



## Delivery Plan 2018-2023

### **Action Area: AA5 - Protect and enhance the local natural environment**

#### **Context:**

The high quality and extent of Caerphilly's semi rural environment is a huge asset to the county borough, which we can use to deliver against all of the well-being goals. These natural resources underpin our existence and our quality of life, from physical activity, mental well-being and opportunities for social interaction to climate regulation, food production and economic investment.

The provision, maintenance and use of these natural assets is challenged by conflicting issues – from climate change, agriculture, industry, development, to anti-social behaviour such as fly-tipping, off-roading, grass arson, litter and dog fouling. These issues can be addressed as part of the delivery of the well-being goals.

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**Delivery Partners**

(List of groups and individuals involved in delivery and regular updates)

Delivery partners will alter over the lifetime of the Well-being Plan

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Cllr. John Ridgewell	CCBC Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure
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Number	Priority Areas of Activity
AA5.1	Protect, enhance and promote our natural environment, including encouraging and supporting community involvement
AA5.2	Combat climate change by mitigation and adaptation
AA5.3	Increase the contribution that the environment makes to the health and well-being of residents

Outcomes to be worked towards under this Action Area / Enabler <small>(need to include local and national outcomes)</small>	Measures for this Action / Enabler
People access and use the environment around them on a regular basis	To be agreed
Green spaces are an integral part of collaborative action to tackle inequality and poor physical and mental health and well-being	To be agreed
Communities are involved in managing the local environment	To be agreed
A green infrastructure network of healthy and connected green spaces is maintained across the area	To be agreed

**Action Area: 5 Protect and enhance the local natural environment**

<b>Priority Area of Activity</b>	AA5.1 - Protect, enhance and promote our natural environment, including encouraging and supporting community involvement  AA5.2 - Combat climate change by mitigation and adaptation  AA5.3 – Increase the contribution that the environment makes to the health and well-being of residents
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Ref	Key Tasks	Task Lead(s)	When will it be completed? (consider 5-year timeframe of plan)		
			Short – term (1-2 years)	Medium – term (3 – 4 years)	Long – term (5 years)
A	Create, complete and implement an integrated Green Infrastructure Strategy.	Phil Griffiths (CCBC Countryside) Dewi Thomas (CCBC Countryside)	✓	✓	
B	Establish a funding group of PSB organisations to share knowledge and identify opportunities for collaborative projects and funding bids.	Representative from each PSB Organisation	✓	✓	
C	Map existing delivery, assets, opportunities and gaps of our green spaces and identify opportunities for change.  The mapping is likely to include land ownership, past and current projects, rights of way, options to tackle irresponsible use of green spaces and access to green spaces and current activity to promote Caerphilly’s green spaces.	Green Spaces Core Group	✓		

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D	Develop and implement a habitat management and tree planting strategy to offset Carbon emissions and to engage resident in the process.	Green Spaces Core Group Good Health & Well-being Network	✓	✓	
E	Identify and mitigate against flood risk in the county borough	CCBC and NRW	✓	✓	
F	Develop and implement a locally grown food programme	Green Spaces Core Group Volunteering Network	✓	✓	

Actual Risk	Risk Rating (Low / Medium / High)	How will you manage/mitigate this risk - what are you doing to reduce the risk and by when?	Risk Owner
To be agreed			PSB

The Future Generations Framework should be used when developing and agreeing all content of this Delivery Plan. This framework helps translate the legal concepts (of the FG Act) into easily understandable and project focused prompts, which when followed will help design better / more robust principles. Following the framework prompts for each proposed area of activity / task will ensure :

- 1) the connections are made between the content of the Caerphilly County Borough Area Assessment of Local Well-Being 2017 and the Caerphilly Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2018-2023 and it's well-being objectives.
- 2) the Five Ways of Working are embedded to maximise contribution to the Seven Well-being Goals
- 3) early thinking to reflect and demonstrate change

<b>Well-being Objectives</b>	<b>Initial Project Development</b>
<p>Check to see if there is a connection between your proposed activity / task and the relevant Public Bodies and/ or Public Services Board's Well-being Objectives and Plans</p>	<p>Positive Places – ‘Enabling our communities to be resilient and sustainable’ is one of the four Well-being Objectives within ‘The Caerphilly We Want’ Caerphilly Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2018-2023</p> <p>The environment in which we live has a large part to play in individual personal perceptions of well-being.</p> <p>Having attractive, well-used and connected communities with easy access to the natural environment, affordable and sustainable housing, and low crime levels will support community resilience.</p> <p>The Board members will collaborate in this approach in a more sustainable way, taking collective action to promote positive places that provide for community and personal well-being.</p>

	<p>From the Assessment and our engagement activity, we know that residents value the fantastic green environment in which they live, which provides direct benefits and space for relaxation, physical activity, learning and connection with nature. There are also a wealth of other benefits for the natural environment on which our existence and quality of life depends - from the regulation of the climate, to food production, energy production, lowering flood risk and reducing the effects of air and other pollution. A network of healthy and connected green spaces that are biodiverse with healthy functioning ecosystems are essential for well-being, and we need to ensure that local communities are able to help protect and look after them, both now and in the future.</p> <p>In comparison with other local authority areas with similar characteristics, the county borough does not have a high incidence of crime. However, pockets of crime do exist, either temporally or spatially.</p> <p>The visual impacts of low level environmental crime (e.g. litter, fly tipping and off road motorcycling) can blight an area, and the effects are often more acute in more deprived areas, where the lack of consideration by a few can affect the whole community.</p>
<p><b>Five Ways of Working</b></p> <p>Using the Five Ways of Working is a key element of the legislation. They must be used throughout the life time of a project, from design to review.</p>	<p><b>Initial Project Development</b></p> <p>To be agreed</p> <p>The five ways of working will be considered in the development of every action and task.</p> <p><b>Involvement</b> – The Well-being plan has been developed with engagement from residents, community groups, organisations, businesses and strategic partners. This will continue throughout the life of these initiatives.</p> <p><b>Collaboration</b> – The ‘Protect and enhance the natural environment’ action area was developed following two years of engagement work with residents, businesses, community groups and</p>

	<p>strategic partners. The ethos of collaboration will continue as this action area develops, and all actions delivered within the plan with PSB organisation</p> <p><b>Long Term</b> – All actions aim to protect and enhance our natural environment for both the short and long term, to ensure current and future generations are able to benefit from and help protect our wonderful asset..</p> <p><b>Integration</b> – This action area is a key priority for all Caerphilly PSB organisations and is reflected in their own organisations Well-being objectives. It also links to the other action areas and enablers. The environment in which we live has a large part to play in individual personal perceptions of well-being.</p> <p><b>Prevention</b> – This is a key element throughout the plan. Our existence and quality of life depends on the natural environment, from food production to energy production and the effects of air and other pollution. Therefore this requires commitment from all partners to embed prevention into all that they do.</p>
<p><b>Seven Well-being Goals</b></p> <p>The well-being goals must be considered as an integrated set of seven, and the well-being objectives (considered above) should maximise contribution to all seven</p>	<p><b>Initial Project Development</b></p> <p><b>Contribution to the National Well-being Goals</b></p> <p><b>A Prosperous Wales</b></p> <p>The way in which we manage our environment and green infrastructure is a vital component of a low carbon society, providing the natural resources on which we all depend for our quality of life. They can also provide employment and other benefits such as inward investment and tourism. Having well-connected communities with low crime levels will encourage individuals to bring up their families within our communities, and encourage businesses to start, develop and grow, thereby providing employment for local people and supporting the foundational economy.</p> <p><b>A Resilient Wales</b></p>

Creating healthy, green, well-functioning, well-connected and sustainable communities will help us adapt and respond to the future challenges we face. A network of connected green spaces and habitats can deliver multiple benefits for environmental, social, economic and cultural well-being for both individuals and nature.

### **A Healthier Wales**

Communities with better public open space help residents to be more active and engaged, with better mental and physical health, and an attractive local environment is a key component of this. Living in a low crime area will impact positively on feelings of general well-being, and being able to access appropriate healthcare services close to where residents live will also help to improve well-being. Opportunities for taking part in cultural and sporting activities will help to reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness.

### **A More Equal Wales**

The socio-economic circumstances of residents should not be a barrier to their enjoyment of the facilities and activities available within the county borough, particularly in view of the potential benefits to their well-being. Similarly, there should be equity in the provision of appropriate healthcare services close to where residents live across all our communities.

### **A Wales of Cohesive Communities**

Respect for shared public spaces and intolerance of the anti-social behaviour that can blight them will encourage feelings of pride, and help residents to value them. Good quality green spaces are vital for promoting positive perceptions of the county borough, as is ensuring that residents feel they are connected to the spaces that surround them. Cultural and sporting activities offer an ideal opportunity to enhance the well-being of individuals and help to bring communities together in shared enjoyment and support of these activities.

### **A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language**

The natural environment is an important component of how people feel connected to where they live and their own personal identity, particularly in relation to the rich historical legacy that is evident in

much of the surrounding area. Utilising our green spaces for sport and recreational activity, whether formal or informal, will improve the physical and mental well-being of our residents. Opportunities for residents to enjoy cultural and sporting activities will help to ensure that their social and cultural identities are protected and enhanced. Providing opportunities for residents to use the Welsh language in their everyday lives which also help to ensure that the use of the language thrives within the county borough.

**A Globally Responsible Wales**

By protecting and looking after our local environment and our natural resources, we understand and respect the impact our local actions have on the global environment and strive to meet our global obligations.