



**Cyngor Gwledig
LLANELLI
Rural Council**

**Annual Report
2018-2019**

FOREWORD

This is Llanelli Rural Council's inaugural Annual Report detailing the progress it has made in meeting the four local well-being objectives contained in the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board's (PSB) local well-being plan published in May 2018.

The Council's response to the enactment of the Well-Being of Future Generations (WFG) (Wales) Act 2015 was to commission the development of its own well-being plan, the Llanelli Rural Whole Place Plan 2015:2030 and also employing a Community Development Officer (CDO).

Under section 40(1) of the WFG (Wales) Act 2015, the Council has a duty to contribute to the achievement of the four local well-being objectives by deciding for itself how it will take "all reasonable steps" towards meeting the objectives on the basis of its own judgement, knowledge and consideration of the circumstances and characteristics of its area. The Council also has a duty to publish an annual report detailing the progress made in relation to meeting the objectives and in preparation for this it has been liaising with the Carmarthenshire PSB over the last 12 months. In accordance with published statutory guidance, the focus of this report centres around the Council's existing activities and services. In view of such I commend this report to you in the knowledge that the work of the Council will continue to evolve in order to fulfil its role and responsibilities in helping improve the well-being of its area.

Cllr Siân M. Caiach
Chairman

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS

The Council will has made the following commitments:

COMMITMENTS

- Look to the long term so that its actions or lack of action does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Taking an integrated approach to applying the seven well-being goals when deciding upon priorities.
- Involving the diversity of the population in the decisions affecting them, when and where it is applicable to do so.
- Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.

- Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.
- Take all reasonable steps towards meeting the objectives set out in Carmarthenshire PSB's Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan. The Council will consider and review the four key well-being objectives contained in the plan alongside its own objectives for the year ahead.
- Form its own judgement of what steps it would be reasonable for it to take towards meeting the local objectives in its area, on the basis of its own knowledge and consideration of the circumstances and characteristics of its area.
- Report annually for each relevant financial year, detailing the progress it has made in meeting the objectives contained in the Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan prepared and published by the PSB.
- Supporting Welsh Government's Sustainable Development Charter as a Charter signatory.

ACTIONS

The Council commits to the following set of actions:

- Publishing the Council's well-being statement on its website.
- Incorporating the well-being statement into its Strategic Plan. The plan provides an overall framework to focus the Council's activities, investments and spending priorities.
- Incorporating the seven national well-being goals into its Strategic Plan by cross-referencing the well-being goals so that the Council's core aims and values are realigned to correlate directly to the well-being goals.
- Work to deliver the wide ranging interventions identified in the Llanelli Rural Area Whole Place Plan, over the life cycle of the plan: 2015 to 2030. The plan sets out the Rural Area's contribution to the national well-being goals for securing sustainable development.
- Continue to extend its influence and reach into the community to help sustain general well-being in the communities that make up its area. It will do this by dedicating resources to promote community development through the Council's work programme; its dedicated CDO who will act as an important interface with the communities in the Council's area and through other community initiatives such as the Council's Community Development Fund grants policy and its other forms of grant support.
- To support the nationwide Sustainable Development Charter Network.

OUR SPENDING PRIORITIES

How are we funded?

The Council is funded entirely from the Council taxpayer and other sources of income collected from charges etc.

Where does your money go?

The Council has agreed a budget of £1,591,150 to spend on the provision of services in 2019/20. For the Council tax payer, the Band D tax levied will be £128.63.

The Council has budgeted to spend on:

2018/19		2019/20
£		£
294,510	Halls	394,760
537,760	Parks/open spaces	552,150
97,830	Roads and footpaths	97,510
110,000	Cemetery	120,000
28,300	Arts and tourism	34,260
130,780	Community development	91,770
13,000	Grants	43,750
138,430	Play areas	120,770
46,920	Asset Transfer	71,510
<u>65,440</u>	Other services	<u>64,670</u>
<u>1,462,970</u>		<u>1,591,150</u>

To be financed by:

	£
Council Tax payers	1,041,560
Charges, grants etc	213,430
Reserves	336,160

Financial Reserves

Balances are necessary to provide for the levelling out of normal peaks and troughs of a year’s financial activities. It is estimated that these working balances will stand at around £400,000 on 31 March, 2019.

Continuing Services

- the maintenance of its community halls, parks, play areas, footpaths and open spaces
- providing a grounds maintenance service to Llanelli Town Council
- funding of the Christmas Lights with Carmarthenshire County Council and Llanelli Town Council
- Work Based Learning Programmes as part of the Skills Academy Wales Consortium.

Our Plans

Specific projects this year are:-

- to complete a community adoption plan with Welsh Water for Swiss Valley Reservoir
- to continue with the lease transfer of assets from Carmarthenshire County Council
- to negotiate Section 106 funding for play and recreational facilities
- rolling out the Street Buddies scheme and continuing with the projects under the Whole Place Plan.

Introduction

Outline of Council	<p>One of nine community Councils in the Llanelli district area, the Council, formed during Local Government re-organisation in April 1974, is made up of 21 elected members, advised by the Clerk to the Council.</p> <p>The Council's geographic area is approximately 26.78 square miles, with a population of 22,800 and surrounds the urban centre of Llanelli. Its boundaries extend from Loughor Estuary in the east to Burry Port in the west and skirts the Gwendraeth Valley in the north. The area is made up of the villages and districts of Bynea, Cwmbach, Cynheidre, Dafen, Felinfoel, Five Roads, Furnace, Llwynhendy, Ponthenri, Pontyates (south of the railway line), Pwll, Sandy and Swiss Valley.</p> <p>Chairman: Councillor Sian M. Caiach Leader of the Council: Councillor Tegwen Devichand Clerk to the Council: Mark Galbraith ACIS</p> <p>The Council consists of 21 elected members representing seven wards and meets on the second Tuesday at 6.00 pm each month except for August.</p> <p>Councillors by ward are: Bynea: Cllrs I G Wooldridge, S M Donoghue and T M Donoghue. Dafen: Cllrs S L Davies, T Devichand, S N Lewis and A J Rogers. Felinfoel: Cllrs H J Evans and W V Thomas. Glyn: Cllrs T J Jones and C A Rees. Hengoed: Cllrs S M Caiach, M V Davies, P M Edwards and J S Phillips. Pemberton: Cllrs F Z Akhtar, J P Hart, R L Najmi and E Simmons. Swiss Valley: Cllrs A G Morgan and J S Randall.</p> <p>The Council's precept for 2018/2019 was £1,011,060 equivalent to £125.89 per band D property. Since the Council's inception, it has built and maintained nine community halls. It maintains seven parks where rugby, soccer, bowls and cricket are regularly played and also maintains thirteen children's play areas. It grant aids voluntary and charitable organisations. Through its Training Department the Council provides work based learning training and job opportunities.</p>
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What is the Council's Vision/Objectives?

The Council is committed to encouraging community development and delivering better customer service while acting as a local voice for the communities it represents

The Council has the following ambitions:

- To be recognised as an excellent organisation;
- To be an organisation that people are proud to work for and be associated with.

The Council aims to be:

- Caring and supportive;
- Fair and equitable;
- Inclusive;
- Developmental and Innovative;
- Empowering, Enthusiastic and Encouraging.

The Council's general vision is outlined in its Strategic Plan but following the enactment of the WFG (Wales) Act 2015 it elected to employ a full time CDO and commissioned a 15 year plan that focuses on well-being called the Llanelli Rural Area Whole Place Plan – 2015 to 2030. This plan details the background, approach and methods of delivering well-being for its area. Both its Strategic Plan and Well Being Plan integrate the seven National Wellbeing Goals and five ways of working brought about by the Act.

<p>How has the Council embedded the five ways of working into its planning and working arrangements?</p>	<p>Long Term The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.</p>	<p>Council's reporting template considers long term impact Whole Place Plan delivery Llanelli Rural Council Strategic Plan Llanelli Rural Council Well-being statement</p>
	<p>Prevention How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.</p>	<p>Council's reporting template considers prevention Whole Place Plan delivery Llanelli Rural Council Strategic Plan Llanelli Rural Council Well-being statement</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Council's reporting template considers Integration Whole Place Plan delivery Llanelli Rural Council Strategic Plan Llanelli Rural Council Well-being statement</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Council's reporting template considers Collaboration Whole Place Plan delivery Llanelli Rural Council Strategic Plan Llanelli Rural Council Well-being statement Partnership with Llanelli Town Council</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Council's reporting template considers Involvement Whole Place Plan delivery Llanelli Rural Council Strategic Plan Llanelli Rural Council Well-being statement</p>
<p>What approach has the Council taken to embed the four PSB well-being objectives into its plans?</p> <p>Healthy Habits People have a good quality of life, make healthy choices about their lives and environment.</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council provides meeting spaces, maintains footpath networks and recreational facilities to encourage social interaction and exercise. The Council has asset transferred green spaces from Carmarthenshire County Council for public benefit. The provision of nine community halls for a wide range of community events and activities. Local halls run by local people: Hall management committees have been established to run the day to day management and administration of the halls on a voluntary basis. The Council's halls are located throughout its administrative area. • The Council's green spaces include play areas for children and families to enjoy. The Council maintains seven separate playing fields and parks which are used by bowls, football, cricket and rugby teams covering an age range from juniors to seniors. • The Council maintains Llanelli District Cemetery which is a joint project with Llanelli Town Council. • Volunteering is proven to improve a person's well-being, something the Street Buddies initiative is looking to achieve. The Street Buddies will link to social subscribers in the area. 	

<p>Early Intervention To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it.</p> <p>Strong Connections Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change.</p> <p>Prosperous People To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county and Places</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision and maintenance of a number of play areas throughout the Council’s area. <p>Early Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council provides opportunities for established community groups and organisations within the Llanelli Rural area with the provision of Community Development grants. Providing grants to community halls and to organisations that use the buildings, e.g. Brownies, martial arts, senior citizens groups etc. In addition, the Council makes grants to local groups and charitable organisations to help further their aims and to support community development. • The Council also provides Work Based Learning provision for 16-18 year olds and apprenticeship opportunities for employed learners. <p>Strong Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council supports voluntary groups to deliver local activities and projects through various community development initiatives. • The Council utilises social media to publicise events and share information. • The Council’s nine volunteer run community halls enable various events and regular activities. • Street Buddies enable volunteers to share information on local events and services. • The Council manages the service level agreement with Llanelli Town Council for the maintenance of its open spaces. • The Council co-ordinates a civic diary for its Chairman who attends community events throughout the year. An annual fundraising event for the Chairman’s chosen Charity(ies) is also held <p>Prosperous People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Based Learning provision for 16-18 year olds enhances their employment prospects. • To co-ordinate (in partnership with Tempo) a Time Credits Programme in order to generate new community activities. Time Credits enables affordable access to numerous local and national attractions. The Council awards Time Credits to volunteers affiliated to the Llanelli Rural Time Credit network which is a partnership the Council holds with Tempo. The Time Credits are earned by volunteers on a ratio of 1 time credit per 1 hour volunteered. The Time Credits can then be spent within the community and across the UK through the spend network • The Council looks to support the local economy by being included on Carmarthenshire County Council’s procurement framework. • The Council contributes to the funding and promotion of the hugely popular Christmas lights and Christmas carnival in Llanelli.
<p>What approach has the Council taken to embed the national well-being goals into its plans?</p>	<p>The <i>Llanelli Rural Area Whole Place Plan – 2015 to 2030</i> is the Council’s well-being plan. The Whole Place Plan (WPP) has enabled the Council to capture information for each ward and sets out a number of interventions that can help turn the issues raised into positive actions whilst addressing the WFG (Wales) Act 2015. The WPP outlines these actions in fourteen separate interventions. Each intervention is aligned to one of the national well-being goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Llanelli Works (A Prosperous Place) 2. Community Purchasing (A Prosperous Place) 3. Community Flood Wardens (A Resilient Place) 4. Llanelli Open and Green Spaces Development Trust (A Resilient Place)

5. Caring Community - Local area co-ordination (A Healthy Place)
6. Keep Llanelli Tidy (A Healthy Place)
7. Expansion of Street/Village Buddies Programme (A More Equal Place)
8. Youth Facilities Development Programme (A More Equal Place)
9. Llanelli Community Shops Network (A Cohesive Place)
10. Information on bus changes and local integrated transport response (A Cohesive Place)
11. Time Credits Programme (A Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language)
12. Promotion of the Welsh Language (A Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language)
13. Future Proofing Our Decisions (Our Place in the World)
14. Promoting Green Lifestyles (Our Place in the World)

The WPP is available to download from the [Council's website](#).

The Council reviewed its Strategic Plan in November 2015 and a wider general review was performed in May 2017, for it to consider how it measured up to the seven national well-being goals. By doing so, the Council's core values and strategic aims demonstrate how it is contributing to the overall quality of life to residents of the Llanelli Rural area.

The Council's reporting template now considers how we are performing against the Council's core values and strategic aims thus identifying performance against the national well-being goals. Also, the reporting is structured so that the five ways of working is considered. The changes have proven to be beneficial in making the report author consider how the Council can make future-proof decisions for the community whilst considering long term impact, prevention, integration, collaboration and involvement opportunities.

Further governance establishing the Council's commitment to the national well-being goals is evidenced in its Well-being statement. The statement sets out the Council's commitment to sustainable development and how it intends to implement this by making a number of commitments and actions. This has enabled the Council to think more about the long term, to work better with people and communities, other public bodies, and also seeking to prevent problems and adopting a more joined up approach.

Regular meetings are convened with other Town and Community Councils within Carmarthenshire that are also embracing the WFG (Wales) Act 2015. The Council is keen to contribute in the meetings which are attended by Council Clerks and CDOs in an attempt to help each other in areas of commonality, share back office operations and identify future ways of working.

As mentioned earlier the WFG (Wales) Act 2015 prompted the Council into employing a CDO, a position never before featured in the Council's staff structure. This has enabled roll out of the Whole Place Plan and improved communications with its communities.

Report of Steps Taken & Progress Made

Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective	Steps to be taken by the Llanelli Rural Community Council that contribute to the Well-being Objective	Progress <i>What have you done so far?</i> <i>How are you tracking progress?</i> <i>How effective have you been? (RAG Status)</i> <i>What is the improvement for different communities?</i>
Healthy Habits: People have a good quality of life, and make healthy choices about their lives and environment	Provision of meeting spaces: nine community halls	Support the nine Council owned community halls. Each hall committee submits its annual accounts to Council. The CDO attends hall committee meetings as and when needed. Routine and essential maintenance is carried out by the workforce. Communities that are currently without a hall e.g. Llwynhendy and Pwll are being supported in their efforts to establish a venue in their communities. The CDO supports groups by advising on available options including funding and reports back to Council.
	Maintaining the footpath network within the Council's boundaries	Continue to maintain the portfolio of footpaths under the responsibility of the Council. Each year we review the Service Level Agreement between our Council and Carmarthenshire County Council's Rights of Way team. This has been an effective management process which flags up any issues as they arise.
	Provision of seven playing fields used for recreation and sports such as bowls, cricket, football and rugby teams from junior to adult age groups.	On top of the Council's portfolio of green spaces, this is the first year of working in partnership with Llanelli Town Council to cover the playing fields and play areas in the Town area. Budgets and staffing numbers have been increased accordingly to deal with the new demand and were reviewed at the end of year. Bar some mitigating factors such as the unusual dry spell in the summer of 2018, feedback has been encouraging with users reporting back satisfied with the improvement in the facilities from the new maintenance regime.
	Capital Works Programme for Dafen Park: Refurbish the old tennis court astro turf facility. Resurface Dafen Park's car park area.	Refurbishment of tennis courts: Architect appointed topographic surveys and ground investigations underway. Appointment of engineering support imminent. Resurfacing of car park completed.
	Capital Works Programme: Installation of a new bus shelter at Gorsfach in Dafen/Pemberton.	Work is now underway and it is likely to be completed shortly.
	Capital Works Programme: Community Asset Transfer of the children's play area at Danybanc, Felinfoel from Carmarthenshire County Council.	The asset is waiting to be transferred upon receipt of leases from CCC. The Council has established a budget for required refurbishments to the play area.
	Provision of volunteering opportunities via work done with Tempo on the Street Buddies initiative	The Council has adopted a volunteering policy and held meetings to recruit new "Street Buddy" volunteers. Information to promote the scheme has been shared via established and potential partners and online. A steering group has been established to help project

		delivery which is made up of seven partners. Progress can be measured by recording the number of volunteers engaged, referrals to different services and hours volunteered. Next steps include inducting volunteers, applying for funding and Street Buddies engaging with their communities.
Early Intervention: To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it	Provision of grant funding to voluntary groups and community hall committees	The Council provides an annual Community Development Fund that encourages applications from groups looking to deliver projects for public benefit within the administrative boundaries of the Council. Limited financial contributions are also awarded throughout the year to various clubs. This is an established programme of the Council which continues to receive numerous varied applications.
	Work based learning provision for 16-18 year olds	LRC Training, the Council's training department, delivers a traineeship engagement programme for 16-18 year olds not in education or employment. The programme includes work based learning opportunities for learners. Also it provides essential skills and guidance to help individuals take progressive steps into further education, apprenticeships or employment. The Prince's Trust Team programmes run throughout the year so that again potential learners have multiple opportunities to access the provision. Officers work closely with referral agencies, specialised support agencies and employers to meet demand as it appears. The department is committed to a high level of pastoral care and this includes timely interventions and individual learning plans that meet the unique needs of the learner. LRC Training uses Additional Learning Support effectively in providing those learners with complex learning difficulties a one to one tutor especially in the early weeks of their learning programme.
	Apprenticeship opportunities	Employers are able to enrol their employees for National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) in a range of work areas within logistics, business administration and customer service.
	Community Development Officer support	The Council employs a CDO to aid and assist community groups and projects within its administrative area. The CDO provides regular reports to Council on activities undertaken and progress on the Whole Place Plan interventions. The CDO role demands a varied approach to numerous requests such as grant funding, organisational assistance, identifying needs and gathering evidence. The CDO provides support to the Councils community hall committees as and when required.
	Whole Place Plan delivery	The Council has consulted with its community and continues to give its residents a platform to raise any issues. The Whole Place Plan reflects the matters and concerns raised from the consultations and has put in place a number of interventions that cover the Llanelli Rural area as well as the more local concerns within its wards. A review of the plan has taken place. The revised plan will integrate Carmarthenshire PSB's four Well-being objectives.

<p>Strong Connections: Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change</p>	<p>Website & Social Media presence via Facebook and Twitter</p>	<p>The Council has a modern website which enables content to be shared via Social Media. The Council has an active Social Media presence with its Facebook and Twitter accounts. It is an effective way of sharing community news. It is an additional method for residents to contact the Council. The social media sites tell us how many impressions (views) a post has gathered. It is an effective way of communicating and advertising Council activity.</p>
	<p>Nine community halls</p>	<p>Each community hall has a regular schedule of events which is accessible via the Council's website. The Council encourages each hall committee to contact the Council whenever there is a change in regular users in order to update the website. The halls are used for a range of activities that bring the community together. Keep fit classes, youth clubs like brownies and girl guides, weight loss classes, birthday parties, martial arts and short mat bowls are just some examples. The Council requires hall committees to report back annually on their financial status and any support required is dealt with accordingly via the CDO.</p>
	<p>Street Buddies</p>	<p>The Street Buddies project is an intervention of the Whole Place Plan. It has been accepted by the Council as a good method to engage communities to do more for themselves by raising awareness of local services and promote neighbourliness in order to reduce isolation and increase community cohesion. Two meetings have been held so far with the project early on in its delivery. The project relies on volunteers to engage with their communities and around areas of interest or themes.</p>
<p>Prosperous People and Places: To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county</p>	<p>Time Credits</p>	<p>Individuals that earn time credits via the Council's programme are encouraged to spend the time credit notes at various attractions. Time Credits enables entry to various attractions locally and across the UK's wider Time Credit network. Venues such as leisure centres, theatres, cinemas, botanical gardens, heritage sites and sport grounds accept time credits which alleviates financial burdens on individuals / families. In the three years of partnership with Tempo, over 3,500 time credits have been distributed amongst volunteers.</p>
	<p>Supporting the local economy by being included on Carmarthenshire County Council's procurement framework</p>	<p>Although the Council has access to the procurement framework the Council does not have such a stringent procurement process as Carmarthenshire County Council other than following its own financial regulations when it comes to purchasing goods and services. The Council believes in building relationships with local suppliers. Tenders and quotes are scrutinised by the relevant committee before a recommendation is put to full Council on large purchases that have been budgeted for.</p>

Contribution to the National Well-being Goals

Other activity that the Town/Community Council is undertaking that contributes to the National Goals

National Goal	Local Activity
<p>A Prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the Global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately, and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>LRC Training programme delivery of Traineeships, Apprenticeships and The Prince's Trust. WPP Interventions: Llanelli Works (A Prosperous Place) Community Purchasing (A Prosperous Place)</p>
<p>A Resilient Wales: A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change.</p>	<p>The Council is currently working with a community group in Pwll to create a wild area at the corner of the recreation ground which enables pollinators to thrive and the planting of trees. WPP Interventions: Community Flood Wardens Llanelli Open and Green Spaces Development Trust</p>
<p>A Healthier Wales: A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood</p>	<p>The Council sits on the Llanelli Litter Task Force group working with partners to help tackle littering in the Llanelli area. The Council has litter pick equipment available for lend to community groups and schools. The Council can work with partner organisations such as Keep Wales Tidy and Pride in Your Patch in order to hold community litter picks. WPP Interventions: Caring Community - Local area co-ordination Keep Llanelli Tidy</p>
<p>A More Equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>WPP Interventions: Expansion of Street/Village Buddies Programme Youth Facilities Development Programme</p>

National Goal	Local Activity
<p>A Wales of Cohesive Communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities</p>	<p>Halls serve as community hubs and meeting places contributing to improving social capital WPP Interventions: Llanelli Community Shops Network (A Cohesive Place) Information on bus changes and local integrated transport response (A Cohesive Place)</p>
<p>A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language: where we have lots of opportunities to do different things and where lots of people can speak Welsh</p>	<p>WPP Interventions: Time Credits Programme Promotion of the Welsh Language</p>
<p>A Globally Responsible Wales: where we look after the Environment and think about other people around the World</p>	<p>The Council supports Fairtrade Llanelli & District by providing Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar at Vauxhall Buildings to visitors and Council members. It also continually examines how it can reduce its own carbon footprint WPP Interventions: Future Proofing Our Decisions Promoting Green Lifestyles</p>

Implementing the Act

An opportunity to reflect on how things are going.

<p>What opportunities have the Council encountered and how have these been best utilised?</p>	<p>The Council has taken on the concept of the five key ways of working as set out under the WFG (Wales) Act 2015. This in turn has led the Council to be more thoughtful about the way it interacts and works for and with the local community. This has translated into a number of opportunities to transfer a number of community assets and to draw down grant support to help with the initial maintenance of these assets. Looking ahead the Council is looking forward to being granted access to the General Power of Competence in order to further demonstrate its value to the local community.</p>
<p>Has the Council encountered any barriers and if so what actions have been/are being taken to overcome these?</p>	<p>The biggest barrier to the Council's plans are third party delays associated with a lack of time or resources to respond in a timely manner or because of legal issues causing delays when looking to transfer community facilities or services. It is difficult to make progress when having to rely on the co-operation of other public sector colleagues to make things happen. The Council is unsure how this can be resolved.</p>

<p>What challenges has the Council faced and what measures have been put in place to overcome them?</p>	<p>In some instances the Council hasn't got the capacity to act alone and so relies on other stakeholders to help achieve some of the interventions identified in its Whole Place Plan. This can prove difficult when looking for support from other public sector bodies when colleagues are asked to contribute in some way and don't necessarily view the Council's programme of work as a key shared priority. The Council hopes through the publication of its inaugural annual report that the work of the Council will be recognised by the Carmarthenshire PSB with it in turn providing some form of support or guidance to help the Council achieve its long term plans.</p>
<p>Are there any matters the PSB could support delivery/progress on?</p>	<p>Yes by being an advocate of the 14 interventions set out in the Council's whole place plan. The Council would welcome the PSB promoting the interventions and providing useful guidance and support where appropriate</p>