

## ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template

<b>Committee:</b>	Corporate Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date:</b>	12/03/18
<b>Subject:</b>	Review of Play Sufficiency Action Plan 2017-2018
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	Update members on progress with the action plan
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<b>Local Members:</b>	Applies to whole island

### 1 - Recommendation/s

Seek Scrutiny Committee approval of the review of the Play Sufficiency Action Plan for 2017 – 18, before forwarding this to Welsh Government in accordance with the statutory requirement contained in “Wales – A Play Friendly Country“ July 2014 and Chapter 2, Section 11 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure, which sets out the duty on Local Authorities as regards Play Opportunities and the duty to review play sufficiency assessments.

The Review is attached and the evidence base indicates that the authority is meeting the statutory requirements.

### 2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

The Play Sufficiency Plan incorporates links to all three of the Council’s Corporate ambitions:

- Creating the conditions for everyone to achieve their long-term potential.
- Support vulnerable adults and families and keep them safe, healthy and as independent as possible.
- Work in partnership with our communities to ensure that they can cope effectively with change and developments whilst protecting our natural environment.

### 3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-

**3.1** Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [**focus on customer/citizen**]

**3.2** A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [**focus on value**]

**3.3** A look at any risks [**focus on risk**]

**3.4** Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [**focus on performance & quality**]

**3.5** Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:

- Long term
- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

[**focus on wellbeing**]

### 4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

### 5 – Background / Context

This is a statutory responsibility and stems from a review of the Play Sufficiency Assessment conducted in March 2016. Funding for Play Sufficiency opportunities is received through grant funding from Welsh Government on an annual basis. The Play Sufficiency Action Plan ensures that communities, schools and other partners e.g. leisure and culture departments, and other third parties can collaborate to offer play development opportunities for young families and children during the year.

### 6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

All activities are compliant with our corporate Welsh Language policy and all activities are planned to ensure equality of opportunity and access for as many children and young people as possible, in accordance to our statutory duties.

### 7 – Financial Implications

Welsh Government Grant allows activities to be financed on an annual basis, although the sum is variable, often with an additional sum available late in the financial year, for which we plan. This year the total sum is £37,000.

The funding of the previous Play Officer has changed. The post was previously funded through the Families First grant - but the terms of the grant will change from April 2018 and as this is a statutory requirement, the grant cannot be utilised for this purpose.

Consequently, the Learning department has incorporated the duties within its Supporting Families Unit and will combine the statutory responsibilities with those of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. This will allow for cohesive delivery, targeting of resources and development across both sectors. Financing the officer post has been possible for 2018-2019 in collaboration with Children's Services.

**8 – Appendices:**

Play Action Plan for 2017-2018.

**9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):**

## Play Sufficiency Action Plan 2017-18



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

**Name of local authority: Anglesey County Council**

**Name of responsible officer: Bethan Hywel Jones**

**Job title: Family Support Unit Manager**

**Date of completion: 25 February 2018**

# **Play Sufficiency Action Plan 2017-18**

<b>Matter: A</b>		
<b>Criteria</b> (in accordance with the PSA toolkit)	<b>Actions 2017/18</b>	<b>Funding Source</b> (new or existing funding streams)
Secure community support in order to make provision for disabled Children and young people.	Extend clubs / opportunities.  Seek to progress holiday provision.	Youth Club funding/Child Disability Services/ Ysgol Y Bont/community groups such as Clwb Ni and Clwb Cybi.  Also, applications for available grants.
<b>Matter: B</b>		
<b>Criteria</b> (in accordance with the PSA toolkit)	<b>Actions 2017/18</b>	<b>Funding Source</b> (new or existing funding streams)

<p><b>Support rural areas and smaller villages to develop play opportunities in their areas.</b></p>	<p><b>Offer support to those areas in need so as to enrich play opportunities.</b></p>	<p><b>No financial certainty for this element but taking advantage of Government grants and referring groups to community grants, Lottery funding etc. to promote sustainability and responsibility.</b>  <b>Importance of collaboration with other organisations such as the Urdd, Youth Clubs, Menter Iaith Welsh Language Initiative, after school clubs etc.</b></p> <p><b>Grants to the value of £3000 offered in March 2017 and a further grant of £2000 in October 2017. The following were funded:</b>  49 community play schemes between April and September 2017  Twitter account for Anglesey Play has 290 followers  Launch of the Come and Play book providing details of play areas and activities for free</p> <p><b>An additional Government grant in February 2018 with additional funding for the following:</b>  Provide play pods for special school and primary school to promote play and soft play toys and activities  Fun days for families over the Easter holidays  Community grant to promote play in the community</p>
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<b>Matter: C</b>		
<b>Criteria</b> (in accordance with the PSA toolkit)	<b>Actions 2017/18</b>	<b>Funding Source</b> (new or existing funding streams)
Develop a structure for mapping play areas. “no ball games” signage removed. Replaced with “children playing” signage.	Joint Planning Policy Unit – as part of the Local Development Plan – starting an Open Space Assessment - policy ISA 4, on safeguarding existing open spaces and policy ISA 5, on creating new spaces, if required (where there is lack of provision) in relation to planning proposals for 10 or more dwellings. The Planning department is in the process of writing Supplementary Planning Guidance on ‘Open Spaces within Residential Developments’.	No funding currently available to implement this in terms of signage.  With regard to mapping, looking to utilising Council/ third sector mapping systems – considering the use of Web Mapping - GIS – and the facility to add local information at no cost.
<b>Matter: E</b>		
<b>Criteria</b> (in accordance with the PSA toolkit)	<b>Actions 2017/18</b>	<b>Funding Source</b> (new or existing funding streams)
Identify all provision in the county for the various needs, making sure that all information is accurate and up to date.	Promote the provision among agencies and make them aware that the appropriate form must be filled, and the ‘Data protection and authority to use’ part must be completed. Dewis Cymru is an information website which was originally developed to contain details of services for adults but has since been extended to cover children and families with the purpose of maintaining and containing general information on services etc. within the area. The Dewis website is a development to meet the requirements of Teulu Môn.	Part of the work of Teulu Môn.
<b>Matter: F</b>		



<b>Criteria</b> <b>(in accordance with the PSA toolkit)</b>	<b>Actions 2017/18</b>	<b>Funding Source</b> <b>(new or existing funding streams)</b>
<b>Identify free/low cost activities for groups providing play opportunities.</b>	<p><b>Ensure a wide choice of free provision. Ensure information is current and make it available to the public.</b></p> <p><b>Assist communities to apply for grants to run activities. Support areas which are deprived in terms of play provision.</b></p> <p><b>The Come &amp; Play booklet contains free activities. Information available on the Visit Anglesey website.</b></p>	<b>Part of the work of Teulu Môn.</b>

<b>Matter F</b>		
<b>Criteria (in accordance with the PSA toolkit)</b>	<b>Actions 2017/18</b>	<b>Funding Source (new or existing funding streams)</b>
<p><b>Co-operate with community safety agencies to develop schemes so that children can play outdoors in a safe environment.</b></p>	<p><b>Ensure risk assessments are held on play areas/ identify safe areas through mapping/link to the Local Development Plan adopted in July 2017/ training for the sector/town and community councils/</b> The Planning Service and National Planning Policy for Wales safeguard existing spaces and seek to provide further play/open spaces. Policy ISA5: 'Provision of Open Spaces in New Housing Developments' states that new housing proposals of 10 or more units in areas where existing open space cannot meet the needs of the proposed housing development, will be expected to provide suitable provision of open spaces.</p>	<p><b>Multi-agency funding. Police and Housing Department/ Education/ community groups.</b> <b>New planning applications to prioritise open spaces with costs to be met by the developer.</b></p>
<b>Matter G</b>		
<b>Criteria (in accordance with the PSA toolkit)</b>	<b>Actions 2017/18</b>	<b>Funding Source (new or existing funding streams)</b>

<p>Promote training on play issues to develop staff. Play development training for staff. Assessment of training needs within the sector</p>	<p>Hold at least 1 Conference / Workshop every year.</p> <p>Promote courses from the Play Wales page to childminders, Health Visitors and agencies working with families. Out of School Grant has funded Playwork Level 3 for 20 individuals who work in After School Clubs.</p>	<p>No core funding but unspent funds can be used. Also looking to fund this with grants. Out of School provision and joint planning across childcare and play.</p>
<b>Matter H</b>		
<p><b>Criteria</b> (in accordance with the PSA toolkit)</p>	<p><b>Actions 2017/18</b></p>	<p><b>Funding Source</b> (new or existing funding streams)</p>
<p>Offer support and information on funding opportunities to agencies /communities providing play opportunities.</p>	<p>Continue to send out mailings on opportunities to apply for funding to develop areas and activities on Anglesey.</p>	<p>Specific provision within the Family Support Unit, ensuring coordination of statutory requirements in relation to children and play from January 2018 onwards.</p>
<p>Joint working with officers responsible for Active Anglesey to develop cross departmental working with Play, Leisure and Sports.</p>	<p>Provision of sports opportunities / physical activities for young people and making this work in partnership.</p>	<p>Collaboration between various departments.</p> <p>Family Support Unit to ensure coordination of statutory requirements in relation to children and play from January 2018 onwards.</p>
<p>Maintaining regular contact via websites, social media etc.</p>	<p>Ensuring that information is accurate and up to date in relation to play materials and events and joint working on 3 play/leisure events before the Easter holiday.</p>	<p>Teulu Môn to run social media sites jointly with the Family Support Unit/County Council website.</p>
<b>Matter I</b>		
<p><b>Criteria</b> (in accordance with the PSA toolkit)</p>	<p><b>Actions 2017/18</b></p>	<p><b>Funding Source</b> (new or existing funding streams)</p>

<p><b>Co-operate with schools to ensure an understanding of the importance / benefits of play.</b>  <b>Person identified on the Local Public Services Board to promote play.</b>  <b>Include play within the Anglesey Wellbeing Plan.</b></p>	<p><b>Support schools to provide ideas on ways to enrich play during and outside school hours.</b></p> <p><b>Ensure robust links with schools, School Councils and school Parents' Committees.</b></p> <p><b>Aim to include a heading within the Wellbeing Plan on the general wellbeing of children and individual plans for development.</b></p>	<p><b>To be promoted by the Healthy Schools Officer.</b></p> <p><b>Any specific plans under the Local Public Services Board and the Wellbeing Plan.</b></p> <p><b>Welsh Government grants where appropriate.</b></p>
<p><b>Ensure positive attitudes towards play are reflected within the media.</b></p>	<p><b>Ensure news on a monthly basis. Via Twitter, local press and on Môn FM.</b>  <b>Dewis website.</b>  <b>County Council website/ Facebook and Twitter</b></p>	<p><b>Usually done by community groups.</b>  <b>The Dewis website is funded by the Social Services.</b></p>