

SERVICE PLAN

FOR

RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

2026/27

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SERVICE

The council's aims and objectives and a clear statement of our purpose and core values are set out in the Strategic Plan. In this context the aims of the service are: -

- To promote recreational and leisure facilities in the community.
- To encourage health and well being and generally improve the quality of life of members of the public by encouraging people to develop their participation in recreational activities and events.
- To encourage social inclusion by ensuring that play equipment is accessible to all.
- To involve the community in the development of the council's recreational facilities.
- To preserve and protect public rights of way.
- To sustain the level of provision of street furniture throughout the council's area, such as bus shelters, wayside seats and footway lighting.
- The marketing and promotion of Llanelli and district.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

The provision and maintenance of recreation grounds at Dafen, Felinfoel, Five Roads, Ponthenri, Pwll and Trallwm. In addition, ground maintenance is also provided to the playing fields at Pontyates which is not council owned.

The provision and maintenance of a number of play areas throughout the council's area.

Maintenance and improvement to the public rights of way network.

Maintenance and improvements to Swiss Valley Reservoir.

The funding and promotion of the Christmas lights and Christmas carnival in Llanelli.

The provision of footway lighting, bus shelters and wayside seats.

The annual inspection of equipment within children's play areas to British Standards BSEN 1176-2008, BS 8409 2009.

KEY TASKS/SERVICE DELIVERY IN 2025-2026

ACTIVITY	BUDGET £	DESCRIPTION	CORE VALUE	TARGET DATE	COMPLETED/ OUTCOMES
Safeguarding Sporting and Children's Play Facilities RL/1/25		Legal process for lease transfer of assets from Carmarthenshire County Council 1. Yspitty play area 2. Dafen Park 3. Pwll Park 4. Trallwm Football Pitch 5. Trallwm children's play area.	CD1 CD5 CD8 STPI STP4 TP5 STP13 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 CL MC2 MC3 MC5	March 2026	1,2,3&4 On-going (with CCC) 5. Held in abeyance until ground water and installation issues affecting the play area are resolved.
Community Facilities RL/2/25		Swiss Valley Reservoir – deliver objectives included in the Site Management Plan, e.g. provision of toilet and changing facilities, pontoon, water sports, managed fishery, fish stocking, improve car parks, visitor facility, footpaths, improve biodiversity, access to woodland etc.	CD1 CD2 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 LV2 LV5 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LE3 LE4 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW6 C9 HS1 HS3 HS4 HS5 R1 R2 R3 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5 MC6	December 2025	Five year adoption agreement, expired December 2025. Hold over agreement in place. New 10 year agreement with Dwr Cymru solicitors. Adoption agreement and Dwr Cymru/ LRC Site management plan has been reviewed. Awaiting receipt of new agreement.
Community Facilities RL/3/25	29,330	Furnace Community Hall – Replace terrace balustrade, repair/replace terrace decking and structure.	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C9 HS1 HS2 HS3	October 2025	Project initially completed March 2025. Issues have emerged regarding decking board colour mismatch. The manufacture has committed to

			HS5 R1 R2 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5		replace. Awaiting plan from manufacturer & contractor to replace the decking boards.
Community Facilities RL/4/25	200,000	Llwynhendy, Gwili Fields 1. Community Hub 2. Play areas and landscaping project.	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 LV2 LV3 QL1 QL2 QL3 QL4 QL5 SLC1 SLC2 SLC3 LE4 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C5 C9 C11 HS HS5 R1 R2 R3 MC1 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5 MC6	Hub project Target completion June 2025 Play area and landscaping phase 2 completion target July 2025.	Construction completed. The building is now occupied and operational. Café licence operator applications under review. Phase 2 contract for external ground works completed November 2025. Re-turfing to complete. Completion of the Zip Wire installation at the junior play area on hold while ground conditions improve.
Community Facilities RL/5/25	8,750	Refurbish solar thermal systems at Felinfoel and Furnace Community Halls.	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C9 HS1 HS2 HS3 HS5 R1 R2 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5	September 2025	Completed August 2025.

Community Facilities RL/6/25	6,500	Clos y Gelli Childrens Play Area- replace multiplay unit	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C9 R1 R2 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5	September 2025	Completed October 2025
Community Facilities RL/7/25	15,000	Phil Bennett OBE Community Resource Centre Replace boiler and refurbish controls and valve systems in boiler room. Establish greater efficiency for heating and hot water systems.	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C9 HS1 HS2 HS3 HS5 R1 R2 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5	October 2025	Engineer's detailed work scope submission received. Tenders issued March 2026.
Community Facilities RL/8/25	15,050	Phil Bennett OBE Community Resource Centre Establish a new toilet facility on the ground floor.	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C9 HS1 HS2 HS3 HS5 R1 R2 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5	December 2025	Completed March 2026.

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Community Facilities RL/4/26		Llwynhendy, Gwili Fields 1. Community Hub	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 LV2 LV3 QL1 QL2 QL3 QL4 QL5 SLC1 SLC2 SLC3 LE4 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C5 C9 C11 HS HS5 R1 R2 R3 MC1 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5 MC6	July 2026	Café licence operator selected. Licence engrossment process is underway.
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Community Facilities RL/6/26	100,000	Sandy/Stradey Play Area Secure land suitable for the development of a new children's play area and community gardens. Develop a project scheme and secure planning permission.	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C9 HS1 HS2 HS3	March 2027	Agreement in principle reached with Llanelli Athletic Association (landowners) for a plot adjacent to Llanelli Cricket Club. Negotiations on terms are continuing.

Community Facilities RL/7/26	40,000 +20,000 contribution from community.	Parc Elin Mair Children's play area refurbishment.	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C9 R1 R2 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5	January 2027	Initial public consultation undertaken by local members. Discussions ongoing with play area equipment providers. Specification of works to be agreed and tender requests to be submitted. SUDS engineering plan required.
Community Facilities RL/8/26	45,000 40,000 S106 offset.	Berwick Park children's play area replacement equipment.	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C9 R1 R2 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5	October 2026	Discussions ongoing with play area equipment providers. Specification of works to be agreed and tender requests to be submitted.
Community Facilities RL/9/26	15,000	Dafen Park children's play area	CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD7 CD8 CD10 STPI STP3 STP4 STP5 STP13 LV1 QL1 QL2 QL3 SLC1 SLC2 LD2 LD3 PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6 C1 C2 C3 C9 R1 R2 MC2 MC3 MC4 MC5	January 2027	Discussions ongoing with play area equipment providers. Specification of works to be agreed and quotation requests to be submitted.

PERFORMANCE

INDICATOR MEASURE	RESULTS 2024/25	TARGET 2025/26	RESULTS 2025/26	TARGET 2026/27
Number of cuts to public footpaths.	264	286	264	346
Net revenue expenditure per head of parks and play areas.	£10.93	£11.27	£11.12	£11.54
Number of facilities identified as high risk within ROSPA report.	0	0	0	0
Number of play areas providing facilities for all age groups.	17	19	18	20

FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2026/27

ACTIVITY	BUDGET
Recreation Grounds	116,283
Play Areas	40,590
Rights of Way	13,812
Capital Schemes – footway lighting	0
Swiss Valley Reservoir	8,904
Tourism & Cultural Activities	13,150
Open Spaces (Bynea & Swiss Valley)	3,670
Capital Schemes – Play Areas	200,000
Asset transfer – legal fees	6,000
Grounds Maintenance – Service Level Agreement	101,564
Capital Schemes – Recreation Grounds	4,093
TOTAL	494,916