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RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD	NOTICE OF MEETING
PWYLLGOR SGRIWTINI PARTNERIAETH AC ADFYWIO	PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DYDD MERCHER, 22 TACHWEDD, 2023 am 2.00 o'r gloch yp	WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 2023 at 2.00 pm
CYFARFOD HYBRID – YSTAFELL BWYLLGOR 1, SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR, LLANGFNI AC Y RHITHIOL DRWY ZOOM	HYBRID MEETING – COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNCIL OFFICES, LLANGFNI AND VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM
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AELODAU / MEMBERS

Cynghorwyr / Councillors:-

Y Grwp Annibynnol/ The Independent Group

Gwilym O Jones (Is-gadeirydd/Vice-Chair)

Plaid Cymru / The Party of Wales

Non Dafydd, Eurn Morris, John I Jones, Dylan Rees (Cadeirydd/Chair), Margaret M Roberts, Ken Taylor, Sonia Williams

Annibynnwyr Môn/Anglesey Independents

Paul Ellis, Jeff Evans, Derek Owen

Llafur Cymru/Welsh Labour

Pip O'Neill

Aelodau Ychwanegol/Additional Members (gyda hawl pleidleisio ar faterion addysg/with voting rights in respect of educational matters) Sedd Wag/Vacant Seat (Yr Eglwys yng Nghymru/The Church in Wales), Gillian Thompson (Rhiant Llywodraethwr – Sector Ysgolion Cynradd/Parent Governor – Primary Schools Sector), Sedd Wag/Vacant Seat -(Rhiant Llywodraethwyr – Sector Ysgolion Uwchradd ac ADY/Parent Governor – Secondary Schools Sector and ALN) Mr John Tierney (Yr Eglwys Babyddol Rufeinig/The Roman Catholic Church)

Aelod Cyfetholedig/Co-opted Member (Dim Hawl Pleidleisio/No Voting Rights)

Mr. Dafydd Gruffydd (Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr/Managing Director - Menter Môn)

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A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive any declaration of interest by any Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

3 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 10)

To submit, for confirmation, the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October, 2023.

4 RESOURCES AND RECYCLING STRATEGIC PLAN - 2023-2028 (Pages 11 - 40)

To submit a report by the Head of Highways, Property and Waste.

5 GWYNEDD AND YNYS MÔN COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP : ANNUAL REPORT : 2022/2023 (Pages 41 - 62)

To submit a report by the Deputy Chief Executive.

6 LEVELLING UP PROGRAMME - UPDATE REPORT (Pages 63 - 94)

To submit a report by the Head of Regulation and Economic Development.

7 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 95 - 102)

To submit a report by the Scrutiny Manager.

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 17 October 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Dylan Rees (Chair)
Councillor Gwilym O Jones (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Non Dafydd, Jeff M Evans, John Ifan Jones, Eurn Morris, Pip O'Neill, Margaret Murley Roberts, Ken Taylor and Sonia Williams

Portfolio Members

Councillor Carwyn Jones – Portfolio Member for Corporate and Customer Experience (for item 6);
Councillor Gary Pritchard – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Member for Children, Youth and Housing Services (for item 5);
Councillor Alun Roberts – Portfolio Member for Adults' Services (for item 5).

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive,
Deputy Chief Executive,
Director of Social Services (for item 5),
Head of Profession (Human Resources) & Transformation (for item 6),
Head of Democracy,
Executive Manager (Leadership Team) (SOJ) (for item 4),
Programme Manager (EB) (for item 6),
Scrutiny Manager (AD),
Committee Officer (MEH)

APOLOGIES: Leader of the Council – Councillor Llinos Medi.

Councillor Derek Owen.

Director of Education, Skills and Young People

ALSO PRESENT: Portfolio Members

Councillor Neville Evans – Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism and Maritime;
Councillor Nicola Roberts – Portfolio Member for Planning, Public Protection and Climate Change;
Councillor Dafydd R Thomas – Portfolio Member for Highways, Property and Waste.

Ms Helen Kilgannon (Regional Manager – North Wales Council's Regional Emergency Planning Service) (for item 4).

Mr Jon Zalot (Regional Emergency Planning Officer – North Wales Council’s Regional Emergency Planning Service (for item 4).

Ms Catrin Roberts – Head of Regional Collaboration (for item 5).

1 APOLOGIES

As noted above.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Euryrn Morris declared a personal interest in respect of Item 5 – Regional Partnership Board – Annual Report : 2022/2023.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September, 2023 were confirmed as correct.

4 REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING SERVICE - ANNUAL REPORT : 2022/2023

Submitted – a report by the Chief Executive for consideration by the Committee.

The Chief Executive reported that the Council has emergency planning and response duties under the Civil Contingencies Acts 2004. The Council is a principal responder and meets its obligations by collaborating with the North Wales Local Authorities through the North Wales Councils Regional Emergency Planning Service. He said that following consultation and ratification through the political process in each Local Authority, Emergency Planning functions for all 6 local authorities in North Wales were amalgamated into one service under an inter-authority agreement since 2014. He further referred that as an Island, with two bridges over the Menai Straits, it is important that this Council is fully committed within Regional Emergency Planning Service so that it addresses any emergency that may occur on the Island, and that the emergency services are able to attend. The Chief Executive referred to the Annual Report and noted that it gives assurance that the Regional Emergency Planning Service is resilience service, and this Council engages fully within the service.

In considering the report, the Committee discussed the following main matters:-

- Questions were raised as to the key risks facing the Island and to preparedness of the Council as regards to future emergencies. The Executive Manager (Leadership Team) responded that risks are identified and managed effectively during discussions within a Resilience Forum which the Authority is represented. She noted that there is a National Risk Register and the Regional Emergency Planning Service and the Council contribute to identify any potential

risks. She further referred that the main key risk are power cuts, storms, cyber security, and effects on the resilience of both the Menai Suspension bridge and the Britannia bridge. The Chief Executive said that he considered that the Authority is ready for any eventually, as the governance and participation levels are in place, however, it is dependent on the support of other emergency organisations. He expressed that the main concerns are the resilience of the two bridges and the potential of both bridges been closed at the same time could cause major problems if an emergency was to occur on the Island. He said that it is important to continue to put pressure on Welsh Government to recognize the reliability and resilience of both bridges.

- Reference was made to the risk of wildfires at Newborough Forest due to dry weather conditions as there is only one highway through and out of the village of Newborough and only one car park in the vicinity. Questions were raised as to what arrangements are in place to support the emergency planning arrangements to address potential wildfires in the area and to what extent has consultation been undertaken with external partners. The Chief Executive responded that National Resources Wales are the responsible authority for Newborough Forest, and they have an emergency response plan in place. He noted that the Council has not been part of any emergency exercise with NRW. The Local Member for Newborough expressed that he had concerns that the Local Authority is not part of any emergency exercise process with NRW as regards to Newborough Forest. The Chair expressed that the Fire & Rescue Service should also be aware of potential wildfires. The Chief Executive said that the matter will be referred for discussion with NRW in due course.
- Reference was made to the guidance for Elected Members attached to the report. Questions were raised as to the plans are in place to make sure that Members are aware of their role. The Executive Manager (Leadership Team) responded that an e-learning course is available through the learning pool for Elected Members to view. She noted that Briefing Session with Elected Members can be made available if required. The Vice-Chair said that there is reference within the Elected Members Handbook to the Council's headquarters phone number when a member of the public wishes to call during an emergency. He expressed that residents have been complaining that they are unable to receive an answer when phoning the Council's headquarters phone number. The Chief Executive responded that he accepted the frustration when people are unable to receive an answer whilst phoning the Council. He stressed the importance that elected members refer any such complaints regarding the phone system immediately to relevant officers as per guidance previously provided. He expressed that the Council is currently in the process of procuring a new telephone system which is hoped that will improve the management and monitoring of calls. He acknowledged that there are peaks in the demand in certain services within the Council i.e. Housing Benefits and Housing Services. He further said that when an emergency occurs the Emergency Services would most likely lead on any emergency and the Authority would be part of the response process through the Emergency Planning Service. The ability of the Council to respond to any emergency would not be affected by the current phone system.

- Reference was made to the recent discussions as to the relocation of the Wales Air Ambulance Service. Questions were raised as to whether the Wales Air Ambulance Service is part of the North Wales Regional Emergency Planning Service and especially when discussion have been undertaken at this meeting to the resilience of the bridges. The Regional Manager – North Wales Council’s Regional Emergency Planning Service responded that the Wales Air Ambulance Service is a health lead service and they discuss as to how they respond to any emergency where there is a need for an Air Ambulance. The Portfolio Member for Adults’ Services said that during meetings with the Health Board the Wales Air Ambulance Service is discussed but due to adverse weather conditions it must be considered that the Air Ambulance is unable to afford their services. Questions were raised as to whether the Penrhos Stanley and Cefni Hospitals are included within any emergency processes if both bridges are closed and the unavailability of the Air Ambulance Service if a major incident was to occur on the Island. Reference was also made that the number Cruise Ships that visit the Island has increased and it is anticipated that 92 Cruise Ships will be visiting next Summer. The Chief Executive noted that the Holyhead Port Authority would lead on any emergency within the Port as part of their emergency plans. The Regional Manager – North Wales Council’s Regional Emergency Planning Services responded that processes are in place to train and exercise with multi-agency partners in respect of a scenario of any emergency on the Island. The Chief Executive said that the Ambulance Service, Health Board and Wales Air Ambulance Service decide as to when an Air Ambulance is required due to any emergency. Questions were raised as to whether contact has been made with RAF Valley for their assistance if an emergency occurred on the Island. The Regional Manager responded that discussion is undertaken within the Regional Emergency Planning Services as regards to RAF bases, but she was unaware that RAF Valley would have any provision to assist if an emergency situation arose. The Chief Executive said that any element of use of the Armed Forces/RAF would need support and permission by Welsh Government/UK Government (with a dedicated process to be followed).
- Reference was made that additional local information needs to be included within the Annual Report as the reports focuses on a regional perspective; there is a need include specific issues relating to Anglesey and that this Committee can view as to how the Authority is responding to any emergency that arises. The Regional Manager – North Wales Council’s Regional Emergency Planning Service responded that information as regards to the Authority’s emergency response can be incorporated within future reports so that this Committee can compare with the rest of the Region.

It was RESOLVED to note the progress of the North Wales Council’s Regional Emergency Planning Service work 2022/23.

ACTIONS :

- **That a Briefing Session for Elected Members be arranged as to their Role within the Emergency Planning.**

Submitted – a report by the Director of Social Services for consideration by the Committee.

The Portfolio Member for Adults' Services said that the aim of the North Wales Partnership Board is to work collaboratively across health and the six social care services to help support resilient communities and ensure a seamless service for individuals that require care and support. He noted that this is the Annual Report of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board for 2022/23 as is required within Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 that each Regional Partnership Board prepares, publishes, and submits its Annual Report to Welsh Government.

The Director of Social Services reported that the report is set out in accordance with guidance for the completion of the Annual Report by Welsh Government. The Annual Report highlights the work that has been achieved regionally and sub-regionally with the Area Plan which notes the Autistic Plan, Carers Plan, Young Carers Plan, Children and Young People Plan and Learning Difficulties strategy. He noted that focus has also been made to the needs of children and young people in North Wales and on Anglesey. The capital funding process was highlighted to the Committee.

In considering the report, the Committee discussed the following main matters:-

- Questions were raised as to the role and purpose of the Regional Partnership Board. The Director of Social Services responded that the governance process is complex within the Regional Partnership Board. He noted that the role and purpose of the Regional Partnership Board could be explained within a Briefing Session for Elected Members.
- Questions were raised as to the relationship between the Regional Partnership Board's Annual Report and the Statutory Director of Social Services' Annual Report. The Director of Social Services responded that both reports are incorporated within each other as the capital funding to fund many projects within Social Services is regionally funded.
- Questions were raised as to the role of the Regional Partnership Board in facilitating the situation of a high number of patients unable to be discharged from Ysbyty Gwynedd to their permanent residence due to the lack of Care provision available. The Director of Social Services responded following an assessment of a patient that requires a Care package the Local Authority must address the needs of the patients with the Care providers. He noted that there is a close working relationship between the Health Board and the Social Services Department on Anglesey to provide care provision within Residential Homes before a patient is able to return to their main residence and also to conduct a dialogue with the families of the patients to ascertain whether they could assist to allow the patient to be cared for by the family before a Care package can be put in place. He expressed that there is a national recruitment issue within the Care sector as the pay provision is not attractive for people to apply for roles within the care sector. He said that unless Welsh Government addresses this issue

continued problems of patients unable to be discharged from hospitals will continue.

- Questions were raised as to the extent the Regional Partnership Board has achieved its key priorities during 2022/2023 and what are the Board's key priorities for 2023/2024. The Head of Regional Collaboration responded that she was confident that the Regional Partnership Board had achieved its key priorities during 2022/2023 and she highlighted the governance processes as regards to the capital funding received towards the projects within the Board to the Committee. She expressed that she considered that the children's services have not had the priority by the Board over the previous years as it should have been. She further said this Authority has undertaken considerable work within the children's services in raising the profile and the importance of the provisions for children across North Wales. The Board has afforded over £7 million towards children's services across North Wales and examples of the work were included within the report. The Board has also published a Market Stability Report and Regional Area Plan to shape the work across North Wales. The Vice-Chair questioned whether there has been a weakness within the current process of the Board as to the scrutiny role of the within different Local Authorities. He noted that this Authority has established a Social Services Scrutiny Panel. The Head of Regional Collaboration responded that the Regional Partnership Board in North Wales is the largest of the Partnership Board in Wales with 6 Local Authorities and the largest Heath Board in Wales' but she accepted that there is scope for improvements as regards to the Scrutiny role. The Vice-Chair referred to Adults' Services and said that this Authority has established a Community Resources Team. He questioned whether other Local Authorities in North Wales has a similar project within their Authorities. The Director of Social Services responded that the other Local Authorities has also similar projects within their Authorities and good practises are shared between the 6 Local Authorities in North Wales.

It was RESOLVED:-

- **That the Committee confirms that it has understood and taken into account the work that is required to be undertaken by the Regional Partnership Board.**
- **That the Committee notes the work and progress in 2022/23 on the work areas that are being taken forward through the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.**

ACTION : That a Briefing Session for Elected Members be arranged to outline the role and purpose of the Regional Partnership Board.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STRATEGY : 2023/2028

Submitted – a report by the Head of Profession (Human Resources) & Transformation for consideration by the Committee.

The Portfolio Member for Corporate and Customer Experience said that under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, local authorities in Wales must produce a Participation Strategy which notes how local people are encouraged to

take part in the Council's decision-making process. The strategy aims to encourage people to take part in the Council's business and build on success that the Council has achieved in engaging with residents as recognised by Audit Wales. A consultation exercise was undertaken with Council Officers for a four-week period. A high percentage of respondents agreed with the content of the Strategy which shows support for the Strategy and the intention to review it regularly. It was recognised that improvement is required as regards increased participation by children and young people in the Council's decisions, looking at new methods of gathering and presenting feedback digitally and considering ways of reporting successes/lack of successes in terms of participation. He noted that the Public Participation Strategy will be submitted to the Executive at its meeting to be held on 24 October, 2023 and thereafter to the full Council on 26 October, 2023 for ratification.

In considering the report, the Committee discussed the following main matters:-

- Questions were raised as to what the additional arrangements and processes are proposed to be put in place to ensure full compliance with the new requirements. The Programme Manager responded that participation and responses to consultations needs to be improved especially as responses to the consultations are lower within the 16 to 24 age group. The Children's and Young People Forum is to be re-established to attract responses from the younger generation to the work of the Council. Re-establishment of the Engagement and Consultation Board needs to be undertaken to ensure compliance with the Public Participation Strategy. He further said that work needs to be undertaken to assess different ways to gather digital responses to consultations. Demographic factors need to be considered due to the ageing population on Anglesey; in some cases, the older population do not use the digital platform to respond to consultations and would rather respond in the traditional methods.
- Reference was made that youth participating needs to be encouraged within the democratic functions of the Council. The Vice-Chair said that children from Valley Primary School were invited by the Leader recently to view the democratic functions and explanations of the work of the departments within the Council. The Portfolio Member for Children, Youth and Housing Services said that the voice of children and young people is paramount to the Local Authority's services which impact their daily lives. Reference was made that Secondary School pupils should also be encouraged and invited to the Council and they have a strong opinion as to what they would like to happen within their communities. Questions were raised as to whether Work Experience opportunities are afforded by the Council and whether the schools and local agencies who work with young people are aware of work experience opportunities. The Head of Profession (Human Resources) & Transformation responded that as the largest employer on Anglesey work experience opportunities are afforded to young people and work is undertaken with Llandrillo Menai College to attract students to work in residential homes. The Human Resources Team work closely with schools in offering information as to the employment opportunities within the Council.
- Questions were raised as to the financial implication of realising the proposed Participation Strategy. The Chief Executive responded that it is not anticipated that there will be any additional financial costs as regards to the Strategy as it is a statutory requirement. He expressed that it is important to take advantage of

digital technology to allow people the opportunity to engage, consult and to get more local residents to respond to public consultations. However, opportunity should also be given to people who prefer not to use the digital platform available. The Chief Executive further said that working with the third sector partners is paramount in their engagement with the residents of the Island and thereafter the Council can take advantage of their mapping exercise.

- Reference was made that the headings of consultations needs to be more visible in their contents. It was noted that some residents are unaware that they can participate in consultation on different issues within the Council. An example was given that people are unaware that they can attend the Council's Committee and the Town and Community Council meetings and especially if a local issue of concerns to residents within local areas are discussed. The Chief Executive agreed that it is important that the heading of consultation needs to be more visible in their contents to attract public consultation. He agreed that as part of the democracy process it is important that people have access to Town and Community Council meetings and the matter could be raised within the Standards Committee and the Town and Community Councils forum on a community based level.

It was RESOLVED :-

- **To note the Public Participation Strategy for 2023/2028;**
- **To recommend that the Executive approves the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Public Participation Strategy, that the full Council adopts the Public Participation Strategy, that it is a live document, and it will be reviewed and updated regularly and will continue to build on our successes thus far;**
- **To authorise the Head of Profession HR and Transformation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder - Corporate and Customer Experience to prepare the final document in accordance with the corporate format before uploading the document on the Council's website.**

ACTION :- To Invite the Town and Community Council Forum to discuss the role, purpose and contribution of town a community councils in promoting the engagement and contribution of the public when the Council is consulting on specific matters.

7 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The report of the Scrutiny Manager setting out the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's indicative Forward Work Programme for 2023/2024 was presented for consideration.

It was RESOLVED:-

- **To agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2023/2024;**
- **To note the progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme.**

**COUNCILLOR DYLAN REES
CHAIR**

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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template	
Committee:	Scrutiny Committee Partnership and Regeneration
Date:	22/11/2023
Subject:	Isle of Anglesey Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan 2023 / 2028
Purpose of Report:	Sets out the Councils long term plan to reduce, reuse and recycle more waste.
Scrutiny Chair:	Cllr Dylan Rees
Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Portfolio Holder Highways, Waste and Property
Head of Service:	Huw Percy, Head of Service Highways Waste and Property
Report Author:	Meirion Edwards, Chief Waste Management Officer
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Local Members:	All

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1 - Recommendation/s
<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <p>R1 Note the Isle of Anglesey Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan 2023 - 2028</p> <p>R2 Recommend to full Council that the Isle of Anglesey Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028 be adopted.</p>

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities
<p>The Plan supports the Council’s key ambition in the Council Plan 2023-28:</p> <p>“to create an Anglesey that is healthy and prosperous where people can thrive”</p> <p>This resources and recycling plan will enable us to take action on the climate change crisis responding to one of the Council Plan’s Key Strategic Objectives; Climate Change. The Council Plan states that by 2028 we will have increased recycling rates. This document sets out a plan to work towards a 70% recycling rate.</p> <p>The Plan sets out our goal to move towards a Circular Economy in Anglesey; keeping resources circulating in the economy for as long as possible before throwing them away, this will help towards our journey to net zero carbon emissions by 2030.</p>

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]
- 3.6** The potential impacts the decision would have on:
- protected groups under the Equality Act 2010
 - those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (when making strategic decisions)
 - opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- [focus on equality and the Welsh language]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. The Resource and Recycling Strategic Plan's objectives are ambitious. What else can the Council do to achieve the 70% statutory recycling rate?
2. How does this plan help the Council to achieve its commitment to become net zero carbon by 2030?
3. What risks have been identified that could impact the delivery of this plan?
4. What are the financial implications on the Council to implement this plan?

5 – Background / Context

The Plan sets out our priority areas:

1. Reduce waste and increase reuse
2. Increase recycling and improve quality
3. Improve street cleansing and reduce fly-tipping
4. Lead by example

By adopting the plan it will provide the platform for the Council to make strong evidence based bids for external funding and enable a consistent approach to improving our recycling rate.

Delivering some of the objectives of the plan will be challenging and is dependent on securing external funding, it would not be feasible to fund through the Council's limited revenue and capital budget alone.

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

6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

The plan will be implemented with full consideration to the Equality Act 2010, developing and improving our resources and recycling services will be considered fully in line with the Equality Act, for example we currently provide assisted collections for people with mobility issues.

It is not expected that delivery of this plan would have any significant impact on protected groups.

6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)

The delivery of this plan will provide enhanced services for all members of our communities to reduce, reuse and recycle more of their waste.

Achieving the goals of a circular economy should provide economic benefits by ensuring life span of goods are extended.

6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

The delivery of this plan will be done in line with our Welsh language standards.

7 – Financial Implications

Delivering the Resources and Recycling Plan will be dependent on securing some external funding, therefore, it is caveated that the plan may only be fully delivered on the remit that external funding is secured.

Should this be the case, in respect of developing new services and infrastructure there would be no significant financial implications on the IACC other than officer time to deliver as agreed in any funding application.

8 – Appendices:

1. Isle of Anglesey Resource and Recycling Strategic Plan 2023/2028
2. Consultation summary report

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

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Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan

2023-2028



Mae'r ddogfen yma hefyd ar gael yn y Gymraeg / This document is also available in Welsh.

Vision

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“Move towards a Circular Economy in Anglesey as part of our journey to net zero carbon emissions by 2030”

Our overall vision is to create an Anglesey that is healthy and prosperous where people can thrive. This requires stepping up and taking action on the climate crisis. The need to act for the benefit of the climate and our environment has never been more vital.

Taking opportunities to move positively towards an innovative Circular Economy in Anglesey and Wales plays a fundamental role in our climate response. We will deliver sustainable resource use by reducing waste, ensuring items are used again, recycled for further manufacturing or sent for recovery.



Council Plan 2023-2028

The Council Plan's vision is to:

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Create an Anglesey that is
healthy and prosperous
where people can thrive.'

The Council Plan is the key document serving as a focal point for decision-making at all levels; providing a framework to plan and drive forward priorities; shape annual spending; monitor performance and progress.

At its core is our desire to work with Anglesey residents, communities and partners to ensure the best possible services, improve the quality of life for all and create opportunities for future generations.

Its six main objectives reflect the key areas the Council should be focusing its efforts on.

Our six strategic objectives



The Welsh
Language

Increasing opportunities to learn
and use the language.



Social Care and
Wellbeing

Providing the right support at the
right time.



Education

Ensuring an effective provision
for today and for future
generations.



Housing

Ensuring that everyone has the
right to call somewhere home.



Economy

Promoting opportunities to
develop the Island's economy.



Climate Change

Responding to the crisis, tackling
change and working towards
becoming a net zero organisation by
2030.



[Council Plan 2023-2028](#)

Council Plan 2023-2028

The Council Plan 2023-28 is underpinned by the organisation's core values, which are used to develop and guide the vision, strategic plans and services.

Values



Respect

We are respectful and considerate towards others regardless of our differences.



Honesty

We are committed to high standards of conduct and integrity.



Collaborate

We work best as a team, with our communities and partners to deliver the best outcomes for the people of Anglesey.



Champion the council and the island

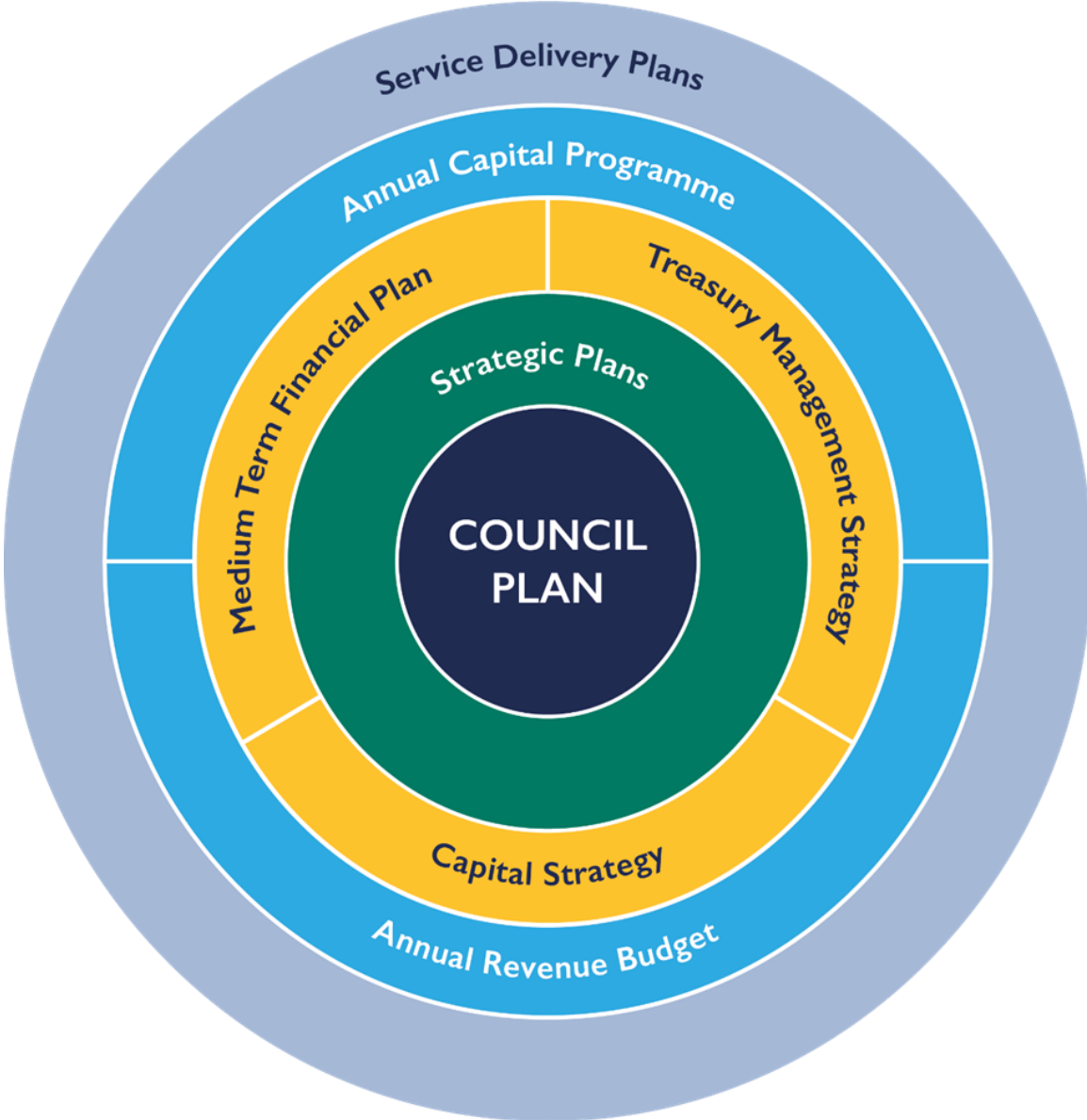
We create a sense of pride in working for the council and present a positive image of the council on the council and the island.



Strategic Circle

The strategic circle identifies the plans in place to ensure we are able to achieve our priorities and objectives.

This plan is a key strategic plan that aligns with the Council's Plan and contributes to the achievement of the strategic objectives and vision.



[Council Plan 2023-2028](#)

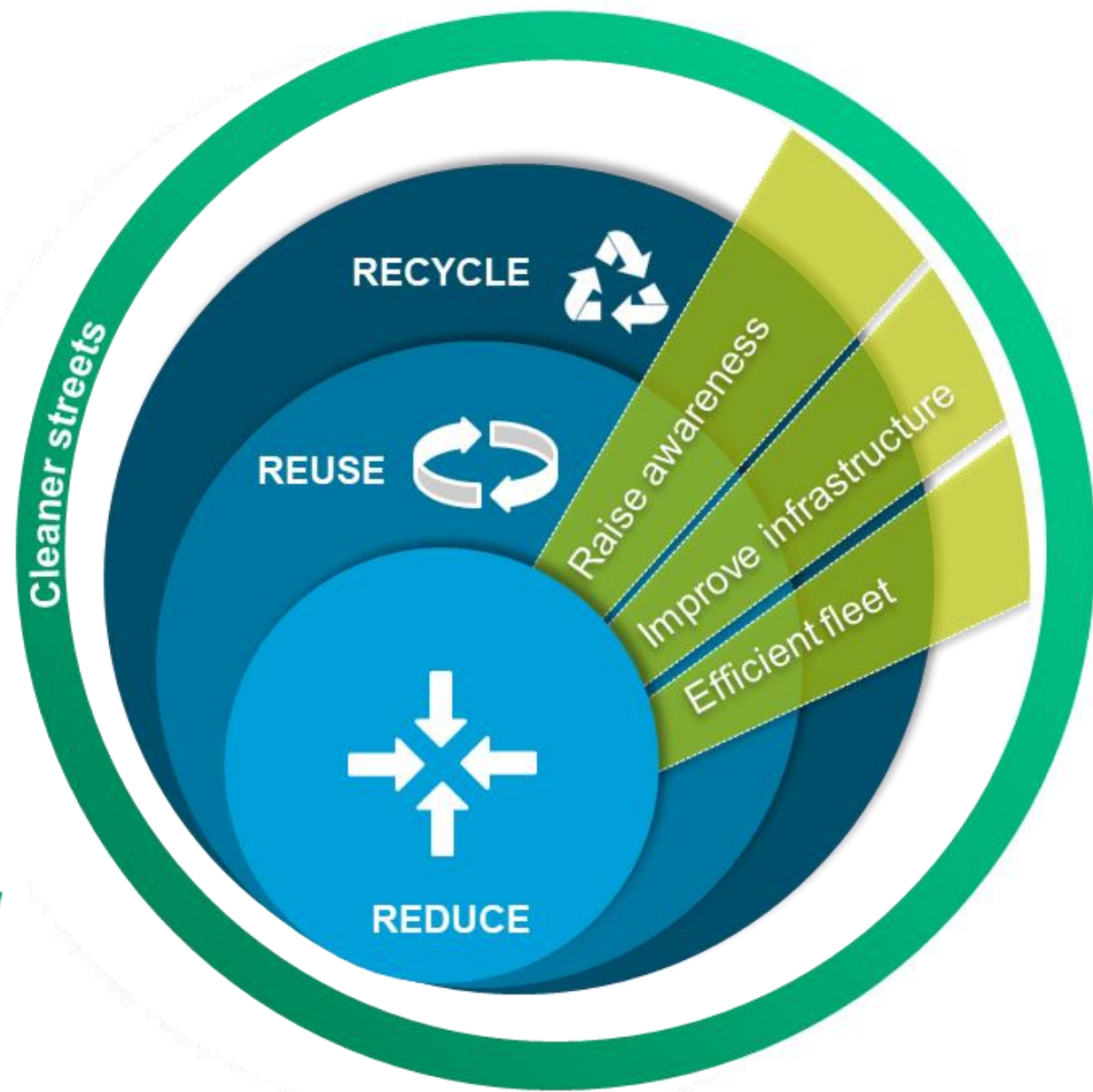
Our strategic priorities

1. Reduce waste and increase reuse
2. Increase recycling rates and improve quality
3. Improve street cleansing and reduce fly tipping
4. Lead by example

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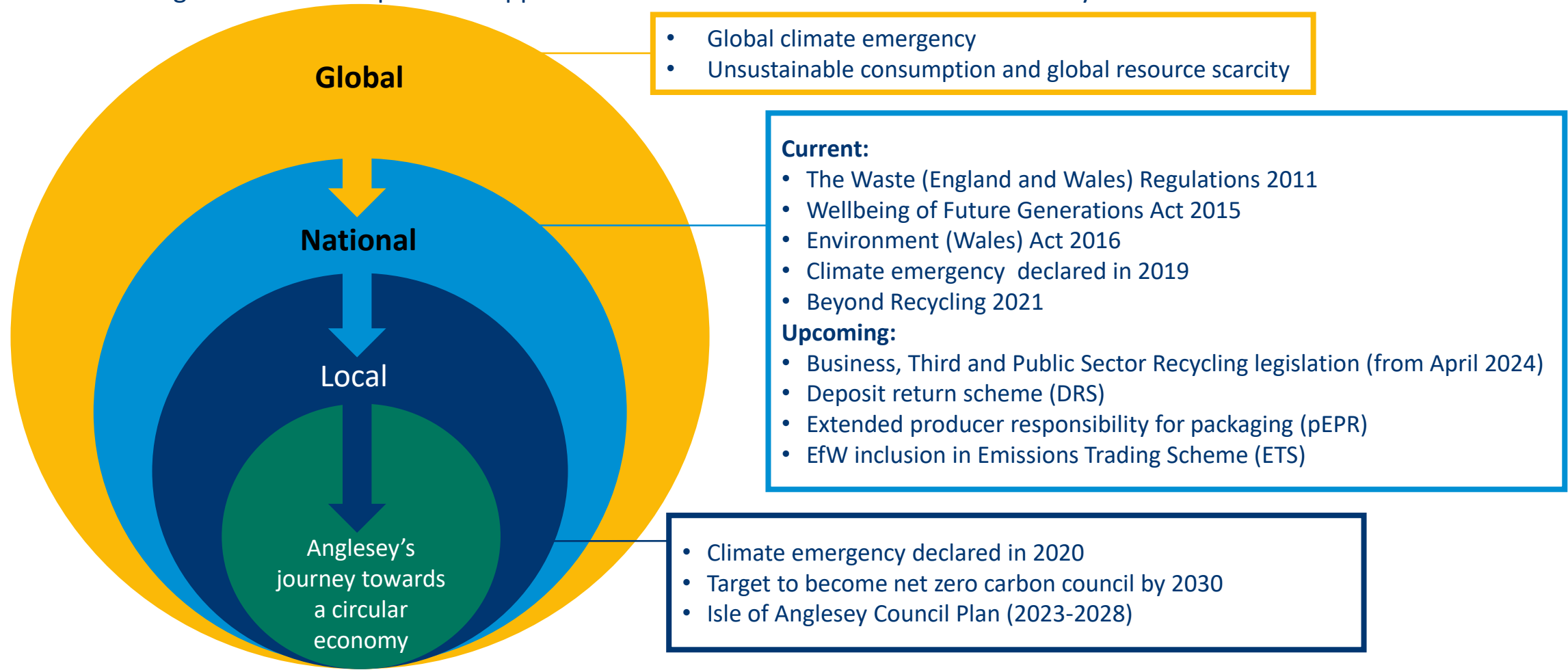
Enabling Themes:

1. Raise awareness to promote behaviour change
2. Develop infrastructure fit for the future
3. Improve fleet efficiency and sustainability




Globally we're facing a climate emergency and our consumption of resources is unsustainable. This has been recognised by the Welsh Government and the Isle of Anglesey and a strategic and legislative framework is in place to support the move towards a more circular economy. Moving to a circular economy is key to significantly reducing our carbon emissions and our over-exploitation of natural resources, and to help reverse the decline in biodiversity. Crucially it can also improve economic and social outcomes. The drivers and legislative and strategic framework in place to support our move towards a more circular economy are summarised below:

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34,500

Households receiving recycling and waste collections

 **100%**

of streets with acceptable or better cleanliness level*

72% 

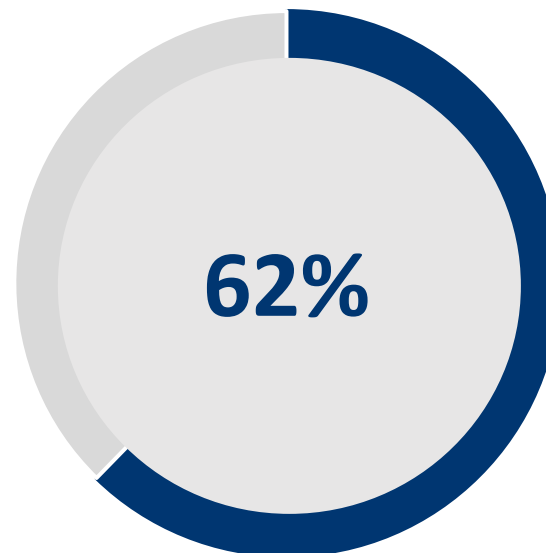
Recycling rate across two Household Recycling Centres

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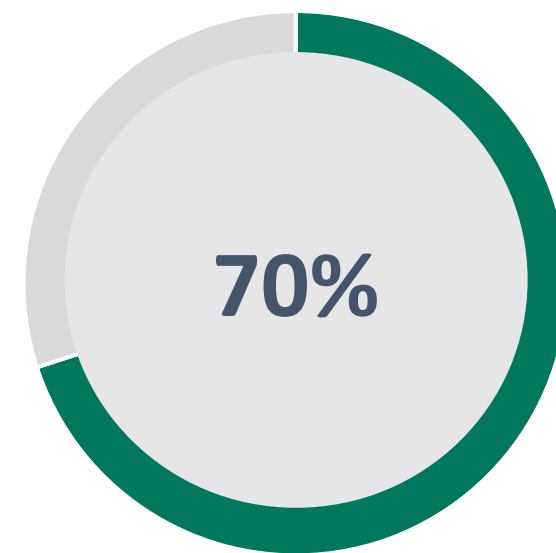
Closed landfill site in aftercare

Where we are now and where we need to get to by 2025

2021/22
Recycling Rate



2025
Recycling Target




15,000

Garden waste customers, generating **£550k** income p.a 

* Keep Wales Tidy LEAMs report 21/22 – all streets surveyed achieved a level B (acceptable level of cleanliness) or better.

Key priority 1 – Reduce waste and increase reuse

The best way of achieving a circular, low carbon economy is to reduce the amount of waste produced in the first place. The next most important method is to re-use items (keeping them circulating for their intended purpose for as long as possible).

To reduce waste we must all work together. We will prioritise supporting our residents on their waste reduction journeys and providing or promoting opportunities to increase reuse.

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We are committed to

- Adopting a local communication plan capitalising on the national campaign that is already in place and funded by Welsh Government Cymru yn Ailgylchu (walesrecycles.org.uk).
- Encouraging householders to reduce waste in their homes including cutting down food waste.
- Developing further innovative partnerships with reuse charities and community groups to improve reuse options at Household Recycling Centres (HRCs).

By 2028 we will have

- Worked in partnership with ‘Wales Recycles’ national campaign to share reduce and reuse messages with householders at a local level.
- As part of our Communications Plan, used social media to raise awareness and educate householders on the benefits of reducing and reusing.
- Ensured opportunities are provided for residents to reuse where possible:
 - Worked with community groups to collect items to be reused.
 - Identified possible locations to establish local reuse shops.

Key priority 2 - Increase recycling rates and improve quality

Recycling reduces the need for raw materials providing a more efficient use of resources. Increasing the proportion of our waste that is recycled will reduce our carbon footprint and contribute towards achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

We have a statutory obligation to achieve a 70% recycling rate by 2025. Failure to meet recycling targets could result in fines of £200 for every tonne of failure.

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We are committed to

- Working with partners to review our services to make service improvements to increase recycling levels by an estimated 8% to meet statutory targets.
- Assessing the implications of reducing residual waste capacity from 80 litres p/week.
- Implementing an engagement and enforcement campaign, knocking on doors to raise awareness and educate residents and visitors
- Making recommendations to the Executive to implement the required service improvements to achieve interim and future statutory recycling targets.

By 2028 we will have

- Recruited a dedicated project team to work with the existing team and partners to develop an improvement plan considering:
 - Removing temporary collection points
 - Reviewing and reducing communal collection points
 - Delivering targeted communications campaign
 - Reviewing and implementing a no side waste / closed lid policy
 - Reviewing and removing additional bins
 - Reducing capacity of residual waste bins
- Gained corporate approval for the improvement plan.
- Worked with partners to effectively implement the service improvements to improve both the quantity and quality of recycling.
- Reviewed the configuration and capacity of the current trolley box system, enabling residents to recycle more
- Maintained the chargeable green garden waste collection service.

Key priority 3 -Improve street cleansing and reduce fly tipping

Keeping Anglesey clean will also contribute towards developing a stronger economy and improve well being by promoting a positive image for residents and visitors.

Keeping streets, beaches, and Council car parks free of litter and fly-tipping is a statutory requirement for the Council.

Some areas of Anglesey have a very high level of fly-tipping incidents. We are very efficient in clearing fly-tipped waste, but avoiding it from happening would improve street cleanliness and reduce costs.

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We are committed to

- Maintaining the current level of cleanliness by ensuring waste and litter is picked up in a timely manner.
- Maximising efficiencies to make further improvements in performance where possible.
- Developing a plan to tackle the high number of fly-tipped waste incidents at priority areas in Anglesey.

By 2028 we will have

- Maintained robust contract management procedures to ensure cleanliness levels are maintained and improved wherever possible.
- Worked with other Council Services, Councillors, Town Councils, Keep Wales Tidy, local businesses, landlords and Police to create a coordinated solution to reduce the number of fly-tipped waste incidents.
- Provided more on street recycling and waste bins.
- Supported the delivery of our Destination Plan to build pride in our communities.

Key priority 4 – Lead by example

We all need to work together to achieve the benefits of moving towards a circular economy. We will lead by example, ensuring that recycling is maximised across council buildings, demonstrating our commitment to net zero.

Separately collecting high quality recyclable material from non domestic properties will be a statutory requirement from April 2024.

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We are committed to

- Working collaboratively across Services to ensure Council buildings receive the support and guidance they require.
- Procuring a new contractor to collect and process waste and recycling from Council buildings.
- Achieving a 70% recycling rate for waste collected from Council buildings.

By 2028 we will have

- A recycling and waste service that enables Council buildings to recycle more of their waste.
- Carried out a trial to test various waste and recycling services to help advise the new specification and procurement process.
- Appointed a new contractor to collect waste and recycling from Council buildings by June 2023 – service to start September 2023.
- Communicated with Council building managers, staff, and schools to raise awareness about the new service.

Enabler 1 - Raise awareness to promote behaviour change

Clear communications are essential in raising awareness of the importance of moving to a circular economy and promoting positive behaviour change.

We will work with partners to develop cohesive and consistent communications, targeting hard-to-reach properties to communicate and raise awareness about: reducing waste, reducing contamination and increasing recycling.

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We are committed to

- Utilise a wide range of communication methods including targeted education.
- Continuing to work with the corporate communication team to grow Anglesey's recycling and waste social media pages.
- Increasing use of email as a method of communication to give residents the information and confidence to recycle more.
- Delivering a targeted enforcement campaign to raise awareness, educate and encourage residents and visitors to recycle more.

By 2028 we will have

- Appointed a project manager (funding allowing) who will develop and implement a targeted communication plan.
- Delivered effective communication campaigns, targeted to residents on what they can do to reduce, reuse and recycle waste in their homes.
- Capitalised on national campaigns such as Love Food Hate Waste Wales | to promote the reduction of food waste.

Enabler 2 - Improve buildings and infrastructure

To deliver services that are fit for the future we need the right buildings and infrastructure that offer operational efficiency.

Our infrastructure is required to maintain safe and secure business as usual activities and to manage additional recycling tonnage arisings from service improvements.

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We are committed to

Building upon the existing network of collaboration to review operational buildings and fixed infrastructure at both operational sites to ascertain whether long-term efficiencies can be made at both sites.

- preparing a draft 5 year capital investment plan, showing a need to invest up to **£9.9m** to maintain and improve our infrastructure.
- reviewing the Council's current HWRC provision to ascertain whether the current service provision should be increased or decreased.

By 2028 we will have

- Agreed a 5 year capital plan to define the likely level of capital expenditure required in future to coincide with this new Strategy (2023-2028).
- Delivered a full buildings and fixed infrastructure review/options appraisal by end of 2024.
- Delivered an options appraisal to review the HWRCs service provision by end of 2024.
- Completed an options appraisal on the culvert at Penhesgyn by April 2024.
- Carried out a procurement process for a new power generation contract at Penhesgyn by August 2023.

Enabler 3 - Improve fleet and plant vehicles

To deliver services that are fit for the future we need efficient fleet and plant.

We will maintain safe and appropriate fleet and plant to manage additional recycling tonnage arisings from service improvements and to move to ultra-low emissions vehicles in line with our net zero objectives.

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We are committed to

- reviewing new fleet requirements in line with Welsh Government ULEV targets and funding.
- Reviewing the complete recycling/waste collection fleet and Council site plant requirements to ensure a transition plan from diesel powered to ultra-low emission vehicles is in place.

By 2028 we will have

- Agree d a 5 year capital plan to define the likely level of capital expenditure required in future to coincide with this new Strategy (2023-2028).
- develop an action plan on the future requirements for a new recycling/waste collection fleet and plant vehicles to ensure 'business as usual' is maintained, and that a transition plan exists from diesel powered to ultra-low emission vehicles is in place.

To deliver on our strategic priorities we will develop three key action plans.

The strategic circle identifies the plans that are in place to ensure that we can deliver our priorities and objectives.

Page 30 We consulted with the residents of Anglesey on this strategic plan and the feedback received will help shape these action plans.



Achieving the desired outcomes of this Strategic Plan is dependent on securing the required funding.

The funding to deliver the key priority areas set out in this Strategy, the Improvement Plan and Capital Plan has not been specifically identified at the current time.



Several potential funding streams could be used including:

- General revenue and Waste Management underspends,
- Circular Economy grant funding opportunities,
- Welsh Government – we have had constructive conversations with WG officials about our future infrastructure needs and the level of investment we are proposing to make to our Waste Service to improve performance/meet future statutory recycling targets over the coming years.

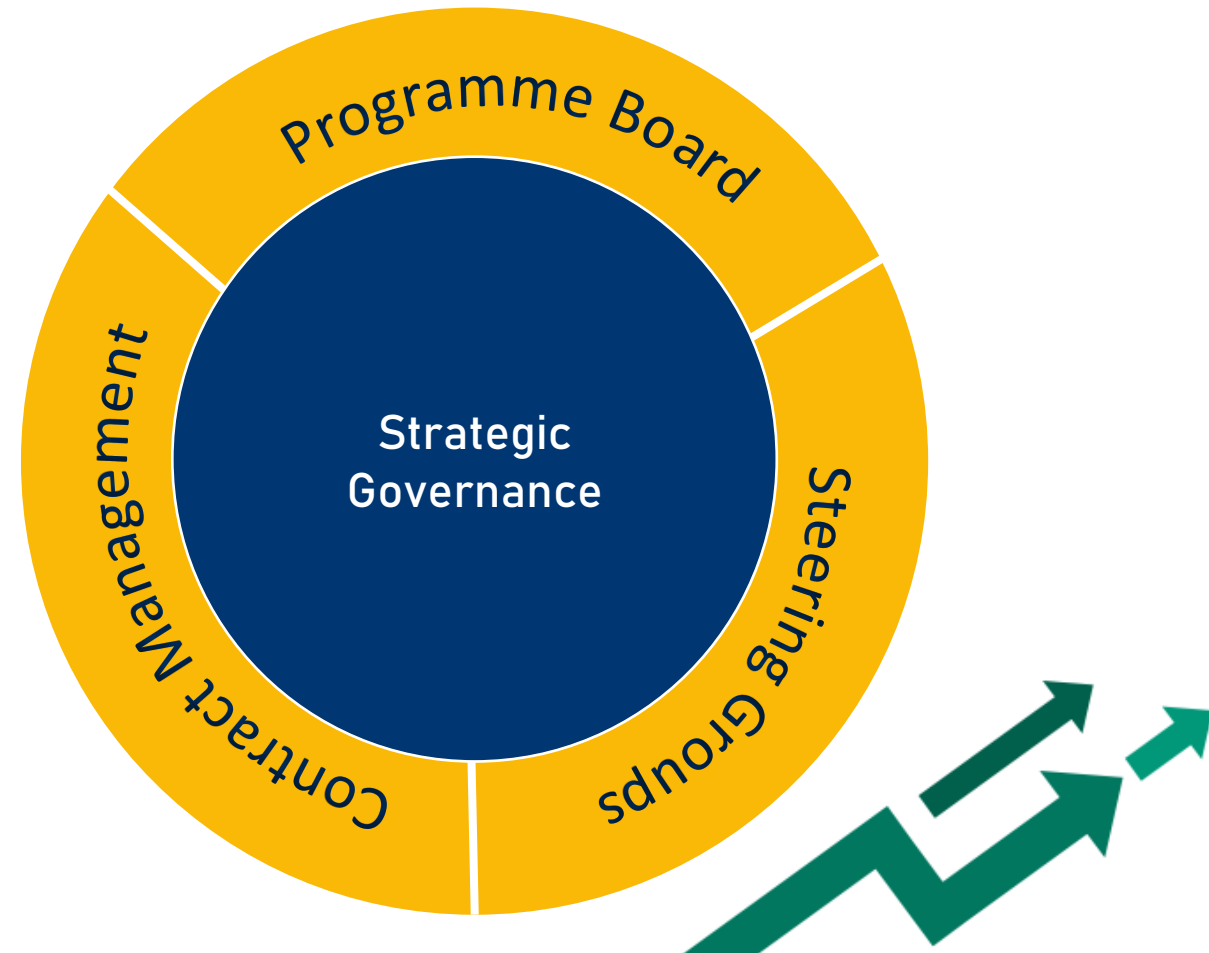
We are working with Welsh Government colleagues on an ‘Initial Project Assessment’, which follows the 5 Case business model approach before we move on to develop an Outline Business Case to receive additional capital funding.

To ensure this Strategic Plan will be implemented, we will utilise existing governance procedures.

- Resource and efficiency programme board; including representatives from the Council, WLGA and WRAP Cymru,
- Contract management meetings with contractors,
- Steering groups already well established to deliver green garden waste service, recycling and waste collection from Council buildings.

The Resource and Efficiency Programme Board will play a key role in advising how we achieve the 70% recycling rate and achieve objectives of this Strategic Plan.

These arrangements will ensure clarity, accountability, coherence and structure to monitor progress effectively. Progress will be reviewed every quarter and reports will be produced to give a summary of activities.





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Highways, Waste and Property

Resource and Waste Strategic Plan 2023-2028

Summary of consultation responses

1. Introduction

A six week consultation ran between 11 September and 20 October 2023. The consultation was published on the Council website and promoted via our social media channels. It was also shared amongst Anglesey's ageing well community forums.

We received 175 responses. This report is a summary of the consultation survey results and the main themes identified from feedback.

The consultation was designed to gather feedback from Anglesey resident son on Strategic Plan and our key work streams to reduce, reuse and recycle more of our household waste.

The consultation results showed overall support to our Strategic Plan and the four key priority areas. There are areas to continue to carefully consider, most notably the current trolley box system for collecting recyclable materials. These will be considered in the three key action plans we have identified.

2. Summary

2.1. Who we heard from

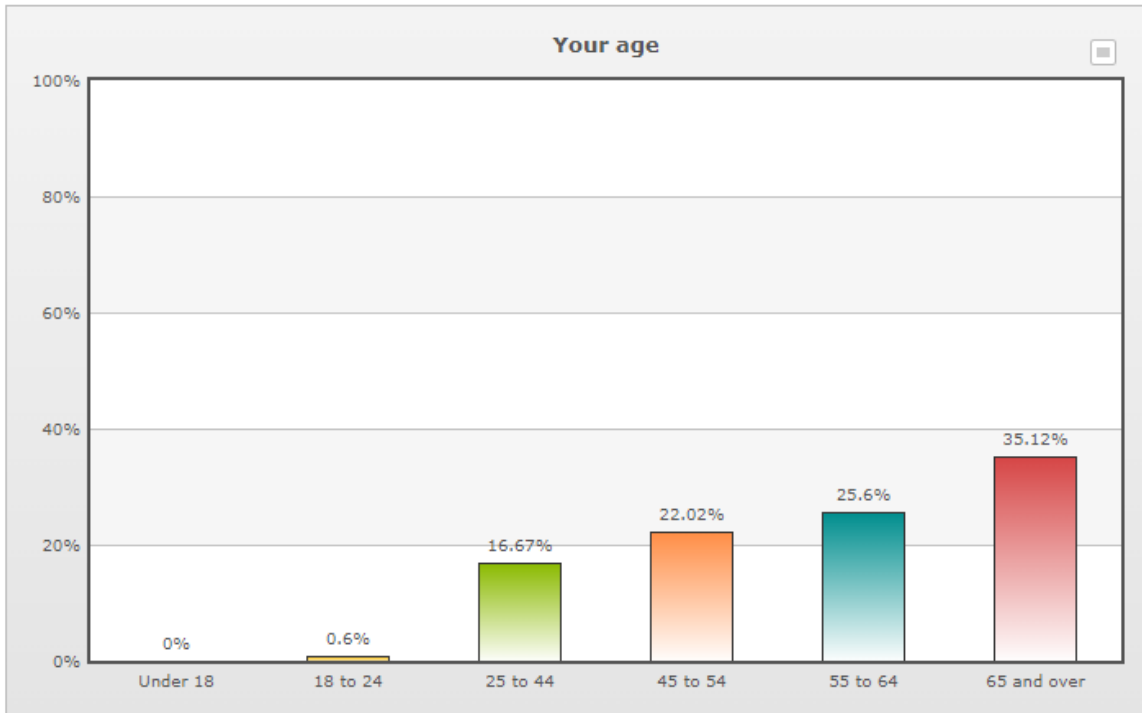
We received 190 consultation responses:

- most (169) were from residents via an online survey.
- 20 from a combined written response from Amlwch 50+ community group
- 1 response from our Contractors Biffa

3. Results from the survey questions showed:

3.1. Age breakdown

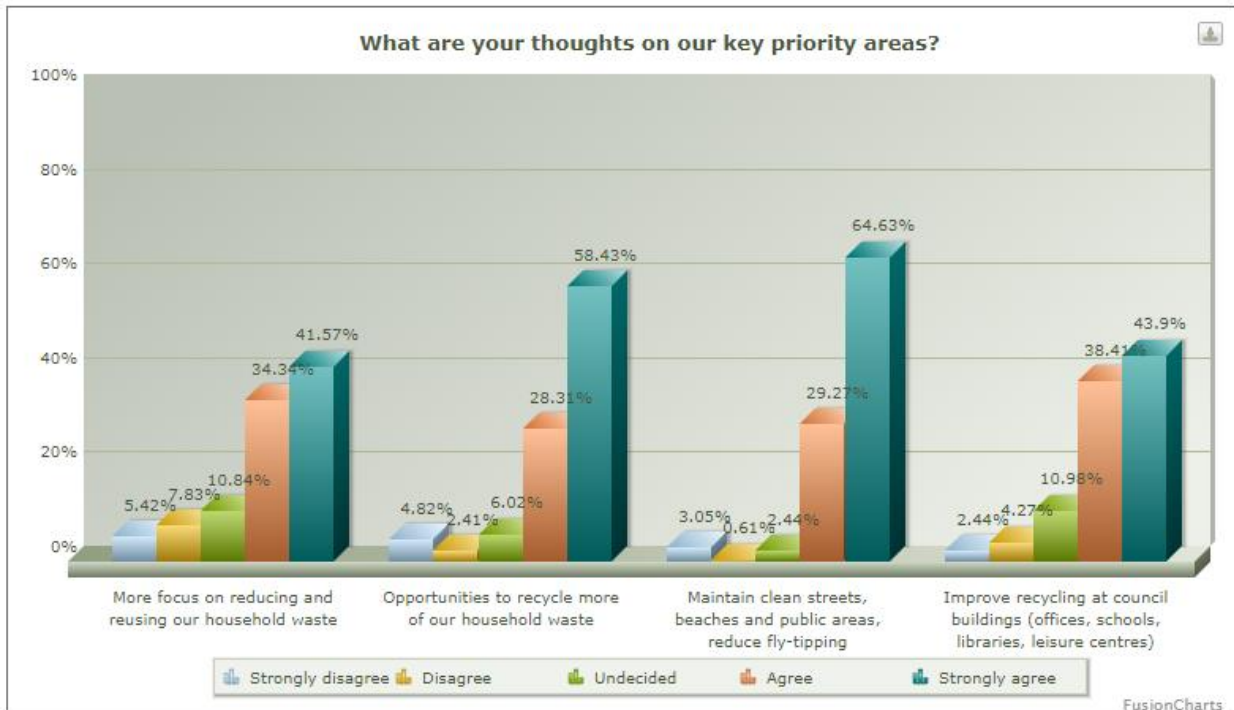
Majority of respondents were 65 and over (35%) the graph below shows the breakdown of respondents by age category.



3.2. We asked

3.2.1. What are your thoughts on our key priority areas?

The majority of respondents said they agree or strongly agree with our four key priority areas.



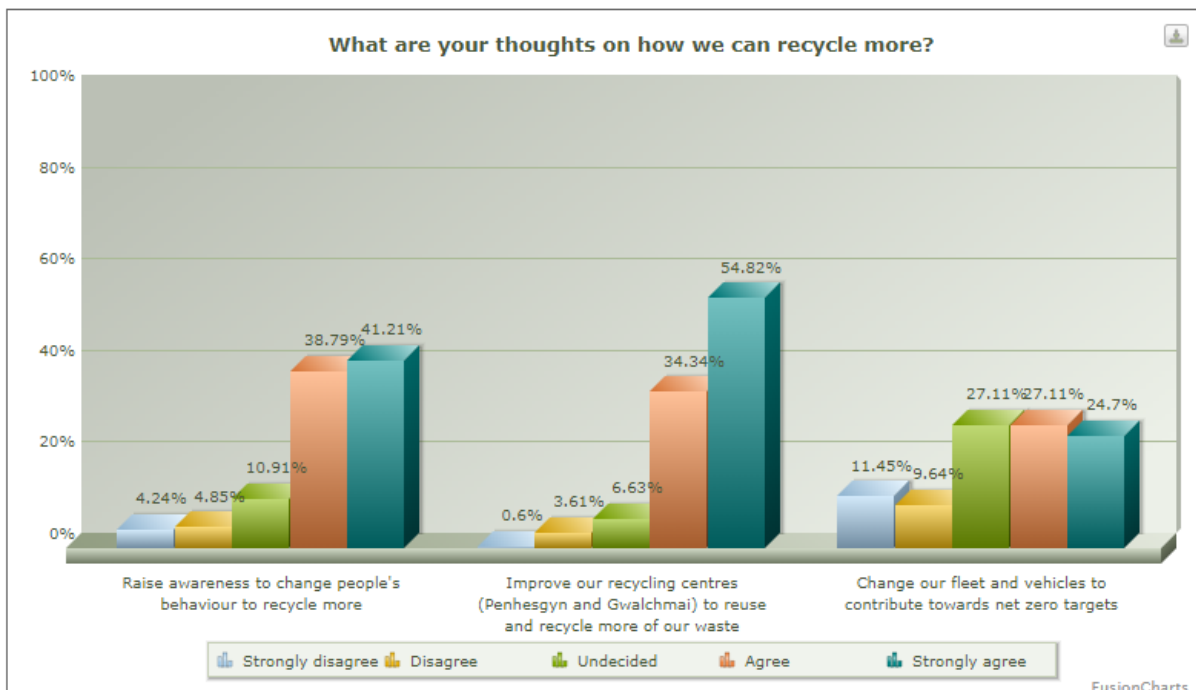
62 of the respondents provided further comments in response to our key priority areas. These comments can be broken down into six key themes. Respondents had concerns about:



- Opportunities for more on street waste and recycling bins
- Wanted to be able to recycle more materials, including soft plastics and tetra pack cartons at the kerbside
- The current trolley boxes not big enough – not enough space for plastics and cardboard
- Suitability of the trolley boxes, easily blown over in high winds
- More information to remind residents of what can and can't be recycled
- Work with businesses, caravan parks and holiday homes and public buildings (Schools) to recycle more.

3.2.2. What are your thoughts on how we can recycle more?

The majority of respondents said they agree or strongly agree with our three key ways of enabling people to recycle more.

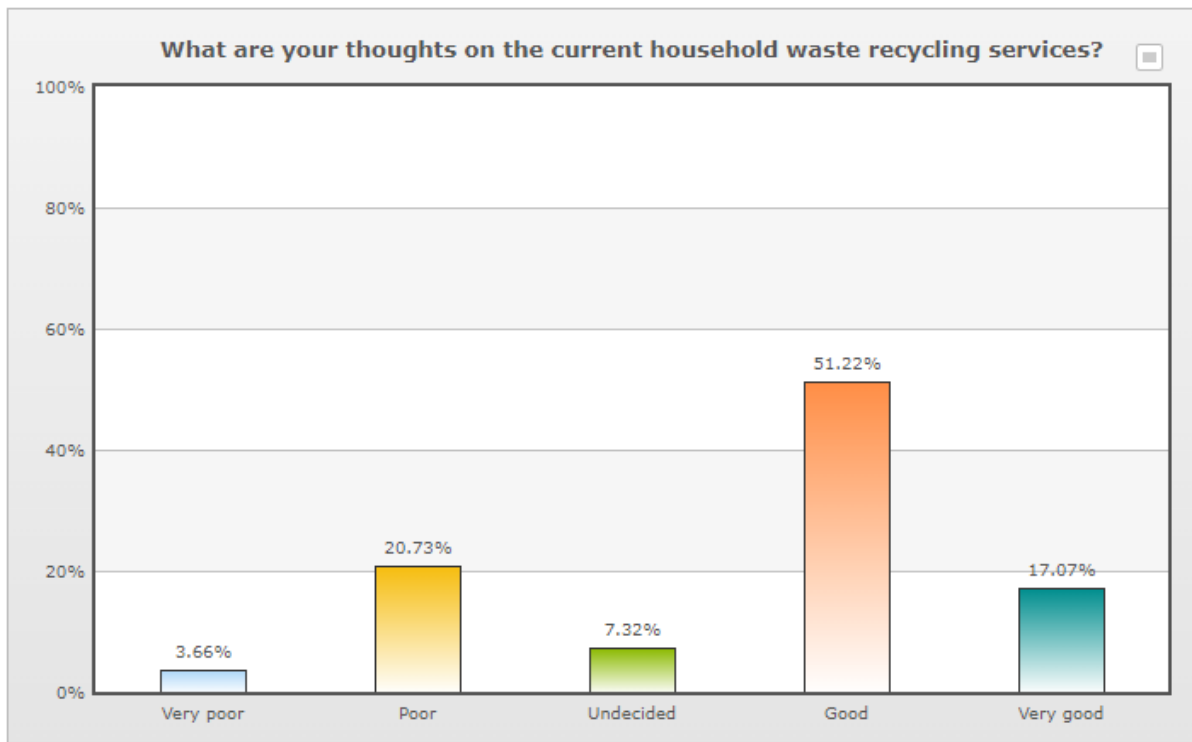


60 of the respondents provided further comments in response to how we can recycle more. These comments can be broken down in to four key themes. Respondents had concerns about:

- Suitability and cost of changing fleet to low carbon alternatives
- Encourage more reuse at the Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Improve the provision of HWRCs:
 - more sites (North of the Island)
 - open for longer hours
 - remove need for booking at Gwalchmai
- Reduce litter blown from / dropped by waste collection trucks.

3.3.3 What are your thoughts on the current household waste recycling services?

The majority of respondents said they thought the current recycling services were good or very good.



75 of the respondents provided further comments in response to their thoughts on the current Recycling Services. 68% of respondents thought the current service was good or very good. These comments can be broken down into four key themes. Respondents had concerns about:

- Current trolley boxes not big enough to hold all of their Recycling; mainly Plastics and cardboard
- Not being able to recycle more items such as plastic film, tetra packs.
- The current boxes being damaged and broken when emptied by the collection crew
- More information to remind people about what can and can not be recycled.

3.3.4 What do you think we could do to make it easier to recycle more of your household waste? For example, does the current trolley box setup suit your needs?

144 of respondents answered this question. The comments can be broken down into five key themes, with similar themes to the above questions:

- Not enough room in the current trolley box system, with the glass and cardboard box not being big enough. Paper box too big.
- Generally a number of respondents were happy with the current system
- Concerns about trolley boxes being blown over in the wind and littering streets
- More information on what can and can not be recycled

- Accept more materials to be recycled e.g. soft plastics and cartons / tetra packs

3.3.5 Would you like us to update you about this project in the future?

57 of respondents wanted to be kept up to date with this project in future. The contract details of these individuals will be added to the Waste contract Distribution list to be kept up to date with the developments of our waste and recycling services.

3.3.6 Written response

The feedback from the Amlwch 50+ group, which included 20 members of the local community, included:

- Everyone makes good use of current recycling services
- All strongly agreed with the need to maintain clean streets, beaches and public areas and reduce fly tipping.
- The group queried why Gwalchmai HWRC still has a requirement to book in advance.
- The trolley box system can be challenging for people living in smaller houses
- Concerns that litter blown from lorries boxes during collection does not get picked up.
- Concerns that trolley boxes and black bins are not always placed back safely on the pavements to aid people with mobility issues.

4. Summary

The majority of respondents supported the Resource and Waste Strategic Plan.

68% of respondents thought the current recycling services are good or very good. We received a number of comments related to the current recycling services and suggestion for improvements. We have adapted page 10 of the Plan to say we will review the current trolley box.

We will consider the comments received when we are developing the Improvement and Communications Action Plans which will provide detail of how we will achieve the key priority areas within the Strategic Plan. We have amended page 16 of the Plan to acknowledge this.

A key theme within the comments received from respondents was that the current trolley box configuration and capacity of the glass and cardboard box was not

sufficient. We will amend the plan to acknowledge the work we are doing with WRAP Cymru to review the trolley box configuration and capacity.



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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template	
Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	22/11/2023
Subject:	Gwynedd and Isle of Anglesey Community Safety Partnership
Purpose of Report:	Consider the Gwynedd and Isle of Anglesey Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: 2022/23
Scrutiny Chair:	Cllr Dylan Rees
Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr Alun Roberts, Portfolio Holder for Adults' Services and Community Safety
Head of Service:	Rhys H Hughes Deputy Chief Executive Ned Michael, Head of Housing Services
Report Author: Tel: Email:	Daron Owens – Community Safety Senior Operational Officer for Gwynedd and Anglesey DaronMargedOwens@gwynedd.llyw.cymru
Local Members:	Relevant to all Members

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1 - Recommendation/s
To note the contents of the report and attached documents, and state whether the Scrutiny Committee supports the priorities and future direction of the work.

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities
The Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this Committee each year to present an overview of activities. This ensures that the Partnership delivers its obligations in accordance with sections 19 and 20 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2006. The committee's duty is to scrutinise the Partnership's work, rather than the work of individual members (bodies).

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]

3.6 The potential impacts the decision would have on:

- protected groups under the Equality Act 2010
- those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (when making strategic decisions)
- opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

[focus on equality and the Welsh language]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. To what extent does the committee agree with the Partnership's priorities, which are based on a local needs assessment process, and are there other matters which need to be prioritised?
2. In what ways does the statutory partnership add value and work in an effective and efficient manner in accordance with the expectations of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998?
3. To what extent is the action plan sufficiently robust to deal with aspects of the priority areas for the benefit of Anglesey's communities?

5 – Background / Context

BACKGROUND:

- 1) There is a statutory duty on Local Authorities in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, **and subsequent amendments because of the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2002 and 2006**, to work in partnership with the Police, the Health service, the Probation Service and the Fire and Rescue Service, to address the local community safety agenda. These are the main agencies that make up the Community Safety Partnership.
- 2) As a statutory member of the Partnership, it is important that the LA is appropriately represented. This is achieved by the presence of the current Local member with Community Safety Portfolio, Alun Roberts, and the principal officer with responsibility for the work, Rhys Hughes (Chair).
- 3) **Community safety partnerships were originally called crime and disorder partnerships, and although the name has been changed, the areas or responsibility have not, and they remain –**
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Substance Misuse
 - Reducing reoffending

- We also have a responsibility to formulate and implement a strategy to prevent and reduce serious violence, following amendments to the Crime and Disorder Act as a result of the new Serious Violence Duty. In North Wales, a regional approach is being taken.
 - Under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, CSPs also have a statutory duty to establish Domestic Homicide Reviews. These are a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by— (a) a person to whom he was related or with whom he was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or (b) a member of the same household as himself, held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death.
- 4) Quarterly meetings are always well attended. Partners and Local Members who attend the meetings contribute positively, and quarterly data on crime figures and plan delivery are shared at every meeting. Every responsible member of the partnership contributes financially to having in place a partnership analyst, so that regular data can be supplied to support evidence-based decisions.
- 5) Working between partners is fundamental to community safety. The main reason for the introduction of CSP's back in 1998, was to ensure that crime and disorder was seen as '**everybody's problem**' and not the realm of the Police alone.
- 6) Some of the main changes the partnership has, and currently faces are listed below:
- a. Loss of local grants – **all the grants**, which the partnership once received have now either ended, or have moved to a regional grant position, managed on a North Wales basis. We do not commission any projects or services directly (only the DHRs) as we have no funding allocated to Community Safety.
 - b. Loss of local coordinators – some posts have been lost because of the withdrawal of funding; others became a regional resource. However, by maintaining close and purposeful membership of the regional groups, we are confident that local needs are embedded in **all** regional plans and activity.
 - c. The main challenges we all face of course, is the changing face of criminality in our communities today. **Even though Gwynedd and Anglesey remain amongst the safest places to live**, we face the same issues as all other areas of the UK. Crime today is far-reaching and complex, with the use of technology enabling a level of exploitative crime not seen before. Organized crime gangs exist across the UK, and most are involved with drug-related crime. These gangs are known as county lines gangs and have been the subject of much responsive activity in North Wales, which has impacted greatly on the criminal gangs' activity in the area.

THE PARTNERSHIP'S PRIORITIES/DOCUMENTS FOR SCRUTINY:

The partnership works to an annual plan. Attached is the 2023-24 plan, which is based on the priorities within the Safer North Wales Board's Strategy. These priorities are:

- Preventing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

- Tackling Violent Crime
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime
- Protecting and building resilient communities and maintaining public safety.

OVERVIEW OF OFFENDING RATES OVER THE REPORTING PERIOD:

Background:

- 1) The Police look at crime figures constantly and review all changes on a regional and local basis. Any significant changes are subject to further analysis. Problem areas will then be reviewed, with policing plans put in place to tackle the issues. Local policing methods include the daily tasking of resources to tackle issues as they emerge.
- 2) The Partnership receives data on crime levels on a quarterly basis, and the 'softer' or longer-term approaches of tackling crime trends will be the basis of the partnership plan. The data we generally use is that of a comparison between the period in the current year, and the same period in the former year.

CRIME DATA

Below is the most recent crime data for Anglesey up to October 2023 from our Partnership Analyst within North Wales Police. This outlines the figures for the year to date, with comparison to previous years and the picture across North Wales.

Ynys Mon - Crime & Incident Data	Fiscal Year		% Change (YTD)	North Wales
	2022/23 (YTD)	2023/24 (YTD)		% Change (YTD)
All Victim Based Crime	2,542	2,028	-20.2%	-13.8%
Violence with injury	308	241	-21.8%	-9.8%
Violence without injury	489	450	-8.0%	-12.6%
Stalking & Harassment	527	392	-25.6%	-17.9%
Sexual offences	107	90	-15.9%	-14.7%
All Acquisitive Crime	417	386	-7.4%	2.7%
Burglary Residential	37	36	-2.7%	-13.3%
Burglary - Business and Community	13	15	15.4%	-16.7%
Robbery	2	5	150.0%	-7.1%
Vehicle Crime	35	20	-42.9%	-11.6%
Theft and Handling	330	310	-6.1%	10.1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	307	260	-15.3%	-11.5%
Domestic Crime	564	427	-24.3%	-19.1%
Domestic Incidents (non-crime)	250	191	-23.6%	1.8%
Hate Crime	56	44	-21.4%	-19.1%
Anti-Social Behaviour	754	635	-15.8%	-10.2%

From the table above you will notice decreases in crime volumes across most crime types. This is caused by recent changes to Home Office Crime Recording in April 2023.

Prior to April 2018, only the principal offence crimes were recorded; for example, if someone reported being assaulted and disclosed that it was part of an ongoing harassment case, only the assault would have been recorded. In April 2018, Home Office changes to crime recording meant that the assault **AND** the harassment would be recorded as separate crimes. This secondary crime recording led to increases in volumes, particularly in conduct offences such as stalking harassment, coercive and controlling behaviour and violence against the person offences.

However, in April 2023, following a review by the NPCC, the decision was made to revert to the 'principal offence' approach to Home Office counting rules, which will seek to record the crime which has had the most impact on a victim, rather than record multiple entries. Ultimately, this will lead to falls in the volume of recorded crime, but not necessarily in crime in general.

Over the first half of the 2023/24 fiscal year, we are already seeing these reductions in North Wales, with recorded victim-based crime down by 13.8% which equates to over 4,500 fewer crimes. Recorded crime data for the 2023/24 fiscal year will establish a new baseline following the recording changes, **with a more accurate reflection on trends emerging in 2024/25.**

The data for Ynys Mon also reflects this, with 14 of the 16 categories in the table above showing decreases, with some being quite significant decreases in terms of both volumes and percentage change. The two categories where increases were seen (Burglary – Business & Community and Robbery) are low volume categories, so the increases are only minimal in terms of the overall volumes.

One area which bucks the trend in Ynys Mon, in comparison to North Wales as a whole, is Theft & Handling, with a -6.1% decrease compared to the overall 10.1% increase seen across North Wales. The bulk of the increase seen in North Wales is caused by increases in shoplifting offences, which falls into the Theft & Handling category.

Domestic Incidents (Non-Crime) are calls received by North Wales Police's Control Room which have a domestic element to them; however do not constitute a criminal offence and are not recorded as a crime, therefore will not be affected by changes to Home Office recording.. They include incidents such as verbal domestic disputes, where no criminal offences have taken place. These incidents generate a CID 16 referral, for consideration of sharing with the relevant safeguarding partners. Despite a slight increase being seen across North Wales as a whole, there has been a significant percentage decrease of such calls in Ynys Mon in 2023/24 in comparison to 2022/23.

Incidents of ASB are also not recorded as crimes and therefore will also not be affected by changes to Home Office recording. ASB in Anglesey has seen a year-to-date decrease of -15.8% in 2023/24 in comparison to the same period in 2022/23. This equates to over 100

fewer incidents being reported in Ynys Mon in the 6 months between April-September 2023.

WORK COMPLETED SO FAR DURING 2023:

- 1) To develop the annual plan, we consulted with partners on any upcoming activities or projects that linked with the Safer North Wales Board's priorities. The 2023-24 plan (attached) sets out the activity the Partnership wanted to achieve during this financial year. The activity is monitored and reported on a quarterly basis to the CSP, so that any remedial activity can be agreed if required.
- 2) Crime figures are shared on a quarterly basis through a performance report prepared by the Police Analyst, so that any trends and additional activity needed could be discussed.
- 3) We have a statutory duty under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 to establish Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs/definition above). Sadly, the Partnership has had 5 ongoing DHRs this year. This work inevitably has significant and continuing resourcing implications, including Home Office sign off which can be a very lengthy and unwieldy process.
- 4) A summary of the work completed this year:
 - a) The Safer Streets 4 project in Holyhead came to an end in September. Collaboration between the Police, Local Authority and Town Council meant that over £600k was spent on work and initiatives in the area. Elements included: improved lighting and extension of CCTV coverage, sessions with the Police and self-defense classes for young people, and crime prevention packs for residents.
 - b) The Serious Violence Duty came into force in January 2023, requiring specified authorities to work together to prepare and implement a strategy for preventing and reducing serious violence in the area. This year, a regional Task and Finish Group was set up with representation from senior responsible officers across relevant authorities. To form the evidence base for the Strategy, a Data and Evidence Subgroup was also created, to develop a local picture of serious violence. Following recent amendments to the Crime and Disorder Act, the CSP has an explicit role in evidence based strategic action on serious violence.
 - c) One element of the work under the Serious Violence Duty was the 'Futures without Violence' Fund provided by the Home Office, to invest in projects that support children and young people at risk of violence in our communities. Under this funding, a successful bid was made in Anglesey to deliver a project to improve the skills of professionals and provide positive educational sessions linked to outdoor educational activity. The project will be rolled out over the next few months.
 - d) Working closely with Local Policing Teams, we identified areas that could benefit from the Westminster Government's Shared Prosperity Fund. One of the investment priorities within the fund is 'Community and Place', and one of the Levelling Up Missions aims that by 2030 homicide, serious violence, and neighbourhood crime will have fallen. As part of this work, we have identified specific locations in Anglesey where offences take place or where people do not feel safe, and additional CCTV could be introduced. The objective being to

improve perceptions of safety and reduce neighbourhood crime. We are currently awaiting the outcome of the bid.

- e) In collaboration with the LA Safeguarding Lead, the CSP oversees Prevent delivery in the area (a duty within the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism). Following the annual benchmarking assurance exercise with the Regional Prevent Advisor, we received confirmation in May that Anglesey was meeting the requirements of the Duty in most areas. We have continued to work constructively and collaboratively with the Regional Advisor to develop any areas of improvement.
- f) We submitted a successful bid to the Preventing Radicalisation Fund by the Home Office last year, for a project to improve critical thinking skills and media literacy for young people. The project was rolled out in March this year and resulted in 206 students attending Media Literacy sessions. Following their participation, students exhibited a notable improvement in their ability to recognise and target misinformation and could successfully navigate the information they consume online with confidence.
- g) We continued to coordinate the ongoing Domestic Homicide Reviews in the County. This has involved the attending of Panel Meetings throughout the year, researching the background of the cases, and providing an input into discussions around any missed opportunities, lessons learnt and recommendations.
- h) We continued to attend the regional group to implement the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy for North Wales 2020-24. The Strategy seeks to reduce the harms associated with alcohol to the individual and wider society and highlights the need for a whole system approach of collaborative partnership working. Membership of this group includes the Health Board, Area Planning Board, councils across the region and local support service providers.
- i) Following feedback from service users, the Substance Misuse Harm Reduction outreach service was renamed as the North Wales Enhancing Lives Service. It will retain the outreach focus, but the general support provided will be enhanced with new specialist staff to carry a caseload of more complex cases.
- j) This year, we are working with the new-in-post Regional Lead for Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention. This involves attendance at the regional forum to develop a regional plan based on the national strategy. Learning from the DHRs have highlighted the link between suicide and domestic abuse, and raising awareness of this will be one of our priorities moving forward.
- k) Chaired by the Police, the Anglesey and Gwynedd SOC (Serious Organised Crime) group has continued to meet, providing a valuable opportunity for Police and Partner Agencies to discuss local concerns and share intelligence around Organised Crime Gangs in the area.

WORK ONGOING:

- 1) Continue to implement local projects identified within the plan for Q3 – through monitoring process.
- 2) Continue to support the implementation of the Regional Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.
- 3) Continue to attend the regional task & finish group in preparation for the Serious Violence Duty, so that the LA best placed meet the new requirements promptly. Roll out of Futures Without Violence project.
- 4) Continue to work closely with the Home Office Prevent Regional Advisor to update LA Prevent and Channel arrangements following new guidance published this year.

<p>Working alongside our partners in the Regional Prevent Delivery Group to implement a Communication and Engagement Strategy.</p> <p>5) Once completed, sign off the content of the DHR reports and submit to Home Office for Quality Assurance process before publication.</p> <p>6) If successful, roll out Shared Prosperity Fund CCTV project in three of our towns. Project management, risk mitigation and collaboration between CSP, CCTV provider service, Street Lighting department and Town Councils.</p>

6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]
6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010
The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on any of the protected groups
6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)
The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on anyone experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives
6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favorably than the English language
7 – Financial Implications
The report does not identify any specific financial implications for the Local Authority

8 – Appendices:
1. 2023-24 Plan

9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):
Work programme of the Regional Safer North Wales Partnership Board

Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership Annual Plan 2023-24

Background

The Community Safety Partnership is a group of organisations that collaborate to consider how best to address crime and disorder. The requirement to have such a partnership in place on a local level is part of the law, under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Several organisations have a part to play within the partnership, including the local authority, the police, the probation service, the fire and rescue service and the health board.

We have responsibilities under the 1998 Act for a number of areas, including – reducing crime and disorder, reducing re-offending, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour. In addition, we have a duty to commission Domestic Homicide reviews under certain circumstances.

Our plan will deliver against the priorities within the Safer North Wales Partnership Board Strategy, namely:

- 1) Prevent crime and anti-social behaviour
- 2) Tackle violent crime
- 3) Tackle serious organised crime
- 4) Safeguard and build resilient communities and maintain public safety

We are also steered by the following priorities and objectives:

- North Wales Strategic Assessment
- North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan (2021-24)
- North Wales Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy (2021-24)
- The Home Office's Beating Crime Plan (2021)

Work plan for next 12 months

#	Action	Output	Outcome	Responsibility	Timetable	Contribute towards
1	Trading Standards to work in conjunction with North Wales Police on the project to prevent cold-callers in relation to individuals who have been identified as potential targets or victims of cold-calling.	Call blockers being leased to users who have been targeted by cold-callers	Reducing the potential for crime	Gwynedd and Anglesey Trading Standards	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 4 in the Safer North Wales Plan
2	Trading Standards respond to intelligence by the National Scams team on potential scam victims. There is a commitment to contact 10 people each month who have been targeted by scammers to provide information and advice.	Individuals who have been previously targeted to receive advice and information in order to reduce the likelihood of being targeted again.	A reduction in repeat victims Increased awareness of scams	Gwynedd Trading Standards	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 4 in the Safer North Wales Plan
3	Trading Standards to work in conjunction with North Wales Police on the investigation programme and visits targeted at properties that sell age-restricted products. This is an effort to restrict the availability of age-restricted products (such as alcohol, tobacco and vapes) that can lead to antisocial	Test purchases in local organisations to ascertain compliance with Challenge 25	Reduction in under-age sales	Anglesey and Gwynedd Trading Standards	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 4 in the Safer North Wales Plan Priority 4 in the Safer North Wales Plan

	behaviour and public order issues in rural communities.					
4	Public Protection adapt the way that they work with partners in Social Services, North Wales Police and other agencies to identify the victims of crime on the Island. These could be victims of scams (telephone, post and cyber) and/or victims of doorstep crime (cold-callers or fraudulent traders).	Improved working practices to increase the prompt sharing of information	Better identification and help to provide early interventions	Anglesey Public Protection	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 4 in the Safer North Wales Plan
5	The Housing Department within Cyngor Gwynedd is currently developing a number of projects in Gwynedd that encompass many of the Community Safety Partnership's priorities. Examples of this work: Three self-contained flats with a high level of support, hopefully opening during the summer. Twelve supported living flats, with the intention of opening the project in November this year. A Senior Officer - Housing Solutions and Mental Health has started in post in January 2023. This role will help to develop a relationship with the Mental Health Service and try to prevent homelessness, and ensure that there is accommodation available upon discharge from hospital.	Five new pods will be built as temporary accommodation. Flats are being prepared with varying levels of support.	Services will be better placed to provide individuals with support and early intervention A closer working relationship with clients and case workers	Gwynedd Housing and Property Department	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan

	A private leasing scheme is being developed by the Homelessness Team to bring more private landlords as an option to re-house some people who are currently homeless, and to reduce the use of Bed & Breakfast accommodation.					
6	Implement the North Wales Prison in Reach Project funded by the APB. Will support people released from prisons throughout the UK back to North Wales, that has previously identified complex substance misuse problems	<p>2 x In-reach Co-ordinators in post.</p> <p>In order to ensure that each will have interventions in place prior to their release. These will be tailored to the individual's needs and will include, but are not restricted to housing requirements, benefits, and medicines.</p>	<p>The aim will for everyone to be better informed, supported and prepared for the period of transition back into the community.</p> <p>The co-ordinators will also be responsible for developing an assistance programme by peers from community coordinators which include volunteers who have similar lived transition experience, to make immediate contact 'at the gate'.</p>	Donna Jones (APB)	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Regional Substance Misuse Plan

7	Further development of cooperative outreach/harm prevention services in North Wales.	Transfer to an amended Improving Lives service model, as recommended in the recent service review. (subject to agreeing a funding offer from Welsh Government)	Amended service in place with increased capacity to better support the needs of those with Complex Needs involving Substance Misuse, Mental Health, and Housing.	Donna Jones (APB)	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Regional Substance Misuse Plan
8	We will ensure that responsibilities placed upon the CSP in relation to undertaking Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) will be appropriately completed. Essentially, this means ensuring that appropriate review panels, chairs and authors are commissioned, and that final review reports are submitted and accepted by the Home Office.	Commission review panels, chairs, and authors for the DHRs Undertake the DHR and submit to the Home Office.	The responsibilities placed upon the CSP in relation to undertaking DHR reviews are appropriately completed. An action plan in place to respond to recommendations - lessons learned in order to improve services in the future	CSP	Ongoing	Priority 2 in the Safer North Wales Plan

9	<p>All the partnership members have some responsibilities in relation to the Home Office's <i>Prevent</i> programme (radicalisation in relation to terrorist activity). This work will be updated during the year in relation to developing and improving current Channel plans/training/requirements. This will entail working closely with the Home Office's new regional adviser.</p> <p>Anglesey County Council intends to incorporate the No Platform Policy to draw the attention of locations to the risk associated with them being used by groups/speakers who are known to be radical influencers and to work with North Wales partners in engaging with the voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations and groups to raise awareness of Prevent.</p>	<p>Update the Prevent Plan. Arrange Prevent training sessions for the staff of Gwynedd and Anglesey Local Authorities. Review Channel Arrangements</p>	<p>Contribute to the regional CONTEST Board Action Plan</p> <p>Contribute to the Home Office's Prevent outcomes of reducing radicalisation</p>	<p>CSP / Local Authority's relevant departments</p>	<p>Throughout 2023/24.</p>	<p>The Home Office's Prevent Scheme</p> <p>Regional CONTEST Board Action Plan</p>
10	<p>Work on elements of the Serious Violence Duty. Share information and plan with relevant departments.</p>	<p>Develop a regional needs assessment in North Wales to note the burden and trends in the region in</p>	<p>Partners are aware of the responsibilities under the Duty and are better placed to deliver once it comes into force.</p>	<p>CSP</p>	<p>Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting</p>	<p>Priority 2 in the Safer North Wales Strategy</p>

		relation to violence Respond to the needs assessment as required in the form of a specific strategy				
11	CCTV camera bids to the Shared Prosperity Fund in Gwynedd and Anglesey.	Bids submitted to the fund in both counties.	If successful - enable the local authority to implement a variety of crime prevention approaches and increase the public's sense of safety	CSP	Q1 2023 and beyond if successful	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan Priority 4 in the Safer North Wales Plan
12	The Gwynedd Môn Youth Justice Service provides monitoring, screening, support and intervention to 10-17 year-old Children that have been identified by North Wales Police from antisocial behaviour incidents. Any child who is subject to an antisocial behaviour warning (yellow card) from NWP will be referred to the service, individual and random incidents will be recorded, evaluated and monitored. If a child receives a subsequent warning within 3	Support in the form of Assessment, Planning, Intervention, and presentation over a 12-week period (Child First and Trauma Informed) with	Reduce serious antisocial behaviour matters	Youth Justice Service	Throughout 2023/24.	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan

	months, the service will contact the family to outline the concerns and offer intervention and support to prevent further antisocial incidents or behaviour from escalating into crime.	the child's needs and strengths central to the implementation approach.				
14	<p>Training to all Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion (ALN&I) staff within the Education Service on the impact of trauma on children and young people through Trauma Informed schools. ALN&I Department, which is part of Gwynedd and Anglesey Education Departments to emphasise the impact of trauma in our schools and offer a Diploma course in this area. Training to all ALN&I staff within the field of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) to be informed about these factors and the impact on children and young people, and the ability to develop key skills in responding to challenging behaviours.</p> <p>Collaboration with RASAC to present "Don't Steal y Future" sessions to pupils in years 10 and 11.</p>	<p>Introduce staff training.</p> <p>Collaborate with Gwynedd and Anglesey schools.</p>	Staff to be made aware of pupils at risk of adverse childhood experiences (ACE) and to raise pupils' awareness of everyone's potential and the opportunities to look to the future.	Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion Service (Education Service)	Throughout 2023/24.	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan

15	<p>Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion (ALN&I) Service within the Education Service to provide training on the impact of trauma on children and young people in households where a parent (parents) uses drugs.</p> <p>Collaboration with Be' di'r Sgôr in schools. The need for improved collaboration especially with young people that are excluded from school for drugs use and in cases where there is concern about individuals under the influence of others (County Lines)</p>	<p>Introduce staff training.</p> <p>Collaborate with the Youth Justice service to work with schools in cases of exclusions relating to drugs.</p>	Work with young people involved with drugs at school and prevent the influence of county lines.	Additional Learning Leads and Inclusion Service and the Youth Justice Service	Throughout 2023/24.	<p>Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan</p> <p>Priority 3 in the Safer North Wales Plan</p>
16	Anglesey County Council was the author of Regional Multiagency Modern Slavery Pathways. These will be launched within the Local Authority in the new year. (Key steps, reflected in the corporate safeguarding action plan). Introduction of the mandatory Modern Slavery e-learning	Continue to present the training pack	Improved awareness in Local Authorities of Modern Slavery to enable effective referral to support services	Anglesey Council training departments	Throughout 2023/24.	Priority 2 in the Safer North Wales Plan
17	Monitor the progress of Ask and Act training - National Training Framework as required by the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015	Continue to present the training pack Contact with the Regional Training	Improved awareness in Local Authorities of domestic violence to enable effective referral to support services	Training departments in both counties	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 2 in the Safer North Wales Plan

		Development Officer and relevant training departments to monitor progress				
18	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (NWFRS) will continue to present the Phoenix youth referral programme. Also undertakes interventions with young children who have shown a liking for fire – FACE (fire awareness child education).	Continue to present the intervention programme in the region	A reduction in fires/ASB A reduction in the number of repeat offenders	NWFRS	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan
19	Domestic violence continues to be a priority work area for the police with bespoke initiatives held periodically throughout the year, including awareness campaigns. Domestic violence related training is still provided across North Wales Police to all the workforce in order to increase awareness of the complex nature of domestic abuse.	Awareness campaigns and initiatives to be held by the Police Introduce staff training to the entire workforce	More awareness and availability of information about domestic violence support services to the public and across the Police	North Wales Police	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 2 in the Safer North Wales Plan

20	The Police will use a mobile visibility van during the summer months to improve community police presence in areas affected by antisocial behaviour and increased community tensions due to increases in the seasonal population.	Locate a van in the areas as noted	Improved presence in problematic areas Increase feelings of safety	North Wales Police	Summer 2023	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan
21	The police will undertake prevention initiatives in caravan parks over the summer period as these locations can be problematic in relation to sexual and domestic offences reports over the summer period.	Preparation work in the tourism meetings and reduce the seasonal demand from the Police Note relevant caravan sites Arrange and conduct visits to these sites	Support preventative work for sexual and domestic offences Reduction in these offences	North Wales Police	Summer 2023	Priority 2 in the Safer North Wales Plan
22	The work of the Integrated Offenders Manager will continue to focus on reducing the risk of reoffending.	The noted actions will be implemented locally	Locally delivered objectives	North Wales Police	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Regional IOM Plan

23	Ongoing partnership with Bangor University to improve safety on the streets. School Police officers continue to provide Hidden Injury (DA) and No Means No (sexual crime) lessons to local schools.	NWP provide lessons to Gwynedd and Anglesey schools.	Raising awareness about the domestic and sexual violence.	North Wales Police	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan
24	Present We do not buy crime – focusing on prevention, supporting victims and providing services for acquisitive crime.	Regular warning messages on social media and the Community with preventative advice on the subjects	Provide specific input to vulnerable sections of the community	North Wales Police	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan
25	Safer streets funding was used to increase Police visibility and design to prevent crime in Holyhead. Specific work relating to partners and raising awareness in local businesses as part of this response to Violence against women and girls in particular.	Collaboration with local businesses in Holyhead.	Improved presence in problematic areas Increase feelings of safety. Support preventative work for sexual and domestic offences Reduction in these offences	North Wales Police	Throughout 2023/24. Will be monitored in the quarterly CSP meeting	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template	
Committee:	Partnership & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	22.11.2023
Subject:	Levelling Up Fund – Holyhead: A culture and heritage driven transformation
Purpose of Report:	To provide an update on the Levelling Up Programme
Scrutiny Chair:	Cllr Dylan Rees
Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr Llinos Medi - Economic Development Portfolio Holder
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Local Members:	Relevant to all Elected Members

1 - Recommendation/s
<p>That the Scrutiny Committee...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Notes progress in the development and delivery of the LUF programme in Holyhead b. Notes the implementation of the LUF Programme in line with UK Government guidance c. Recognises the role of the Council in supporting the Programme’s Delivery Partners <p>As agreed, the focus of this update to the Scrutiny Committee will be LUF projects being delivered by Holyhead Town Council.</p>

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities
<p>The Holyhead Levelling Up Programme was developed against the context of current Council priorities. Other key national, regional and local policies and strategies (i.e. Levelling Up White Paper the Welsh Government Programme for Government and the Regional Economic Framework for North Wales) also informed its focus..</p> <p>Local strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Plan 2023 -2028 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2023) • Isle of Anglesey & Gwynedd Well-being Plan (Gwynedd & Anglesey Public Service Board, 2018) • Isle of Anglesey County Council Strategic Equality Plan 2020 –2024 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2020) • Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan 2011 –2026 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2017)

- Isle of Anglesey County Council toward Net Zero Plan 2022-2025 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2022)

3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

1. Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen]
2. A look at any risks [focus on risk]
3. Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance & quality]
4. Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:
 - Long term
 - Prevention
 - Integration
 - Collaboration
 - Involvement
 [focus on wellbeing]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. The Program discusses the significant role of external partners in the successful completion of the Levelling Up Programme. How does the Council work together and support them to ensure full compliance and success?
2. How are the Levelling Up projects measured in terms of direct and indirect outputs?
3. What assurance could be offered that all of the fund will be spent successfully, while ensuring compliance and value for money?
4. In the report, 5 main risks associated with the Programme are discussed. What measures are in place to manage and mitigate these risks?

5 – Background / Context

a) Development of the Holyhead Bid & Partnership Working

In June 2022, a Portfolio Holder decision was secured to endorse the submission of the County Council's application to the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund (LUF).

The "Holyhead: A culture and heritage driven transformation" bid was submitted on 6th July 2022.

The bid includes a package of projects for Holyhead to increase employment; improve the town centre offer and visitor experience; increase footfall and spending; provide modern floor space to meet business needs, and increase access to the arts, culture and leisure.

The Delivery Partners are:

- MonCF

- The Ucheldre Centre
- Diocese of Bangor
- Holyhead Town Council
- Heritage Regeneration - Regulation & Economic Development Service

Confirmation of the successful bid came on the 18th January 2023.

The County Council decided to focus on inviting expressions of interest (EOI's) from external partners on schemes that could be delivered in collaboration with the County Council for the 2nd round of LUF. Projects with a value of up to £20m could be supported and funding of £125,000 was provided to support development costs.

During this assessment it became apparent that only a bid focussing upon addressing Holyhead socio-economic needs would likely meet the UK Government's specific requirements and have any opportunity of being successful. These requirements included the ability to spend immediately; be deliverable by March 2025; demonstrate value for money; and be in possession of (or able to demonstrate no obstacles to securing) statutory consents and match funding. It was also determined that a single bid centred on the 'heritage; culture and townscape' attributes of Holyhead rather than the Island's wider regeneration needs would likely score higher against the UK Governments requirements. A previous report to the Scrutiny Committee on the LUF Programme is included in **Annex A**. Further information on the Programme is attached in **Annex B**.

b) Role of the County Council in the delivery of LUF Programme

The LUF Programme is managed, implemented and monitored by the Council (with day to day responsibility sitting with the Regulation and Economic Development Service).

A Programme Manager and a Senior Project Officer have been appointed to oversee the management of the LUF programme, working closely with the 5 project partners to ensure that they deliver on the bid as submitted within the original business case, to cost, to time and securing all outputs. Colleagues in Finance Services will also play a key role in terms of financial monitoring, compliance and risk management.

The Governance framework for the Programme is as follows;

- Programme Board** - Chief Executive, Economic Development Portfolio Holder, Finance Portfolio Holder, Section 151 Officer, Head of Service R&ED, Chief Economic Development Officer, , LUF Programme Manager, LUF Senior Project Officer and the MP for Anglesey.
- Delivery Group** – MonCF, Ucheldre Arts Centre, Town Council, Church in Wales, Council Heritage Officer, Programme Manager, Senior Project Officer and Grants Manager
- Stakeholder Group** – All Ynys Cybi and Holyhead Elected Members, Mayor of Holyhead Town Council, Chair of MonCF Board, Representative of the Federation of Small Businesses, Programme Manager, Senior Project Officer

The time scales for delivery are challenging with the £17m to be spent by March 2025 therefore having these supporting frameworks in place will aid in the delivery of the programme. The Council has entered into separate Development Phase Agreements with four of the delivery partners to ensure timely development of their projects. From the 1st of November the four delivery partners have entered into Delivery Agreements to continue the progress they have made.

A separate Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed for the Council Heritage projects.

1) Project Updates

Annex C provides an overview of progress on the Mon CF, Diocese of Bangor (Church of Wales), Ucheldre Centre, and Townscape Projects.

The table below provides a more detailed update in relation to the Holyhead Town Council project (given that they are the focus of this meeting).

Description	Progress	Next steps	Value
Redevelopment of the 4 shelters on Newry beach into commercial and retail Kiosks	<p>Final designs have been completed and all statutory consents have been obtained.</p> <p>Issues relating to drainage have been resolved.</p> <p>Tender Documents for the developments have been released on Sell2Wales.</p> <p>Tenants for the Kiosks have been agreed.</p>	<p>Review tender submissions against original approved costings.</p> <p>Appoint contractors to carry out the works</p> <p>Revise expected completion is now May 2</p>	£400,000
Extension to Empire complex including redevelopment of the Soft Play Centre and improvements to the Cinema	<p>Final designs have been completed.</p> <p>Consent for the external designs currently awaiting planning approval.</p> <p>Tender Documents for the developments have</p>	<p>Review tender submissions against original approved costings.</p> <p>Carry out value engineering if required.</p>	£1.3M

	been released on Sell2Wales. Tenants for the Kiosks have been agreed.	Revise expected completion date is now August 2024 Appoint contractors to carry out the works	
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2) Local Procurement Opportunities

The LUF delivery team held a Meet the Buyer event in the Trearddur Bay Hotel (6th July 2023) to raise awareness of the opportunities for local contractors. Twenty local firms were invited to the event with ten attending. The delivery partners provided an outline of their proposals to the attendees followed by an opportunity to discuss the plans in more detail.

The Delivery partners and the LUF delivery team will also release information related to tendering opportunities on Social Media channels when applicable.

3) Local Engagement

A community event was held September the 26th in the Town Hall with open invitation to everyone in the community. Again, delivery partners displayed their proposals and were available to answer questions.

There will be further community and Meet the Buyer events to stimulate further interest in the programme and ensure that residents and businesses benefit as well as a concentrated and coordinated marketing exercise via social media channels.

4) Risks associated with LUF

As part of the submission the Council has prepared a Programme Risk Register which is monitored quarterly. Some risks that have been identified in the delivery of the LUF on Anglesey include:

- a. The volatility and unpredictability of the construction sector and inflation has and can continue to result in an unanticipated increase in costs of materials.
- b. The Council not being in a position to provide any additional funding if cost variances arise within the £17m envelope.
- c. Reputational risk for the Council as the Accountable Body responsible for managing the LUF on Anglesey should any of the projects not be delivered. External interest in this is extremely prominent.
- d. Challenging timescales.
- e. The Council not taking full advantage of the opportunity presented by LUF.

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

6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

None – applications by and for protected groups under the Equality Act 2010 will be dealt with exactly the same and funding could be targeted towards those groups

6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)

The overall aim of the Holyhead LUF Programme is reverse the decline of the Town Centre by:

- Reduce the number of vacant or dilapidated buildings
- Increase footfall and spending
- Increase employment and reduce unemployment
- Provide modern floorspace to meet business needs
- Increase and improving access to arts, culture and leisure
- Diversify the town centre offer

6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

Positive -

The LUF Programme is aiming to create 65 New Full Time Equivalent posts as part of the developments. These opportunities will be available across a range of sectors either in partner organisations or in private enterprises. Many of the roles will be public facing and will help boost the use of the Welsh Language in the area.

7 – Financial Implications

Neutral – there are no financial implications on the County Council as the cost of the bid development and staffing implications have been paid for and will be met through external sources. Should individual project costs rise then Delivery Partners will have to explore additional funding options.

8 – Appendices:

Annex A – Holyhead LUF Bid Summary

Annex B – Overview of LUF Projects

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

Annex C - Previous Report to the Scrutiny Committee (March 2023)

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template

Committee:	Partnership & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	15.03.2023
Subject:	Levelling Up Fund – Holyhead: A culture and heritage driven transformation
Purpose of Report:	To report on the County Council’s Levelling Up Fund bid to UK Government
Scrutiny Chair:	Cllr. Dylan Rees
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1 - Recommendation/s

That the Scrutiny Committee...

1. Note progress in development of LUF bid
2. Recognise role of Council to develop and submit bid
3. Support delivery of the LUF (in line with agreed timescales, outputs etc.)

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

The Levelling Up Fund has been developed against the context of our corporate priorities with other key local, regional and national policies and strategies informing the Plan (i.e. Regional Economic Framework for North Wales, the Welsh Government Programme for Government and the Levelling Up White Paper).

Local strategies:

- Isle of Anglesey & Gwynedd Well-being Plan(Gwynedd & Anglesey Public Service Board, 2018)
- Council Plan 2017 -2022 (Isle of AngleseyCounty Council, 2017)
- Isle of Anglesey County Council Strategic Equality Plan 2020 –2024 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2020)
- Anglesey Transitional Plan (post pandemic) 2022-2023 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2022)
- North Anglesey Economic Regeneration Plan (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2019)
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4. Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:
 - Long term
 - Prevention
 - Integration
 - Collaboration
 - Involvement
 [focus on wellbeing]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. The report discusses the significant role of partners in the successful delivery of the programme. What is the role of the Local Authority in monitoring delivery against the key priorities?
2. What are the key risks and how will they be managed to ensure delivery of work streams in the Fund?
3. What arrangements will be in place to manage the individual projects and overall programme to successful delivery?
4. To what extent does the Levelling Up programme as approved enable the Local Authority to realise the Council Plan for 2023/28?

5 – Background / Context

1. Introduction to the Levelling Up Fund (LUF)

The LUF is the flagship funding pot from UK Government. The capital only fund is designed to invest in core, social-economic infrastructure that improves everyday life across the UK. The £4.8 billion fund – launched in March 2021 – has a focus on 3 key areas:

1. Support town centre and high street regeneration,
2. Local transport projects, and
3. Cultural and heritage assets.

As a result of unrealistic timescales to develop a sufficiently detailed bid, the County Council decided not to pursue and submit a bid in the 1st LUF round which was held in early 2021. Instead a decision was taken to focus on inviting expressions of interest (EOI's) from external partners on schemes that could be delivered in collaboration with the County Council in preparation for the 2nd round of LUF.

Projects with a value of up to £20m could be supported and funding of £125,000 was provided to support development costs.

During this assessment it became apparent that only a bid focussing upon addressing Holyhead socio-economic needs would likely meet the UK Government's specific requirements and have any opportunity of being successful. These requirements included the ability to spend immediately; be deliverable by March 2025; demonstrate value for money; and be in possession of (or able to demonstrate no obstacles to securing) statutory

consents and match funding. It was also determined that a bid centred on the 'heritage; culture and townscape' attributes of Holyhead rather than the Island's wider regeneration needs would likely be more appealing to the UK Government.

None of the other EOI's that were submitted met these exacting requirements and given the timescales, it would not have been possible to progress and develop them sufficiently.

A total of 5 EOI's were submitted from Holyhead. These included:

1. Môn Communities First & the Town Council
2. The Church of Wales
3. The Ucheldre Centre
4. The Maritime Museum
5. Isle of Anglesey County Council – Heritage Regeneration

Following an open EOI process, the Executive on 3rd March 2022 endorsed the recommendation by Officers that the Island's bid focus on a bid centred on the culture, heritage and regeneration of Holyhead

2. Developing the Bid & Partnership Working

It cannot be underestimated the volume and complexity of work that went into developing the bid. This resulted in significant, intensive collaborative working with partners from Holyhead on a level and detail the Team had not done for some time.

Assembling the bid demanded having a clear and coherent story focussing on a sense of place, which was critical and clearly defining how all the components fit together and how they would form part of a longer journey to levelling up in the area.

Successful bids were to be assessed against four key criteria (weighted at 25% each):

1. Characteristics of the place (the LUF priority level of the LA, Anglesey was #2)
2. Strategic fit with local and LUF priorities
3. Value for money
4. Deliverability – Finance, ability to spend immediately and complete by 2025, management and commercial cases, and monitoring and evaluation

These criteria would be assessed on a pass/ fail basis.

Developing the bid also involved securing further information and a rigorous, high degree of supporting each of the 5 EOI's (Môn CF, Holyhead Town Council, Ucheldre Centre, the County Council (Heritage) and Church of Wales) and having detailed discussions with them to assess each project's maturity, viability and alignment to the LUF principles and requirements. Please see Annex A for a summary of outputs on what each individual project component is expected to deliver in terms of outputs.

In June 2022, a Portfolio Holder decision was secured to Endorse the submission of the County Council's application to the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund (LUF).

The "Holyhead: A culture and heritage driven transformation" bid was submitted on 6th July 2022.

the bid outlines how it will help reverse the decline of the town centre, and increase pride of place for residents. It will help transform the town by securing £22.5m of investment, including £17m from the Levelling Up Fund, and deliver more than £54m in tangible benefits to the local community.

The bid includes a package of projects to increase employment; improve the town centre offer and visitor experience; increase footfall and spending; provide modern floor space to meet business needs, and increase access to the arts, culture and leisure.

It should be noted that the match funding towards the LUF bid had to be fully confirmed and is from the project's own sources. The County Council – apart from its own internal project – has not provided match funding to any of the project sponsors.

3. LUF Outcome

On the 18th January 2023, the County Council was made aware it had been successful in securing the full £17m it had requested within the LUF bid.

Out of the 529 bids that were submitted in the UK during Round 2, only 111 (20%) were successful. This demonstrates that the bid submitted by Anglesey was of a very high standard and more than fulfilled each of UK Government's exacting LUF criteria and requirements.

Further information on the bid is available on the Council website and also as a supporting Annex B

4. Role of the County Council in the Delivery of LUF

Whilst the County Council – apart from the Heritage project– does not have a direct delivery role in LUF, it does have a critical role to play in the successful management and implementation of the overall programme

An experienced Programme Manager has been appointed who will oversee the management of the LUF programme, working closely with the 5 project partners to ensure that they deliver on the bid as submitted within the original business case, to cost, to time and securing all outputs. Colleagues in Finance Services will also play a key role in terms of financial monitoring, compliance and risk management

This strategic role for the County Council will be a new way of programme delivery and a new way of delivering on behalf of the people of Anglesey. It mirrors the role the County Council will adopt in the delivery and roll-out of other UK Government funding mechanism such as the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF).

A new Governance framework is in the process of being finalised which will ensure clear roles and responsibilities are adopted at the correct levels of the County Council as well as external input and support where required. A Programme Board will also be created to

ensure robust governance measures are in place and Officers will assist but also scrutinise decisions before they are taken by the project partners, especially in areas such as procurement to ensure full compliance with regulations.

The County Council is also in the process of designing bespoke legal agreements between the Council and the five delivery organisations (the project partners) ensuring roles, responsibilities, governance arrangements, monitoring, performance, claims etc. are all outlined and agreed at the outset. These will be based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the UK Government.

The time scales for delivery are challenging with the £17m to be spent by March 2025 therefore having these supporting frameworks in place will aid in the deliver of the programme. Informal discussions have taken place with UK Government to seek a time extension on March 2025.

5. Risks associated with LUF

Some risks that have been identified in the delivery of the LUF on Anglesey include:

1. The volatility and unpredictability of the construction sector and inflation can result in an unanticipated increase in costs of materials.
2. The Council not being in a position to provide any additional funding if cost variances arise within the £17m envelope.
3. Reputational risk as the Body responsible for managing the LUF on Anglesey should any of the projects not be delivered. External interest in this is extremely prominent.
4. Being dependent on external delivery partners who don't necessarily have experience in the delivery of such schemes and the risk of those underdelivering on approved projects.
5. Challenging timescales especially given that information is sluggish coming from UK Government to enable commencement of the schemes with certainty and confidence and not at risk.
6. The Council not taking full advantage of the opportunity presented by LUF.

6. Other Funding Sources

Whilst the LUF funding secured is only for Holyhead it is important to note that other funding sources remain for the other areas on Anglesey. The Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) is currently in progress of being assessed and scored with later rounds expected, Welsh Government has Town Centre funds available and we can also access NDA funding specifically for North Anglesey.

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

6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

None – applications by and for protected groups under the Equality Act 2010 will be dealt with exactly the same and funding could be targeted towards those groups

6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)

Positive – this funding has the potential to be targeted towards those at a socio-economic disadvantage

6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

Positive – by creating employment opportunities in the area it is hoped that more Welsh speakers will be able to benefit and stay in the locality.

7 – Financial Implications

Neutral – there are no financial implications on the County Council as the cost of the bid development and staffing implications have been paid for and will be met through external sources.

8 – Appendices:

A – Detail on Delivery Partners Projects

B – Holyhead LUF Bid Submission Summary Document

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

Holyhead: A culture and heritage driven transformation

Levelling up Fund Bid

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Summary of Investment

The Holyhead bid is low-risk and will make a visible difference quickly. It will bring forward £22.5m of public and private investment that will deliver over £54m of benefits to the local community.

Beach Frontages

Run down beach shelters will be refurbished to be used as tourist information for local attractions and food and beverage outlets.



Townscape Transformation Project

A continuation of a highly successful project of refurbishment of neglected town centre properties. Investing in visual improvement of buildings to restore pride in place, reduce vacancy, increase occupancy and footfall and reverse town centre decline.



Ucheldre Expansion

Ucheldre Centre is the town's main arts and cultural asset. It currently struggles with a lack of space and capacity. Expansion of the centre will provide space for the extensive events programme which ranges from children-parent activities to theatre and opera screenings.



Vacant Property Programme

The Programme involves the purchase and refurbishment of derelict/vacant town centre properties and builds on the success of the Empty Shops Initiative. Five key buildings will be purchased and brought back into use for the benefit of the community.



Play Centre Expansion

The Empire Play Centre is one of the few indoor attractions in Holyhead. Visitors currently exceed capacity. Bringing forward the extension project will meet the needs of local people and tourists (targeting children and families) for an indoor/bad weather attraction.



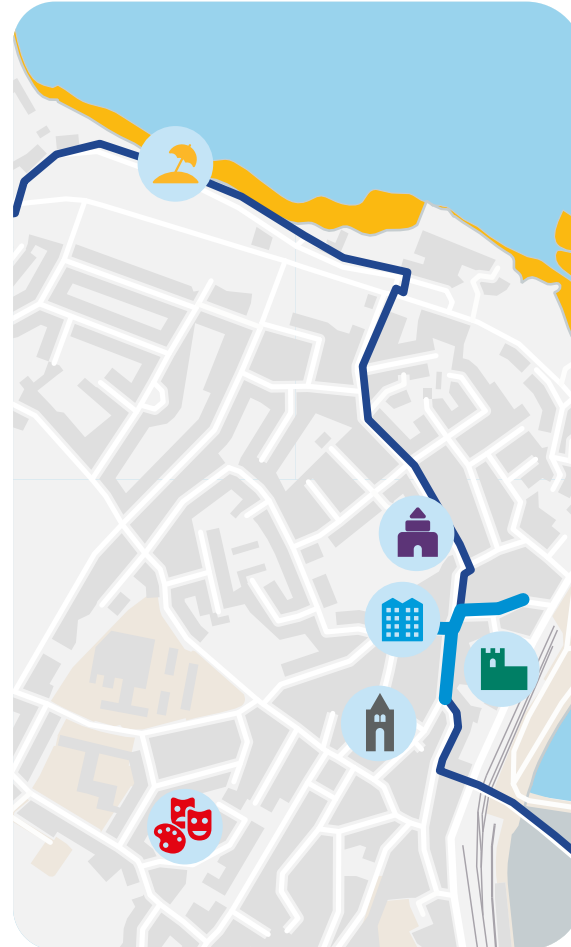
St Cybi's Church

The Church is a Grade I listed building and the main heritage asset of Holyhead. The funding will turn the Church into a more flexible, community-oriented space and create a social enterprise deli/cafe.



Public Realm and Visitor Experience

A new visitor centre for the Breakwater Country Park and improvements to the signage and the routes to the town centre. These go via the beachfront, and include public realm improvements around St Cybi's and the Roman Fort.



Our bid objectives

The overarching objective is to reverse the decline of the Town Centre, and increase pride of place for residents.



Reducing the number of vacant or dilapidated buildings



Increasing footfall and spending



Increasing employment and reducing unemployment



Providing modern floorspace to meet business needs



Increasing and improving access to arts, culture and leisure



Diversifying the town centre offer and improving visitor experience

Holyhead: A culture and heritage driven transformation

Holyhead: making a visible difference

Holyhead's history, culture and outstanding natural setting are strengths that serve its local community well.

They mean the town is well-placed to capture the benefits of being one of the UK's busiest ports, with direct connections to both Dublin and via rail to London, and the gateway to a world-famous tourist destination.

But to do so, the town centre needs to be fit for visitors, and public investment in this now will make an immediate visible difference, leveraging private investment and visitor spending, to the benefit of local communities.

This bid brings together strong local partners and a coherent, comprehensive package of well-chosen interventions. Together they will put the town on a new and more sustainable path.

As one of the most deprived places in Wales, and the top-ranked priority Level 2 area in Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund, the opportunity to make a difference here is huge, and urgent.



A town centre that is failing its community

Ynys Môn faces multiple economic challenges, with low productivity and income, as well as high unemployment - it is ranked as the top priority of all Level 2 areas in Wales.

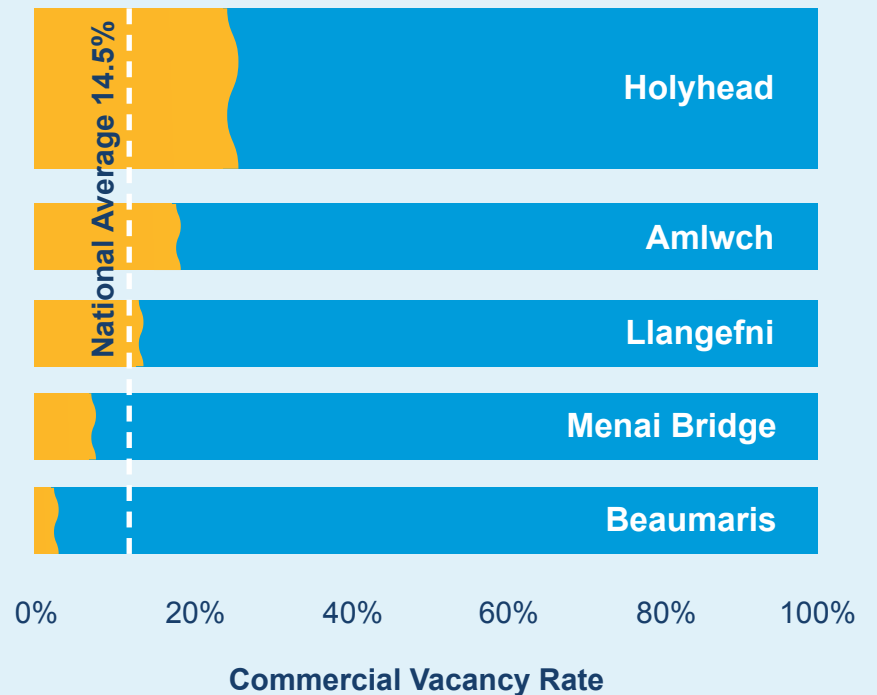
The island's largest town, Holyhead, is the one most in need of investment, with some of the worst-deprived neighbourhoods in Wales.

This is more and more visible in the town centre, with vacancy rates as high as 26%, over double the average of the Island's four other town centres. Empty properties are blighting Holyhead and deterring visitors, while low rents make refurbishment and redevelopment unviable.

Public investment is urgently needed to tackle market failure, bringing activity back to Holyhead and kick-starting private sector investment.



Ynys Môn's largest town centre is suffering





Reversing the decline of Holyhead Town Centre

Building on Opportunity

There is an enormous opportunity for change in Holyhead – with great underlying strengths waiting to be unlocked. Its history and culture make it an ideal destination for visitors, if the investment is made.

And those visitors are already here – Holyhead is well connected compared to most peripheral coastal communities. A direct train to London and a direct ferry to Dublin, as well as a cruise port, mean two million visitors pass through the town each year.

It is a tourism gateway for Snowdonia and North Wales, while Ynys Môn itself is already a much-loved tourist destination in its own right. Holyhead, as its largest town, should be a natural stop for visitors, our plans will give visitors a reason to do so.

There is enormous civic pride in Holyhead, but the community's spirit is let down by the fading fabric of the town centre. Investment will change this, making pride of place a visible reality.



St Cybi's Church and Roman Fort



Ucheldre Centre



Market Hall

A visibly vibrant town centre

Residents and tourists alike will benefit from the co-ordinated investment plan from the Levelling Up Fund.

Reducing vacancy rates and attracting new uses will provide jobs for local residents and improved options for eating, drinking, shopping and leisure.

It will also boost tourism and take advantage of the growth of cruise ships visiting the port.

The natural beauty of Ynys Môn and North Wales needs attractive town centres to complete the all-weather visitor experience. We will do that in Holyhead by combining improvements to the cultural and heritage offer, better access to the seafront, and a package of changes to bring activity and a facelift to create a town centre less dependent on retail.

The new spending and employment opportunities will revitalise a failing local economy and town centre, re-use assets and reduce crime. The community improvements will bring visible change for local people.





Bringing culture and heritage to the fore

- **St Cybi's Church** The Grade 1 listed star of Holyhead's heritage assets will expand into a community hub, helping local people and bringing more activity into the heart of the town.
- **Ucheldre Arts Centre** Better facilities and greater capacity will enable this key cultural institution to grow its programme and reach more people.
- **Roman Fort and Swift Square** The public realm around St Cybi's will be transformed with upgraded visitor facilities including a viewing platform.
- **Empire Play Centre** Completing the mix for all ages, one of the town's main indoor attractions will be expanded to cater for already high demand.





Making the most of natural assets

- **Newry Beach Frontages**
Improved facilities for locals and visitors alike, to access and enjoy the town's seafront. The beach frontages are part of the Breakwater Heritage Trail to guide cruise ship passengers into the town centre.
- **Breakwater Heritage Visitor Centre**
Improved routes from the Country Park on the edge of Holyhead will allow more people to learn about the heritage of Holyhead and Ynys Môn. Public realm improvements will direct tourists into the town centre and the local heritage assets.





New life for the Town Centre

- **Townscape Transformation**

This will enable us to extend our highly successful programme of refurbishing dilapidated heritage town centre properties - reversing the decline of the town centre.

- **Vacant Property Programme**

Môn CF will buy some of the largest and most prominent vacant properties and create vibrant new community uses. This will create a visible difference to the town centre and attract more people in.



Tackling eyesores



A previous Môn CF intervention

Outcomes

Collectively all these interventions are designed together to make the town a better place to visit and to spend time in, restoring pride of place.

In total the bid will bring forward £22.5m of investment, including £17m from the Levelling Up Fund which will deliver £54m of benefits (NPV).

Breaking the cycle of retail decline by offering alternative heritage and community attractions will bring footfall and spending that create further momentum.

It will also contribute to Net Zero targets by renovating existing buildings, leading to a big reduction in embedded carbon compared to new build.



An improved culture, arts and leisure offer

- allowing more people to engage with their heritage

An expanded arts and culture offer (c. 575 sqm) at the Ucheldre Centre attracting 17,500 additional visits a year

A new dance studio (114 sqm) allowing 60 more dancers every week

An expanded play centre (c. 190 sqm) reducing the waiting list and allowing for 16,000 additional visits per year

Improved offer at St Cybis and a better presentation of heritage to allow the church to realise its potential as a key visitor attraction



A vibrant, sustainable town centre

25 Vacant / dilapidated buildings brought back into use

8 Shop front improvements in the conservation area

20 new or refurbished homes and 7 holiday lets

Over 65 new (FTE) jobs, 6 new apprenticeships and over 85 volunteering opportunities

Land Value uplift (direct of £1.2m and indirect of £4.7m)



Impacts

High spending in the town centre

Lower unemployment

Higher engagement with arts / leisure / heritage

Increased wellbeing of residents

Reduced crime

Increased pride in place

Tackling food poverty and social deprivation

Promoting community cohesion

Encouraging active travel

Our experienced delivery team

Isle of Anglesey County Council

This project builds on previous work by the council, including National Lottery Heritage Fund and Welsh Government funding. The council has responsibility for many of the assets in the project, including Townscape Transformation and Public Realm and Visitor Experience projects.



Holyhead Town Council

The Town Council and Mayor Have been closely involved in specifying these projects, and developed the Play Centre expansion and Beach Frontages proposals.

Môn CF

A charity owned by the community, supporting deprived areas, upskilling the local population and helping people into work.

Môn CF already has excellent track record in bringing vacant town centre properties into use.

Môn CF has ready-to-go plans for town-centre properties, once funding is secured.

Diocese of Bangor

The Diocese of Bangor is a registered charity. It manages the capital assets of over 170 church buildings, including all necessary renovation and development works. St Cybi's Church is part of the Stones Shout Out project of preserving, renewing and improving five of the Diocese's most beautiful, historic churches.

Ucheldre Centre

Ucheldre is a community arts centre and has the status of a registered charity. It is the only performing arts venue on Ynys Môn and plays a valuable role in providing access to a range of artistic activities to the local community.

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Annex C – Overview of LUF Projects 24/10/2023

Delivery Partner	Project	Description	Progress	Next steps	Value
MonCF	Vacant Property Programme	Môn CF will buy some of the largest and most prominent vacant properties and create vibrant new community uses. This will create a visible difference to the town centre and attract more people in.	Purchase of the HSBC and Central Buildings have been completed. Final designs for both buildings have been agreed and all consents secured. Tenders will be released for both by the end of October. Tenders for 9 and 14 Stanley Street are being agreed with input from the Council Heritage Officer and will be released in December. Projected completion for all projects is January/February 2025. Tenants for all the businesses have been agreed following an Expression of Interest exercise led by Mon CF with Council input.	Review tender submissions and appoint contractors for all the projects. Monitor progress and costs	£5.9 million including Match Funding
Diocese of Bangor	St Cybi's Church and Eglwys y Bedd	The Grade 1 listed star of Holyhead's heritage assets will expand into a community hub, helping	The consents for the re-ordering of the Church have all been received.	Obtain Scheduled Monument Consent for Eglwys y Bedd.	£2.3 Million including Match Funding

		local people and bringing more activity into the heart of the town.	The designs for the church have been completed and the Architects are completing the tender documents. The proposals for Eglwys y Bedd still require Scheduled Ancient Monument consent and further archaeological investigations are required. The result of these investigations will not be known until the end of November.	Monitor Archaeological investigations to identify potential issues. Review tender documents for St Cybi's. Re-submit planning application for Eglwys y Bedd. Review Third Party Wall matters.	
Ucheldre Arts Centre	Redevelopment of the Centre	Improve the facilities and provide greater capacity within the Ucheldre Centre which will enable this key cultural institution to grow its programme and reach more people.	Tenders for the repairs and renewals and main contract works have been completed. Submissions have been reviewed and a preferred Contractor has been selected. Work on site is expected to begin towards the end of October for the main extension works and focus of the LUF scheme. All statutory consents have been approved.	Monitor progress and costs	£4.8 million including Match Funding

<p>Holyhead Townscape Heritage Initiative, Isle of Anglesey County Council</p>	<p>Townscape Transformation and Public Realm</p>	<p>This will enable us to extend the Councils successful programme of refurbishing dilapidated heritage town centre properties - reversing the decline of the town centre. The public realm around St Cybi's will be transformed with upgraded visitor facilities including a viewing platform.</p>	<p>Negotiations with property owners are ongoing and work is underway on the preparation of tenders. Work on the railings and Arch of the Market Buildings will start in November following a successful tender process via Sell2Wales. Works on shopfronts being discussed and approved with owners prior to tenders being released.</p>	<p>Continue discussions with third party owners. Prepare tenders for the Shopfronts and the refurbishment projects. Identify other potential sites for refurbishment</p>	<p>£6.8 million including Match Funding</p>
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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template	
Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	22 nd November, 2023
Subject:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
Purpose of Report:	Assist the Scrutiny Committee in considering, agreeing and reviewing its forward work programme for 2023/24
Scrutiny Chair:	Cllr Dylan Rees
Portfolio Holder(s):	Not applicable
Head of Service:	Lynn Ball, Director of Function (Council Business) / Monitoring Officer
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Local Members:	Applicable to all Scrutiny Members

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1 - Recommendation/s
<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <p>R1 agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2023/24</p> <p>R2 note progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme.</p>

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities
<p>Effective work programming is the foundation of effective local government scrutiny. Our Scrutiny rolling forward work programmes are aligned with the corporate priorities of the Council and corporate transformation programmes – ensuring the role of Member scrutiny makes a tangible contribution to the Council’s improvement priorities.</p>

3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members
<p>To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-</p> <p>3.1 Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen]</p> <p>3.2 A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [focus on value]</p> <p>3.3 A look at any risks [focus on risk]</p> <p>3.4 Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance & quality]</p> <p>3.5 Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Prevention • Integration • Collaboration • Involvement <p>[focus on wellbeing]</p>

3.6 The potential impacts the decision would have on:

- protected groups under the Equality Act 2010
- those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (when making strategic decisions)
- opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

[focus on equality and the Welsh language]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

5 – Background / Context

1. Background

1.1 Effective work programming is the bedrock of an effective local government scrutiny function¹. Done well, work programming can help lay the foundations for targeted and timely work on issues of local importance demonstrating where Member scrutiny can add value. Good practice advocates two key issues at the heart of the scrutiny forward work programme:

- i. Challenge around prioritising work streams
- ii. Need for a member-led approach and interface with officers.

1.2 Basic principles of good work programming²

- Work programming should not be a “start-stop” process
- Complementary work programmes for separate scrutiny committees
- Balance between different methods of work
- An effective process for reporting / escalating issues to the Executive
- Input and views of internal stakeholders
- Close working with the Executive
- Links with the Annual Scrutiny Report (evaluation and improvement tool).

2. Local context

2.1 There is now a well-established practice of forward work programming which are now rolling programmes focusing on the quality of scrutiny with fewer items, to add value. They are an important tool to assist Members in prioritising their work and are discussed with the Leadership Team and Heads of Service. Both committees review the content of their work programmes on a regular basis, to ensure that they remain relevant and keep abreast with local priorities. Our local forward planning arrangements now ensure greater focus on:

- Strategic aspects
- Citizen / other stakeholder engagement and outcomes
- Priorities of the Council Plan and transformation projects
- Risks and the work of inspection and regulation
- Matters on the forward work programme of the Executive.

¹ A Cuning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)

² A Cuning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)

Outcome: rolling work programmes for scrutiny committees which are aligned with corporate priorities.

2.2 Committee chairs lead on developing the forward work programmes and are submitted to the monthly Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum and for approval at each ordinary meeting of the scrutiny committees. The Forum is considered an important vehicle to oversee these programmes and jointly negotiate priorities.

2.3 **“Whole council” approach to Scrutiny:** our work programmes provide a strong foundation for our improvement programme, ensuring the role that Scrutiny plays in the Authority’s governance arrangements:

- i. Supports robust and effective decision-making
- ii. Makes a tangible contribution to the Council’s improvement priorities
- iii. Continues to evolve.

3. Issues for consideration

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee receives regular update reports on the implementation of its forward work programme. A copy of the current 2023/24 work programme is attached as **APPENDIX 1** to this report for reference and includes changes made to the work programme since the Committee last considered the document.³

3.2 Where appropriate, items may be added to the Committee’s forward work programme during the municipal year. Requests for additional matters to be considered for inclusion on the work programme can be submitted via the Members Request Form for an item to be considered for Scrutiny. Requests are initially considered by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum, using the following criteria:

- the Council’s strategic objectives and priorities (as outlined in the Council Plan)
- the ability of the Committee to have influence and/or add value on the subject (A Scrutiny Test of Significance Form will be completed).

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

6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)

6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

Not applicable for this overarching issue but will be considered as an integral part of preparing for specific proposals to be submitted for consideration by the Committee.

7 – Financial Implications

Not applicable.

8 – Appendices:

³ Meeting of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee convened on 17th October, 2023

Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2023/24

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

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Election of Vice-chair: 2023/24	Election of Vice-chair: 2023/24
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Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
September, 2023 (19/09/23) – Q1	
Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Q1: 2023/24	September, 2023 (19/09/23) - Education Consultation on the Future of Fire and Rescue Services in North Wales – Isle of Anglesey County Council comments
Finance Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	GwE Annual Report for the Isle of Anglesey: 2022/23
Annual Performance Report: 2022/23	Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
Nomination of Committee Member on the Finance Scrutiny Panel	Education Scrutiny Charter

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Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
October, 2023 (18/10/23) - meeting cancelled	October, 2023 (17/10/23)
	Regional Emergency Planning Service Annual Report: 2022-23
	Annual Report North Wales Regional Partnership Board (Part 9): 2022/23
	Public Participation Strategy: 2023/2028
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
	November, 2023 (13/11/22) – Additional Meeting
	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
November, 2023 (21/11/23) - Q2	November, 2023 (22/11/22) – Crime and Disorder
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q2: 2023/24	Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan: 2023/2028
Empty Homes Strategic Plan: 2023/28	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: 2022/23
Social Scrutiny Journey Progress Report	Ynys Môn Levelling Up Programme – Measure Progress
Nomination of Committee Member on the Social Services Scrutiny Panel / Corporate Parenting Panel	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
January, 2024 (18/01/24) – 2024/25 Budget	January, 2024 (16/01/24)
2024/25 Budget Setting (Revenue Budget) – initial budget proposals	Corporate Safeguarding
Finance Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	North Wales Economic Ambition Board Qtr 2: 2023/24 Progress Report
Tenant Participation Strategy	Modernising Day Opportunities: Learning Opportunities (Holyhead area)
Asset Management Strategy (Housing Service)	
Corporate Asset Management Plan: 2023/2028	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
February, 2024 (27/02/24) – 2024/25 Budget	February, 2024 (06/02/24) - Education
Final Draft Budget Proposals for 2024/25 – revenue & capital	Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
Finance Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	Modernising Day Opportunities: Learning Disabilities
	Annual Report on Equalities: 2022/23
	Equalities Plan: 2023/2027
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24

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March, 2024 (12/03/24) - Q3	March, 2024 (13/03/24)
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q3: 2023/24	North Wales Economic Ambition Board Qtr 3: 2023/24 Progress Report
Social Scrutiny Journey Progress Report	Ynys Môn Levelling Up Programme – Measure Progress
Housing Revenue Account Business Plan: 2024/2054	
Local Housing Market Assessment	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
April, 2024 (16/04/24)	April, 2024 (17/04/24)
	Public Services Board – governance arrangements / scrutiny of delivery of the Wellbeing Plan
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24

Items to be scheduled:

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Service Asset Management Plan 2021/31 – Smallholdings Estate	Ynys Môn Levelling Up Programme – Measure Progress (November, 2024 and January, 2025)
Census 2021	North Wales Police & Crime Commissioner
Transformation and Modernisation of Adults' Services	North Wales Fire & Rescue Service
	Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
	Medrwn Môn
	Scrutiny of Partnerships
	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Action Plan
	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Public Services Board – Annual Report 2023/24 (June, 2024)
	Communities for Work Plus Programme: Annual Report 2023/24 (June, 2024)
	Improving Reliability and Resilience across the Menai Straits
	Anglesey Free Port
	Anglesey Local Development Plan

	Impact of Tourism on Anglesey Local Communities (resolution of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, 21/06/2023)