation Questionnaire



Active Travel Integrated Network Map Survey

Caerphilly County Borough Council's draft Active Travel Integrated Network Map (INM) shows the local authority's plans for improving active travel routes over the next 15 years.

We are keen to hear your views on the draft INM that has been developed. When providing comments, please bear in mind that an active travel route must connect to a destination, such as a workplace, school, shopping area or facility e.g. health centre. If you are providing comments on specific routes, please provide location details and scheme reference numbers.

Q1 Do you support the proposed routes included in the draft Integrated Network Map?

Yes

No.....

Q2 If no, please provide your reasons below:

Q3 Should any of the proposed routes shown be removed from the Integrated Network Map?
Yes
No.....

Q4 If yes, please provide details:

Q5 Should any additional route proposals be included in the Integrated Network Map?
Yes
No.....

Q6 If yes, please provide details

Q7 Which are the 3 route proposals that should be Caerphilly CBC's top priorities for improving for active travel?
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Q8 Do you have any other comments on the draft Integrated Network Map?

Q9 If you feel that any of these proposals will affect you as an individual because of any of the following (age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, gender reassignment, marital status, religious belief or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents) please give details below.

About you

The following questions are asked only to ensure that we achieve a representative sample and you do not have to answer these questions. We promise that this information is totally confidential and will not be given to anyone else ever.

Q10 Where do you live (nearest town or village)?

Q11 If applicable, where do you travel to work or education (nearest town or village)?

Q12 Are you

Male

Female

Transgender

Q13 Which age group are you in?

under 25

26-35

36-50

50+

Q14 Do you have a disability, long term illness or health problem?

Yes

No

Q15 If yes, does your disability, long term illness or health problem limit your mobility?

Yes

No

Q16 What is your ethnicity?

White

Black/African/Caribbean

Asian

Mixed/Multiple

Other

If other, please write in:

Many thanks for taking part in the consultation. Your views are important to us.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return your completed survey to any CCBC library. Alternatively you can post to: Liz Gibby, Engineering Division, CCBC, Ty Dyffryn, Dyffryn Industrial Estate, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7TW. This survey is also available online at: www.caerphilly.gov.uk

Annex 3 – Summary of supportive comments received from respondents

- All good ideas, making it safer to walk and cycle will make people a lot healthier.
- Sustainable travel should be the priority. I write as a car owner, motorbike owner and pedal bike owner - there is an urgent need to make walking and cycling the better option - investment in motor transport only increases motorised travel which is bad for health, road congestion, the environment, the economy etc. Compared with schemes for improving motor transport, these walking and cycling routes are much better value in the long term as they change the options and long-term behaviour of travellers. They should all be built as soon as possible.
- Current proposals all look promising. Lets hope funding is approved/ made available to further stimulate our communities back to life and help reduce the dependency on cars and aid improvements to the health and well-being of our citizens. This needs to be clearly identified, understood, communicated, promoted and driven forward (fully implemented) by influential and determined organisational leaders 'who know how to make a difference'.
- I think it's a good idea to take bicycles off busy roads.
- Shows that CCBC is interested in improving the lives of people in Rhymney.
- Fantastic proposals.
- All very good.
- I think overall any initiatives that help people to walk or cycle safely are to be commended.
- These proposals will create a better safer environment for those who wish to walk, cycle etc.
- It shall improve things.
- Will promote usage of under-utilised areas.
- I will not use them for walking to work but will use them for leisure. I already use some of them.
- As INMC24 runs just past my house it gives me an opportunity for walks and bike rides connecting to the rest of the existing cycle network with my children.
- INMC24 makes perfect sense as much of this route has been started by Redrow as part of the Cwm Calon development.
- I have three children and live in Forge Mill. The improvements to Ystrad Mynach will make walking safer for them and make us more likely to walk the mile walk to school instead of driving into an already congested town.
- The upgrade of route INMC61 and INMC62 to join ccbc13 – good idea which will avoid the need to carry bikes over the footbridge at St. Cenydd roundabout.
- I really want to encourage my children to cycle and walk more, so I am excited that these proposals will provide safe and accessible routes from our home in Llanbradach.
- I am relieved to see that the draft document includes pedestrian safety in Fleur-de-Lis. In particular measures to improve pedestrian safety on the A4049, for example a pedestrian crossing.

Annex 4 – Consultation response received from Sustrans

Sustrans INM Engagement and consultation response

Sustrans believes facilitating and encouraging Active Travel as an alternative means to motorised transport for the purpose of making everyday journeys is key to building a healthier, more sustainable way of getting around in our everyday lives and changing the way we travel.

It's important because Wales is facing a number of serious challenges that active travel can help to address. Many of these challenges feature in the goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act including: health; the environment; prosperity; equality and community cohesion.

Approach

Sustrans believes that the INM approach under the Active Travel Act offers the opportunity to deliver safe, attractive places to live, where walking and cycling are the obvious choices for short journeys and that routes for cycling are clear, coherent and connected.

The INM process represents an opportunity to change how streets, roads and urban spaces are designed and advocates an approach that places pedestrians and cyclists on an equal, if not preferential footing, to motorised modes. Delivery of the INM is an opportunity to identify where and how this can happen.

Sustrans strongly endorses optimising the approach to the INM development through defining key network aims at the outset, which will in turn determine how available data is used to identify trip generation and destination points and journey planning to generate desire lines. For example, prioritisation of routes to school will require different data sets and network considerations than a town centre or transport interchange.

Sustrans recognises that the delivery of schemes within the broad aim needs to fit with wider strategic priorities and consider appropriate resources for delivery within identified timescales. We are also aware that this is the first iteration of the authority's INM and that further routes and priorities can be established with later revisions and developments as part of the ongoing ATA process.

Common elements

Although each individual local authorities INM will vary with specific local considerations and priorities, there are elements which should form part of any effective INM approach such as:

- Setting overarching targets and KPIs to achieve them, linked to the council's key strategies and plans. Eg. An ambition to double the number of cycling trips from defined baseline and for 60% of journeys to be made by sustainable transport by 2026.
- Developing a collaborative approach between local authority departments and with external agencies to mainstream delivery and promotion of infrastructure. This approach to active travel is essential to maximising the benefits from development and implementation of the INM. This should also include defining the ambitions for

INM development in terms of achieving high standards under ATA design guidance as well as innovative approaches to solving problems and influencing future development.

In terms of infrastructure, key elements should include:

- **Routes reviewed and developed in line with the underlying principles** - Coherent, Direct, Safe, Attractive and Comfortable.
- **Continuous routes between key points** –continuous linkages between trip generation and destination points for identified routes. Broken routes defined by infrastructure type or pass/fail criteria are unlikely to be effective for a public-facing INM.
- **Existing Routes** – all upgraded to ATA Design Standards, including routes that ‘Passed’ pedestrian & cycle audit.
- **Time delays at signalised crossings** – need to minimise as a general approach. This is often cited as a key issue for pedestrians.
- **Comfort** – dropped (flush) kerbs, smooth surfaces. Generally good practice and in line with ATA Design guidance to ensure consistency.
- **Desire lines** – need to be catered for and linked to any local demand and evidence from consultation data. Redevelopment of signalised junctions should include all red phases to allow diagonal crossings for pedestrians, and ideally cyclists if possible.
- **Access controls** – reduce or remove wherever possible. Need to link provision to evidenced or known activity rather than general approach. Needs to be site specific solution and compliant with latest guidance.
- **Pavement parking and other route obstructions** – obstruction of footways and existing Active Travel infrastructure is a significant problem and a strong deterrent to usage. Civil enforcement should consider opportunities to address persistent problems and councils should review procedures where other services may be impacting on infrastructure e.g. waste collection and obstruction by domestic bins.
- **Signing** – needs to be consistent and relevant to level of infrastructure e.g. wayfinding strategy for local urban areas aimed at pedestrians, strategic direction signing for National Cycle Network and primary routes within urban areas. Statutory instructional signing should confirm to current ATA design standards and updated TSRGD guidance, avoiding negative signing such as ‘cyclists dismount’ and ‘route end’.

Appendix 3 - Proposed changes to the Caerphilly CBC Active Travel Integrated Network Map

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Active Travel Integrated Network Map – List of short, medium and long term proposals

The tables below indicate the timeline for delivery of the Active Travel Integrated Network Map proposals. These improvements are prioritised into short term (1-5 years), medium term (5-10 years) and long term projects (10-15 years). Active Travel Integrated Network map improvements are included in each time period, based on information known about each proposal. In 3 years time there will be an opportunity to review the Active Travel Integrated Network Map and this will result in the programme being revisited.

It is important to note that the Active Travel Integrated Network Map has no committed funding stream for delivery. Consequently, any programme will be further influenced by funding opportunities. The short-term plan will therefore need to be prioritised to make sure that those projects being progressed have the greatest likelihood of obtaining funding.

The following tables include the proposed changes to the INM as detailed in Appendix 3 of the Active Travel Integrated Network Map scrutiny report.

Short Term Proposals (1-5 years)

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route	Walking or Cycling proposal
INMC1	Rhymney	Twyn Carno	New link from Ty-Coch to existing route (ccbc1a) and the Heads of the Valleys Industrial Estate	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC17	Nelson	Nelson	Creates a continuous footway linking from Nelson to Ystrad Mynach Rail Station on southern side of highway. (2 sections of footway required).	New	Walking
INMC19	Ystrad Mynach/ Tir-y-berth/Fleur de Lis	St Cattwg/ Pengam/ Ystrad Mynach	New link from Pengam to Ystrad Mynach Town Centre adjacent to the A469. Missing part of the Rhymney Valley Linear Route. Provides access to employment and services (includes a pedestrian crossing near Lewis Girls Comprehensive School).	New	Walking and Cycling

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC20	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	Part new shared use route links to NCN47 and Tredomen Business Park via the B4245. Provides a more direct route to Ystrad Mynach Town Centre, bus and railway station.	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC21	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	Upgrades an existing path which links a residential area to the Hospital, leisure facilities and Ystrad Mynach Station. (Potential Metro scheme).	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC22	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	Upgrades an existing footpath to shared use includes section which is cycling on local roads. Links college to Station preferred route for pupils travelling by rail. (Potential Metro scheme).	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC24	Ystrad Mynach/ Penpedairheol/ Cefn Hengoed	Hengoed, Ystrad Mynach & St Cattwg	Improvements to an existing and new walking and cycling link from Penpedairheol and Cefn Hengoed to NCN Route 47 (via the new development site Cwm Calon).	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC44	Pengam	Pengam	New link from existing Active Travel Route (ccbc4b) to Glan-y-Nant. The feasibility study will need to consider enhanced pedestrian crossing facilities at the Glan-y-Nant signalised junction.	New	Walking
INMC46	Cefn Forrest/ Britannia	Cefn Forest / Pengam	Improved link, part traffic free link from Britannia to Cefn Forest Primary School including shops and services.	Upgrade/ New	Walking and Cycling
INMC47	Pengam	Pengam	New crossing facility at the signalised junction. Improves access to Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni for the Fleur-de-Lis community and also improves access to Fleur-de-Lis, Pengam and Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn Primary Schools.	New	Walking
INMC48	Pengam	Pengam	Improved link from Fairview to Primary Schools at and also connects to INMC 19.	Upgrade/ New	Walking and Cycling
INMC53	Crosskeys/ Wattsville	Crosskeys/ Ynysddu	Improves an existing Active Travel on road route from Wattsville to Crosskeys (ccbc 10b).	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC61	Penyrheol	Penyrheol	Connects existing Active Travel Routes (ccbc13 and ccbc12) via DDA compliant bridge completing the Aber Valley Route to Caerphilly Town Centre.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC62	Penyrheol	Penyrheol	New link connecting existing Active Travel routes (ccbc13 and ccbc12) providing improved access to St Cenydd Comprehensive School for the Energlyn/Penyrheol community.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC63	Caerphilly	Penyrheol/ St Martins	New and more direct/ enhanced link connecting the Caerphilly basin area to employment in RCT /Cardiff via the Taff Trail. Cross boundary scheme. Connects to existing Active Travel Route (ccbc 13).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC68	Caerphilly	Llanbradach/ Morgan Jones	New walking link (part of a link to Llanbradach) and crosses the A469 at signalised crossing. Provides access to shops, services and employment. (Part of the Rhymney Valley linear route).	New	Walking
INMC72	Caerphilly	St James	New walking and cycling route direct to Caerphilly Rail Station and Town Centre. Includes links to Lansbury Park and via an existing crossing to Mornington Meadows. Creates a continuous route to join NCN route 4 (Existing Active Travel route ccbc15c) from bus and rail interchange.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC73	Penrhos	Penyrheol/ St Martins	Completes a walking and cycling link to housing estate/commercial area connects to INMC63 (cross boundary link to Nantgarw Road/Taff Trail).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC75	Caerphilly	St James	Improves the crossing facility connecting Lansbury Park Housing estate to NCN Route 4 (Existing Active Travel Route ccbc15c) also links to INMC65.	New	Walking and cycling
INMC88	Llanbradach	Llanbradach	Llanbradach Village link connects to INMC25 and INMC87. Forms part of the missing Rhymney Valley Linear Route. Could include pedestrian improvements.	New	Walking/ Cycling

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INMC89	Maesycwmmmer	Maesycwmmmer	Provides a 20mph zone surrounding Maesycwmmmer Primary School, includes cycle storage and access improvements (Safe Routes in Communities Scheme).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC91	Aberbargoed	Aberbargoed	Ysgol Bro Sannan Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Will include consideration of the route connecting to Hangar Youth and Community Centre, Aberbargoed. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC101	Caerphilly	St James	Improves an existing footpath to Caerphilly railway station/town centre connects to Caerphilly Business Park. Connects to INMC72.	New	Walking and Cycling

Medium Term Proposals (5-10 years)

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC2	Rhymney	Twyn Carno	New link from existing route (ccbc1b) to the Primary School, Town Centre & Leisure facilities.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC5	Rhymney	Moriah	Improvements to an existing link from Brynawel Primary School via recreational area to Mount Batten (Residential Area).	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC9	Gilfach	Gilfach	New link from Gilfach Fargoed/Ysgol Gymraeg Gilfach Fargoed to leisure facilities.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC11	Glan y Nant	St Cattwg	New cycle Link created on highway from Gilfach/Lewis School to Pengam Station.	New	Walking and Cycling

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC12	Gelligaer	St Cattwg	New active travel link from Pottery Road to Penallta Industrial Estate (at North Road joins INMC24).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC13	Gelligaer	St Cattwg	Improvements to an existing link from Gelligaer Village centre to Glyn Gaer Primary School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC14	Cefn Hengoed/ Tir-y-berth	Hengoed/ St Cattwg	Improvements to an existing path that links Cefn Hengoed to Tiryberth Village (employment leisure and services).	Upgrade	Walking
INMC16	Nelson	Nelson	New footway link adjacent to the A472 linking Llanfabon area to shops and services.	New	Walking
INMC18	Nelson	Nelson	Indicative links from Ty Du development site to Nelson Bus Station/Existing Active Travel Route (NCN Route 47)(ccbc6) and Abercynon Station via Merthyr CBC and RCT. Routes linked to development of the site.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC25	Ystrad Mynach/ Llanbradach/ Caerphilly	Ystrad Mynach/ Llanbradach/ Morgan Jones	Indicative cycle link from Ystrad Mynach (Dyffryn Business Park signalised junction) to Llanbradach. (Missing part of the Rhymney Valley Linear Route).	New	Cycling
INMC26	Maesycwmmmer / Pengam	Maesycwmmmer / Pengam	New link from Fleur de Lis to NCN 47 connecting to Active Travel Existing Routes (ccbc 8a) providing access to Ystrad Mynach Town Centre/Bus Station/Hengoed Rail Station.	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC28	Crumlin/ Newbridge	Crumlin/ Newbridge	New link from Crumlin to Newbridge (Connects Town Centre/Rail Station & Newbridge Comprehensive School). Links to ccbc16.	New	Walking and Cycling

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC29	Newbridge	Newbridge	New link from Ty Newydd Primary School to Newbridge Town Centre through development site.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC30	Crosskeys/ Risca	Crosskeys/ Risca West	New link from NCN47 (ccbc10d) to Risca Town Centre provides access to education/leisure/services and facilities.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC31	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	New link from Ystrad Mynach Town Centre to Dyffryn Business Park. Connects to INMC19 and INMC25. Part of the Rhymney Valley Linear Route.	New	Cycling
INMC32	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	Provides a link from the National Cycle Network Route 47 (Active Travel Existing Route (ccbc8b)) across the A472 to Pontllanfraith.	New	Cycling
INMC36	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	Provides a link from the Bryn residential area to NCN Route 47(ccbc8a). Includes a new section of walking and cycling path and crosses the A472 via an existing road overbridge.	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC38	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	Improves the link between Springfield /Newbridge Road, Industrial Park and Penmaen/Pontllanfraith Primary School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC40	Blackwood	Cefn Forest	Enhancements to the traffic free link from Grove Park to Blackwood Comprehensive School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC43	Woodfieldside	Penmaen	Enhancements to the existing B4254 uncontrolled pedestrian crossing which connects to existing footways, links Woodfieldside to Penmaen Industrial Estate and Pontllanfraith Primary School.	Upgrade	Walking.
INMC45	Pengam/ Britannia	Pengam	Improved link from Existing Active Travel Route (ccbc4b) to Pengam Industrial Estate.	Upgrade/ New	Walking and Cycling

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal
INMC49	Glan-y-Nant	St Cattwg	Enhanced local walking and cycling routes to Pengam station. (Potential Metro scheme).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC50	Pengam	Cefn Forest/ Pengam	Improved link on an existing footpath for shared use between Cefn Forest and Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni.	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC54	Cwmfelinfach	Ynysddu	Improved shared use route between Ynysddu and Cwmfelinfach through the park. Connects Primary Schools and provides access to services.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC55	Energlyn/ Churchill Park	Morgan Jones	New link from existing Active Travel Route (ccbc13) to Energlyn Station.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC56	Energlyn/ Churchill Park	Morgan Jones	New link from an existing Active Travel Route (ccbc 13) to Asda.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC65	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones	New shared use link along existing part traffic free path. Connects Crossways Retail Park and Pontygwindy Industrial estate. Links to INMC64, CCBCINCM66 and INMC69.	Upgrade/ New	Walking and cycling
INMC66	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones/ Bedwas Trethomas and Machen	New shared use link along existing path. Connects to Bedwas House Industrial Estate/Pandy Lane and Crossways retail development (wider network). Links to INMC65 and INMC68.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC67	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones	New shared use route part traffic free and includes crossing facility on Pontygwindy Road. Connects to INMC56 and provides access to shops services and employment.	New	Walking and Cycling

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC69	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones	New walking and cycling link (part of a link to Llanbradach). Requires a controlled crossing on the A469/A468. Dependant on Pwllypant junction improvement scheme. Connects to INMC56 and INMC87. (Part of the Rhymney Valley linear route).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC70	Caerphilly	Penyrheol/ St Martins	Improves an existing traffic free path via an underpass connecting Caerphilly western housing estates to employment (Western Industrial Estate) and via the NCN route 4 (Existing Active Travel Routes Network ccbc14a) to Caerphilly Town Centre.	Upgrade/ New	Walking and Cycling
INMC71	Caerphilly	St Martins	Improves a walking route to town centre (requires land investigations). Connects to NCN route 4 (existing Active Travel Route ccbc 14b) and Western Industrial Estate.	New	Walking
INMC76	Machen	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	Upgrades an existing path from Chatham area of Machen along riverside to village centre and Machen Primary School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC77	Graig-y-Rhacca	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	New part traffic free route alongside the highway from Graig-Y-Rhacca to Bedwas High School. Links to NCN route 4 Existing Active Travel Route (ccbc 15f).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC78	Bedwas	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	Improves existing route and provides new direct access to Pant Glas Industrial Estate and Trethomas Village Centre. Connects to NCN route 4 and Existing Active Travel route (ccbc 15e).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC79	Trethomas	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	Improves an existing link to Trethomas Village Centre. Connects to NCN route 4 and Existing Active Travel route (ccbc 15e).	Upgrade/ New	Walking and Cycling
INMC80	Rudry/ Mornington Meadows	St James / Morgan Jones	New walking/cycling path to Mornington Meadows housing estate. Links to public transport, shops, employment and services.	Upgrade/ New	Walking and Cycling

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INMC85	Senghenydd	Aber Valley	Improve existing link to Health Centre to provide a shared use link for the Senghenydd community. Links from village centre to sports facilities, the local school and existing active travel route ccbc 12.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC86	Abertridwr	Aber Valley	Upgrade existing link. Connects to local school via existing route (ccbc 12).	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC90	Rhymney/ Abertyswg	Moriah	New Rhymney Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC92	Pengam	Pengam	Fleur-de-Lys Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC93	Caerphilly	St Martins	The Twyn Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities' scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC94	Bedwas	Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen	Bedwas Infants School -Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC95	Markham	Crumlin	Markham Primary School -Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC96	Pengam	Pengam	Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn -Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC97	Senghenydd	Aber Valley	Nant y Parc Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC98	Hengoed	Hengoed	Hengoed Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC99	Llanbradach	Llanbradach	Cwm Glas Primary School - Potential future safe routes in communities scheme. Scope of scheme to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC102	Caerphilly	St Martins	Enhanced local walking and cycling routes to Caerphilly station. (Potential Metro Scheme)	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC103	Caerphilly	Llanbradach/ Morgan Jones	New cycling link (part of a link to Llanbradach) and crosses the A469 at signalised crossing. Provides access to shops, services and employment. (Part of the Rhymney Valley linear route).	New	Cycling
INMC104	Rhymney	Twyn Carno	New link to complete the National Cycle Network Route 46 from Rhymney Bridge to Dowlais. Provides a new and improved route connecting Rhymney to shops, services and employment located in the Dowlais area of Merthyr Tydfil CBC.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC105	Abercarn	Abercarn/ Cwmcarn	New shared use route to connect Cwmcarn to Abercarn. Links to existing active travel route ccbc16 and INMC27. Proposed alignment is adjacent to the A467.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC106	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	Provides an improvement to the walking link which connects to existing active travel route ccbc7 and provides access to Ystrad Mynach Town Centre, services and facilities.	Upgrade	Walking
INMC107	Machen	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	Waterloo Housing Development site- Future active travel sustainable routes will be identified to connect the site to Caerphilly, Bedwas and existing Active Travel routes.	New	Walking and Cycling

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INMC108	N/A	Various Wards across the County Borough.	Small scale improvements to Existing Active Travel Routes at a number of locations across the County Borough including the cycling/walking crossing point at the entrance to Lansbury Park from Bedwas Road (ccbc15c) and the bridge crossing on Old Bedwas Road (ccbc15d). Scope of schemes to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling

Long Term Proposals (10-15 years)

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC3	Rhymney	Twyn Carno	New link from existing route (ccbc1a) to Twyn Carno residential area.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC4	Rhymney	Twyn Carno	Alternative traffic free link from existing route (ccbc1b) direct to Rhymney Station.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC6	Pontlottyn	Pontlottyn	New traffic free link from Brynhyfryd housing estate to Pontlottyn Village Centre via School Site - Site development plan needs to incorporate shared use Active Travel route.	New /Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC7	New Tredegar	New Tredegar	Improved shared use link from White Rose Primary School to Phillipstown via School Street.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC8	Aberbargoed	Aberbargoed	New shared use traffic free link from Aberbargoed to Train Station at Bargoed. Links to Existing Active Travel Route (ccbc4a).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC10	Glan y Nant	St Cattwg	Improvements to an existing link from Gilfach to Pengam Station - Walking Route.	Upgrade	Walking

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC15	Nelson	Nelson	Improved link between Llanfabon Infants School and Nelson Bus Station/Village Centre via Ashgrove.	Upgrade	Walking
INMC23	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	New link from NCN Route 47 along redundant rail line into Ystrad Mynach station. Requires rail land and road overbridge across A472 will provide a direct traffic free link into the station for walking and cycling. (Potential Metro scheme)	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC27	Newbridge	Abercarn Crosskeys Risca West	New link from Risca to Cwmcarn Forest Drive. Connects to Crosskeys and via existing route (ccbc 11) to Risca Town Centre.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC33	Risca	Risca West	Improved link from Risca Town Centre to Pontymister Industrial Estate access to retail, employment and services.	Upgrade	Walking
INMC35	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	Provides a shared use path from Penllwyn residential area to Bryn Primary School, local shops and services.	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC37	Pontllanfraith/ Blackwood	Pontllanfraith	Provides a link from Pontllanfraith to the Northern Retail Development in Blackwood.	New	Cycling
INMC39	Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith	New link from Penmaen Industrial Park to Highfield, Blackwood (Link INMC37).	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC41	Blackwood	Blackwood/ Pontllanfraith/ Penmaen	New traffic free cycling/walking route from Woodfieldside/Penmaen Industrial Estate to Blackwood Rugby Club (Town Centre). Also includes a link to Pontllanfraith Health Centre.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC42	Blackwood	Penmaen	New shared use link from Woodfieldside R/A to Active Travel Existing Route (ccbc 5) and Blackwood Town Centre along Sirhowy Enterprise Way(A4048).	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC51	Ynysddu/ Wyllie	Ynysddu	Upgrades an existing link connecting Wyllie to Ynysddu Primary School.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC52	Wattsville	Ynysddu	Improves an existing link to Wattsville from existing Active Travel Route (ccbc10a).	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC57	Energlyn/ Churchill Park	Morgan Jones	Provides a link from Energlyn Station to Asda Pontygwindy Road.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC58	Energlyn/ Churchill Park	Morgan Jones	Upgrade to existing walking link from existing Active Travel Route (CCBC13) to Asda and Pontygwindy Industrial Estate.	Upgrade	Walking
INMC59	Churchill Park/ Llanbradach	Morgan Jones/ Llanbradach	New link from Energlyn to Pontygwindy Industrial Estate and Asda. Connects to INMC57.	New	Walking and Cycling
INMC60	Trecenydd	Penyrheol/ Morgan Jones	New link from existing Active Travel Route (ccbc13) to Trecenydd Business Park.	New	Walking

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status i.e. New or upgraded route.	Walking or Cycling proposal.
INMC64	Caerphilly	Morgan Jones	Upgrades an existing walking route to a shared use path linking Crossways Retail Park to Pontygwindy Road. Connects to retail and residential areas.	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC74	Penyrheol	Penyrheol	Improves an existing walking link connecting to Cwm Ifor Primary School. Creates a shared walking and cycling link.	New/ Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC81	Oakdale	Penmaen and Crumlin	New link from Croespenmaen to existing Active Travel Route (ccbc5). Connects to employment and new Islwyn High School.	New	Walking and cycling
INMC82	Graig-y-Rhacca	Bedwas Trethomas and Machen	Improvements to existing Active Travel Route (ccbc 15e) - Redbrook Lane	Upgrade	Walking and Cycling
INMC84	Senghenydd	Aber Valley	New footway link from Saw Mill site to Nant-y-Parc Primary. Linked to future development of the site.	New	Walking
INMC87	Pwllypant	Llanbradach/ Morgan Jones	New link connecting the community of Llanbradach to Pontygwindy Industrial estate via existing overbridge.	New	Walking/ Cycling
INMC100	N/A	Various Wards across the County Borough.	Schools developing their school Travel Plans - Comprehensive Schools - Lewis Girls, Ystrad Mynach, Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni and Lewis School, Pengam. Primary Schools - Pengam, Risca, Machen, St Helens, Plas y Felin, Blackwood, Graig-y-Rhacca, Cwmcarn, Waunfawr, Tir-Y-Berth, Gilfach Fargoed, Bedwas Junior School, Cwmaber Junior and Infants schools. - Potential future safe routes in communities schemes. Scope of schemes to be developed.	New	Walking and Cycling

Programmed and Completed Schemes (as of July 2017)

The tables below include those schemes that are programmed for delivery in 2017/18 and those that are completed and will be added into the Active Travel Existing Routes Map. The inclusion of the built Active Travel Routes in the Caerphilly County Borough existing routes map will be subject to evaluation and approval by Welsh Government.

Programmed

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status	Walking Cycling
INMC34	Crumlin/ Treowen	Crumlin	Improves access and links from Treowen to Crumlin High Level Primary School (SRIC).	New	Walking

Built

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status	Walking Cycling
ccbc16	Newbridge/ Abercarn	Newbridge/ Abercarn	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map Walking/Cycling link from Abercarn/West End to Newbridge Town Centre/Leisure Centre/Comprehensive School and services.	Built	Walking and Cycling
ccbc17	Oakdale	Penmaen	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map. Oakdale "Safe Routes in Communities" scheme. Links to INMC (ccbc83).	Built	Walking
ccbc18	Ty Sign	Risca East	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map. Ty Sign "Safe Routes in Communities" scheme.	Built	Walking
ccbc19	The Bryn	Pontllanfraith	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map. Bryn Primary School "Safe Routes in Communities" scheme.	Built	Walking

Link Ref	Community	Ward	Description	Status	Walking Cycling
ccbc20	Cefn Hengoed	Hengoed	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map (Cefn Hengoed community).	Built	Walking and Cycling
ccbc21	Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map connects ccbc6 to ccbc7 along the NCN Route 47. Links Penallta Park to Hengoed/Cefn Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Town Centre.	Built	Walking and Cycling
ccbc22 (INMC83)	Oakdale	Penmaen	New shared use path (traffic free) provides a link to Oakdale from the new Islwyn High School. Connects to improvements made by the Oakdale Safe Routes in Communities project.	Built	Walking
ccbc23	Nelson	Nelson	Proposed addition to the Active Travel Existing Routes Map. Connects ccbc6 to the County Boundary with Merthyr Tydfill County Borough. Provides a cycling link between Treharris and Ystrad Mynach along the NCN Route 47.	Built	Walking and Cycling

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

April 2016

THE COUNCIL'S EQUALITIES STATEMENT

This Council recognises that people have different needs, requirements and goals and we will work actively against all forms of discrimination by promoting good relations and mutual respect within and between our communities, residents, elected members, job applicants and workforce.

We will also work to create equal access for everyone to our services, irrespective of ethnic origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, religious beliefs or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality, responsibility for any dependents or any other reason which cannot be shown to be justified.

NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Active Travel Integrated Network Map (INM)
DIRECTORATE	Communities
SERVICE AREA	Transport Strategy and Road Safety
CONTACT OFFICER	Liz Gibby 01495 235059
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	Active Travel INM to be submitted to the Welsh Government in November 2017. There is a requirement that the INM will need to be reviewed and resubmitted within 3 years following Welsh Government approval of the INM.

***Throughout this Equalities Impact Assessment Form, 'proposal' is used to refer to what is being assessed, and therefore includes policies, strategies, functions, procedures, practices, initiatives, projects and savings proposals.**

INTRODUCTION

The aim of an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is to ensure that Equalities and Welsh Language issues have been proactively considered throughout the decision making processes governing work undertaken by every service area in the Council as well as work done at a corporate level.

The form should be used if you have identified a need for a full EIA following the screening process covered in the **Equalities Implications in Committee Reports** guidance document (available on the **Equalities and Welsh Language Portal** on the Council's intranet).

The EIA should highlight any areas of risk and maximise the benefits of proposals in terms of Equalities. It therefore helps to ensure that the Council has considered everyone who might be affected by the proposal.

It also helps the Council to meet its legal responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011, the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and supports the wider aims of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. There is also a requirement under Human Rights legislation for Local Authorities to consider Human Rights in developing proposals.

Specifically, Section 147 of the Equality Act 2010 is the provision that requires decision-makers to have 'due regard' to the equality implications of their decisions and Welsh Language Standards 88-97 require specific consideration of Welsh speakers under the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015.

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales has also published 'Good Practice Guidance for Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessments and Scrutinising Changes to Community Services in Wales' to ensure that Local Authorities, and other service providers, carry out thorough and robust impact assessments and scrutiny when changes to community services are proposed, and that every consideration is given to mitigate the impact on older people and propose alternative approaches to service delivery.

The Council's work across Equalities, Welsh Language and Human Rights is covered in more detail through the **Equalities and Welsh Language Objectives and Action Plan 2016-2020**.

This approach strengthens work to promote Equalities by helping to identify and address any potential discriminatory effects before introducing something new or changing working practices, and reduces the risk of potential legal challenges.

When carrying out an EIA you should consider both the positive and negative consequences of your proposals. If a project is designed for a specific group e.g. disabled people, you also need to think about what potential effects it could have on other areas e.g. young people with a disability, BME people with a disability.

There are a number of supporting guidance documents available on the **Equalities and Welsh Language Portal** and the Council's Equalities and Welsh Language team can offer support as the EIA is being developed. Please note that the team does not write EIAs on behalf of service areas, the support offered is in the form of advice, suggestions and in effect, quality control.

Contact equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for assistance.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve?</p> <p>The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 came into force in September 2014 and places new duties on local authorities (LAs) in Wales to produce and publish active travel maps. Active travel means walking and cycling, including the use of mobility scooters, for everyday journeys. This includes journeys to school, to work, to the shops or to access services, such as health or leisure centres. Active travel does not include walking and cycling for recreational purposes. Active travel is important in promoting healthier lifestyles and reducing the negative impacts of traffic upon our neighbourhoods and communities.</p> <p>The Act requires all LAs in Wales to produce an Active Travel Integrated Network Map (INM) by November 2017. The INM sets out the LA's plans for improving active travel routes and facilities over the next 15 years. The map shows the proposed future network of key walking and cycling routes and will include short, medium and longer term schemes.</p> <p>Caerphilly CBC's draft INM has been developed following a review of existing walking and cycling proposals included in Caerphilly CBC's Local Development Plan and Local Transport Plan and an information gathering exercise with Caerphilly CBC Members, Officers, the Youth Forum and members of the public that took place during Summer/Autumn 2016. Suggestions made during the information gathering stage have been assessed to ensure the proposed improvements are able to meet the standards for active travel routes set by the Welsh Government. The resulting draft INM that has been developed includes proposals for over 100 walking and cycling route improvements.</p>
2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal?</p> <p>The Act only applies to specific 'designated' areas in Wales, which have been determined by the Welsh Government and are based on the population size of settlements. Those communities/ areas included within the Act within Caerphilly County Borough are as follows: Aberbargoed, Abercarn, Abertridwr, Bargoed, Blackwood, Caerphilly, Cwmfelinfach, Llanbradach, Machen, Nelson, New Tredegar, Newbridge, Pontllanfraith, Pontlottyn, Rhymney, Risca, Wattsville, Ynysddu, Ystrad Mynach.</p> <p>The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 aims to make active travel the most attractive option for shorter journeys for all sections of the community in the above areas. The Active Travel INM sets down proposed improvements to the active travel network in Caerphilly County Borough for the benefit of residents and visitors to the area. The delivery of the schemes set out in the Active Travel INM will affect the public generally as all sections of the community will have the opportunity to use the active travel network to access employment, education, services, facilities etc.</p> <p>The INM is an aspirational map and the development and delivery of the routes shown on the INM will be dependent on the availability of funding for active travel schemes.</p>

IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

<p>3</p>	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals?</p> <p>The Active Travel INM aims to improve accessibility by walking and cycling (including the use of mobility scooters) for all sections of the community, to a range of services including employment, education, retail, healthcare and leisure facilities. The Active Travel INM promotes equal opportunities for active travel modes as it seeks to improve access to services and facilities through prioritising a low cost mode of travel. The focus upon schemes to improve access by walking and cycling will benefit those who do not have access to a car.</p> <p>Different sections of the community will have different accessibility needs. It is important that these needs are understood and taken into account in the design of individual active travel schemes that are delivered through the Active Travel INM. There will be the opportunity to consider the needs of all users, including more vulnerable groups, on a scheme-by-scheme basis, as funding becomes available for scheme delivery.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Issues of equal access to be considered on a scheme-by-scheme basis during the delivery of the Active Travel INM.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups?</p> <p>Different sections of the community will have different accessibility needs. In terms of the consequences of the Active Travel INM for particular groups, it is considered that the impact of the schemes delivered through the Active Travel INM may affect people differently in terms of their disability, gender or age. It is important that such needs are understood and taken into account in the design of individual active travel schemes that are delivered through this Active Travel INM. There will be the opportunity to consider the needs of all users, including more vulnerable groups, on a scheme-by-scheme basis, as funding becomes available for scheme delivery.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>The impact of active travel schemes on particular groups e.g. in terms of disability, gender or age, to be considered on a scheme-by-scheme basis during the delivery of the Active Travel INM.</p>

5	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.</p> <p>The requirements of the Welsh Language Standards will need to be considered on a scheme-by-scheme basis during the development and delivery of active travel schemes.</p> <p>All information made available to the public in relation to the Active Travel INM will be in line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards e.g. consultation information, the final version of the Active Travel INM and any supporting information.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>The requirements of the Welsh Language Standards to be considered on a scheme-by-scheme basis during the development and delivery of active travel schemes.</p>

INFORMATION COLLECTION

6	<p>Is full information and analysis of users of the service available?</p> <p>The Active Travel INM aims to improve accessibility by walking and cycling (including the use of mobility scooters) for all sections of the community to a range of services including employment, education, retail, healthcare and leisure facilities.</p> <p>The consultation process detailed in section 7 below has aimed to engage with a wide range of potential users of the active travel network.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>None.</p>

CONSULTATION

7 What consultation has taken place?

A 12-week public consultation on Caerphilly CBC's draft INM has been undertaken, as required by the Welsh Government. Full details of the public consultation are included in the Active Travel Integrated Network Map Consultation Report. A dedicated Active Travel web page on the Caerphilly CBC website included details of the consultation, an online version of the draft INM and a consultation questionnaire. The consultation was promoted via Caerphilly CBC's Newsline, social media and by email to a range of internal and external contacts. Hard copies of the draft INM and the consultation questionnaire were available at libraries across the County Borough and consultation sessions were also held at seven libraries.

The consultation included statutory consultees, key external stakeholders, Local Authority Members and relevant officers (including CCBC's Equalities and Disability Access Officers for wider dissemination to their contacts), Town and Community Councils and equalities groups. The equalities groups that were emailed directly with details about the consultation are as follows:

- Action on Hearing Loss Cymru
- Age Concern
- Age Cymru
- Bi Cymru
- Bridges Into Work
- British Deaf Association
- Caerphilly County Borough Access Group
- Caerphilly Parent Network
- Changing Faces
- Deafblind Cymru
- Disability Can Do
- Disability Wales
- Guide Dogs
- Gwent Education Multi-Ethnic Service (GEMS)
- Menter Iaith Caerffili
- National Bureau for Students with Disabilities
- Race Council Cymru
- Race Equality First
- Rainbow Group
- Rhondda Cynon Taf Access Group
- Royal National Institute of Blind People Cymru
- Sight Cymru
- SNAP Cymru
- Stonewall Cymru
- Stroke Association
- Umbrella Gwent
- VALREC
- Wales Council for Deaf People
- Wales Council for Voluntary Action
- YMCA
- Yr Urdd

	<p>Officers also attended the Caerphilly County Borough Access Group and Caerphilly CBC's Youth Forum to encourage participation in the INM consultation by equalities groups. It is also worth noting that one of the Youth Forum priorities for 2017/18 was 'more lights on cycle paths and walkways'.</p> <p>The consultation questionnaire asked respondents to provide details if they felt that any of the proposals would affect them because of issues relating to equalities e.g. age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, gender reassignment, marital status, religious or non-religious belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents.</p> <p>All comments received during the consultation have been reviewed and consideration given to whether any to the Active Travel INM are required. Specific equalities issues raised during the consultation are detailed in section 3.9 of the Active Travel INM Consultation Report. Changes proposed to the INM following the consultation are included in section 4 of the Active Travel INM Consultation Report.</p> <p>In addition a previous consultation on the South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan (undertaken in 2014) highlighted that active travel routes should consider the needs of those who cannot walk or cycle or use adapted bikes and that shared-use routes/ spaces should consider the needs of those who are blind or partially sighted.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>The impact of active travel schemes on particular groups e.g. in terms of disability, gender or age, to be considered on a scheme-by-scheme basis during the delivery of the Active Travel INM.</p>

MONITORING AND REVIEW

<p>8</p>	<p>How will the proposal be monitored?</p> <p>Monitoring will focus upon the active travel schemes and improvements that are delivered through the Active Travel INM. The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 requires LAs to report to the Welsh Government changes in level of use of active travel routes. Monitoring of usage of active travel routes will be necessary to meet this duty.</p> <p>In addition, the Welsh Government's 'Statutory Guidance for the Delivery of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013' states that, as part of the development of individual active travel schemes, monitoring should be considered from the outset and that any bids for funding will need to include details of how the success of the scheme will be monitored. It also states that the type of monitoring that is undertaken will depend upon a number of factors relevant to the specific scheme itself, including accessibility of the scheme and the funding available. It should be noted that, in terms of usage of the active travel improvements that are delivered, the main focus will be upon overall numbers of people using a new facility rather than usage by particular groups.</p>
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	The Engineering Division's Service Request system will record future requests from the public in relation to any issues raised about the active travel network or new facilities that are provided.
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Monitoring of usage of active travel routes will be undertaken as necessary to meet the requirements of the Welsh Government.</p>

9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated?</p> <p>Monitoring of active travel improvements, as detailed above, will be reported on an annual basis to the Welsh Government. The methods of monitoring detailed above will be reviewed in light of any feedback received from the Welsh Government, any specific issues about active travel routes raised by the public and through collaborative working with other LAs in SE Wales.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Monitoring of usage of active travel routes will be undertaken as necessary to meet the requirements of the Welsh Government.</p>

10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified?</p> <p>No training requirements identified at this stage.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>None.</p>

11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>The following to be considered on a scheme-by-scheme basis during the development and delivery of the Active Travel INM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues of equal access. • The impact of active travel schemes on particular groups e.g. in terms of disability, gender or age • The requirements of the Welsh Language Standards.
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12	<p>What wider use will you make of this Equality Impact Assessment?</p> <p>This report will be an appendix to the Active Travel Integrated Network Map Scrutiny/ Cabinet report. This EIA will be considered during the development and delivery of schemes within the Active Travel INM.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>As above.</p>

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