

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to</b>	<b>The Executive</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Anglesey Play Sufficiency Assessment</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b>	<b>Councillor Goronwy Parry</b>
<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Dr Gwynne Jones – Director of Lifelong Learning</b>
<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Siwan Owens Gareth Parry (Tel. 01248 752 968 )</b>
<b>Nature and reason for reporting:</b>	
Assessment work that was set as statutory duty on the Local Authority, to be completed for the Government.	

<b>A – Introduction / Background / Issues</b>
In November 2012 the Welsh Government commenced the first part of the duty under section 11 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010, Play Opportunities for Children. The duty requires the Local Authority to assess the sufficiency of play opportunities for children within Anglesey.

<b>B – Considerations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To revise and if in agreement to approve the contents of Anglesey Play Sufficiency Assessment (paper copy available in the Education Office and Members’ Lounge and an electronic copy on the website) and Action Plan.</li> <li>• To consider funding support to secure sufficient play opportunities by Local Authority and promote healthy, safe and fair communities.</li> </ul>

<b>C – Implications and Impacts</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Human Resources</b>

<b>C – Implications and Impacts</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Property Services</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Information and Communications Technology (ICT)</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Equality</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Anti-poverty and Social</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Communication</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Consultation</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Economic</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>	

<b>CH - Summary</b>
<p>The Welsh Government want Wales to be a country where children are increasingly seen outside enjoying the benefits of play. They want to create a play friendly environment which provides time, space and permission for children to play. This will need parents, families and everyone in the community to recognise that play is of great importance in children’s present lives and for their future development.</p>

<b>D – Recommendation</b>
<p>This will need all these groups, together with Local Authority elected Members and Officers; and other decision makers and providers across many policy areas, to work together to remove barriers to children’s play and make a real difference for children in their own streets and communities.</p>

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<b>Appendices:</b>
Anglesey Play Sufficiency Assessments and Action Plan.

<b>Background papers</b>
Anglesey Play Strategy 2011 – 14.

**Play Sufficiency Action Plan**



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**Name of person responsible officer: Siwan Owens**

**Job title: Play Development Officer**

**Date of completion: 9/2/13**



**Actions to be taken to address the issues / shortcomings recorded in the Play Sufficiency Assessment**

**Proposed actions for the period of 2013 – 2014**

**(Funding source: funding from Local Authority own budgets and to be included in the Single Integrated Plan).**

Matter	Priorities	Targets	Milestones	Resources, including costs	Funding source (new or existing funding streams)
Statutory Guidance-policy framework	Adopt Play Sufficiency into Joint Single Integrated plan between Gwynedd and Anglesey	Make sure that actions from the Play Sufficiency are included within the Single Integrated Plan	End of August 2013.		
Matter A: Population	Need better co-ordination of identifying Children and Young People with impairments.	Development of multi-agency database.	Establish project group by end of April 2013  Collect data on to GIS Maps – by March 2014	Involve key Partners:-  Disability Officer, Special Needs Co-ordinator, education and NHS.  GIS MAPS	Existing partners funding
Matter B: Providing for diverse needs	To revise what opportunities are available for children living in isolated and rural areas of Anglesey.	Map out what provision are available within rural area  How often does public transport run through the area.  Identifying where the gaps are and which	Establish working to drive this initiative forward.  Collect data on to GIS maps on a 6 month basis.  Engage with 2 communities that have	Involve key Partners:  CYPP, Play Officer, Town / Community Councils, Llais Ni, Youth Services, Schools, Community Councils, Medrwn Mon and Menter Mon.	Town / Community Councils Medrwn Mon and Menter Mon.

		<p>communities need support in enriching play opportunities within their area. Identifying the needs through consultation.</p> <p>Effective use of outreach services in communities that will permanently lose their youth club.</p>	<p>lost services and look on ways of enriching activities within the area.</p>	<p>Outreach bus, Play Rangers.</p>	
	<p>All community provision should be supported in offering places for children and young people with impairments.</p>	<p>Detailed &amp; targeted survey of their Play Needs.</p> <p>Engagement with groups of children with impairments and their families</p>	<p>Report completed by March 2014.</p>	<p>Involve key Partners:-</p> <p>Disability Officer, Special Needs Co-ordinator, education and NHS.</p>	
<p>Matter C: Space available for children to play</p>	<p>Conduct Open Space Assessments in small and medium settlements.</p>	<p>Complete open Space Assessment in small and medium settlements.</p> <p>Erect play priorities signs to encourage more children to play within their communities</p>	<p>6 assessment completed by March 2014.</p> <p>Play priorities signs visible in open space areas by March 2014.</p>	<p>Involve key partners: -</p> <p>Highways, Community Councils, Un Llais, Planning, Housing, Property, Llais Ni and Play Officer.</p> <p>No capacity to conduct assessment and to give training to student.</p> <p>Cost of designing and erecting play priority signs</p>	<p>Current and existing budget but outcomes will be limited without additional funding.</p>

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	Play space and value assessment	Play space and value assessment completed  Assessments on all Play Provision (open and designated play spaces.)  Complete Access Audits (open and designated play spaces.)	All community councils to conduct a designated area assessment annually.  Update schedule of all designated play space, population data etc and collate information on to GIS maps by March 2014.	Auditor costs	
Matter D: Supervised provision	Amend CSSIW regulations for Peripatetic Play Sessions and Open Access play.	Develop a shorter regulations and registration forms for peripatetic play.	Amended regulations completed by March.	Play Rangers, Play Rangers Co-ordinator, NWWPF, Dewis Chwarae, Play Officer and Play Wales.	Play Rangers Administrator - CCLD Level 5.
Matter E: Charges for play provision	Leisure centres, Schools and community facilities should not charge organisations that provide free play provision for children.	Compile a list of all LA premises, with the potential of offering premises to agencies for free.  Liaise with Leisure and education department to achieve a no charge provision scheme.  What are the public needs within the area. Increase healthy eating within local authorities Leisure Centres.	Establish joint needs assessments, scoping activity of a no charge agencies scheme by March 2014.  A win win achievement for all, more footfall in premises i.e. leisure centres and libraries and spending at facilities.	Involve key partners:-  Leisure centres, Schools, Community Centres, Lifelong Learning Department, Local Authority Premises, Play Officer.	Lifelong Learning and Leisure Services

<p>Matter F: Access to space/provision</p>	<p>The Local Authority should consider all the factors that contribute to children's access to play or moving around the community.</p>	<p>Children and young people can move around their community safer. Making traffic users more aware of children and young people's safety at all times.</p> <p>Pilot traffic calming measures such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life size children signs located on busy roads to remind drivers that children play within the area.</li> <li>• Improve walking and cycle access to parks, outdoor facilities and local leisure centres from residential areas.</li> <li>• Kerbcraft training offered to play workers and mainstream</li> </ul>	<p>Pilot run in 2 identified areas during Summer 2013.</p> <p>Planning infrastructure to be put in place for 2 areas on the Island.</p> <p>All Play Officers on Anglesey to be offered Kerbcraft Training by March 2014.</p>	<p>Involve key partners:-</p> <p>Highways and Transport Departments. Schools, Llais Ni, Community Safety, Police and Town / Community Councils, Gweithdy Mona.</p> <p>Funding needed to create Life size signs.</p>	<p>Highways / Community Safety</p> <p>Current and existing budget but outcomes will be limited without additional funding.</p>
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	<p>Enhance, promote and signpost families to activities and opportunities that are available here on Anglesey.</p>	<p>officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot street play in an identified area i.e. street is closed between 3 – 5pm on a specific day of the week.</li> <li>• Access to update / upload information such as promotional play material, educational literature and training on various associations' websites.</li> <li>• Ensure organisations communicate with each other on a regular basis to keep all information up to date.</li> </ul>	<p>One month pilot scheme run completed by end of August.</p> <p>Create Communication / Information working group by May 2013.</p> <p>Communication / sharing information plan completed by Project group by Summer 2013.</p> <p>Working group to meet on a regular basis.</p>	<p>Involving key partners:- Family Information Services, Play Officer, CYPP. Llais Ni, Core Aim 4 members, LA Communication Department, Medrwn Mon, and Lifelong Learning Department.</p>	<p>All relevant departments to contribute towards the running cost of the Family Information Services website.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better branding and promoting of the Family Information Services.</li> </ul>	<p>Making families, children and young people and Associations on Anglesey aware through the new Family Information Services website that will be available soon, it will be the hub for Anglesey's families to know what is available within their area from:-</p> <p>Play Opportunities Recreational Activities Events Child minding services Training Further Education Opportunities</p>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide media with more good news stories on positive attitudes towards play</li> </ul>	<p>One good news story to appear within the media each month.</p>		
Matter G: Securing and developing the workforce	Co-ordination of Play related training available for all	Need to undertake a comprehensive training needs	Minimum of two officers from each local authority department to	Include key partners:- All LA departments,	Current and existing budget but outcomes will be

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	Local Authority departments.  Sustainability of Play Rangers project.	analysis.  Make Officers within various departments aware of a child and young people's needs, to have the best start and wellbeing on Anglesey.  Identify sustainability post March 2014.	attend Introduction to Play Training.  Group established to look into funding avenues by March 2014 i.e. NWWPF. Application forms completed by relevant funding deadlines.	Councillors, Town / Community Councils, All partnership members within Core Aim Groups, Third Sector and Dewis Chwarae.	limited without additional funding.
Matter H: Community engagement and participation	Ensure that Core Aim 4 responsibilities are met under the new Partnership structure.	Develop / review membership of Creating an Active Wales and LAPA group.  To strengthen the links between play, recreational and sporting activities.	Creating and Active Wales, LAPA and Core Aim 4 (or equivalent) established under the new partnership structure by June 2013.	Include Key Partners:-  CYPP, Leisure Dept., Core Aim 4, Llais Ni, Town / Community Councils	
Matter I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas	Ensure that Health and Safety Policies follow the "Risk Benefit" approach.	Amend Council Health and Safety policies.  Work in Co-operation with Gwynedd to provide a public liability insurance blanket.  Educate Head	Target achieved by end March 2014.	Include Key Partners:-  All LA Department, Dewis Chwarae, Health and Safety Department, Property, Town / Community Councils.	



**Actions to be taken to address the issues / shortcomings recorded in the Play Sufficiency Assessment**

**Proposed actions from 2014**

**At commencement of the second part of section 11 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 (Funding source: to included budget requirements for implementing the full action plan once the second part of the duty, to secure sufficient play opportunities, is commenced).**

Matter	Priorities	Targets	Milestones	Resources, including costs	Funding source (new or existing funding streams)
Statutory Guidance-policy framework					
Matter A: Population	Update figures	Update figures from Education Annual PLASC review	April 2014	Education Department	
Matter B: Providing for diverse needs	<p>Play requirements of different cultural background are understood and provided for.</p> <p>Better inclusion for children and young people with impairments</p>	<p>Research into National Days, to celebrate cultural events.</p> <p>Suitable training provided for staff, including Makaton training.</p>	<p>Specific resources to celebrate cultural events made available.</p> <p>At least one officer within each Play Project to attend training.</p> <p>Establishing a comprehensive need will provide a footing for developing specialist provision across all services.</p>	<p>Key Partners:- Core Aim Groups, Medrwn Mon, Life Long Learning Department.</p> <p>Special Needs Co-ordinator Disability Co-ordinator</p>	

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<p>Matter C: Space available for children to play</p>	<p>Conduct a Brownfield site assessment</p> <p>Review Tenancy Agreement with Town and Community Councils.</p> <p>Identify funding to introduce smoke free playgrounds pilot.</p>	<p>Identify potential Brownfield sites to be reclaimed for children's play.</p>	<p>Complete during 2014</p>	<p>Key Partners:-</p> <p>Planning, Property, Housing, Town and Community Councils.</p>	
<p>Matter D: Supervised provision</p>	<p>Encourage all Play Providers to work towards using the First Claim</p>	<p>Getting Play providers to use First Claim Assessment as a useful tool.</p>	<p>By reminding Play Provisioners on a regular basis to use the framework to assess the quality of play that's provided.</p>	<p>Key Partners:-</p> <p>All members of Core aim Groups, Play Providers, Life Long Learning Department.</p>	
<p>Matter E: Charges for play provision</p>	<p>Leisure centres, Schools and community facilities should not charge organisations that provide free play provision for children.</p>	<p>Compile a list of all LA premises, with the potential of offering premises to agencies for free.</p> <p>Liaise with Leisure and education department to achieve a no charge provision scheme.</p> <p>What are the public needs within the area. Increase healthy eating within local authorities Leisure Centres.</p>	<p>A win win achievement for all, more footfall in premises i.e. leisure centres and libraries and spending at facilities.</p>	<p>Involve key partners:-</p> <p>Leisure centres, Schools, Community Centres, Lifelong Learning Department, Local Authority Premises, Play Officer.</p>	<p>Lifelong Learning and Leisure Services</p>
<p>Matter F: Access to</p>	<p>Ensure that organisations</p>	<p>Keep all information up to date.</p>	<p>Better knowledge of what happening in the</p>	<p>Involving key partners:- Family Information</p>	

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space/provision	communicate on a regular basis with Family Information Service.	Allow website access to relevant stakeholders to update information.	area for all involved.	Services, Play Officer, CYPP. Llais Ni, Core Aim 4 members, LA Communication Department, Medrwn Mon, and Lifelong Learning Department	
Matter G: Securing and developing the workforce	Need to undertake comprehensive training analysis needs.	To identify what are the needs.  To keep a list of all Play Providers and keep them up to date of any Training opportunities.  Promote through educational literature	Achieve by April 2014	Include all key partners and Play Providers	
Matter H: Community engagement and participation	Consult widely with children, their families and other stakeholders	Collect their views on provisions that are available on Anglesey.  Promote that Community groups should engage with all members within the community to provide a play friendly communities for all to enjoy.	This will be on going procedure to support children within their communities at all times to advocate on their behalf.	Include Key Partners:-  Schools, Youth Clubs, CYPP, Leisure Dept., Core Aim 4, Llais Ni, Town / Community Councils	
Matter I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas	Ensure communities are safe for children to play freely.	Ensure communities are safe without direct supervision from parents / carers / adults.	Create a group with all relevant partners.	Street lighting, CCTV, PCSOS's, Stranger Danger.	