



***CYD-BWYLLGOR CORFFOREDIG DE-ORLLEWIN  
CYMRU – IS-BWYLLGOR CYNLLUNIO STRATEGOL***

***2.00 PM DYDD MAWRTH, 19 TACHWEDD 2024***

***O BELL TRWY TEAMS***

**Rhaid gosod pob ffôn symudol ar y modd distaw ar gyfer parhad y  
Cyfarfod**

**Gweddarlledu/Cyfarfodydd Hybrid:**

Gellir ffilmio'r cyfarfod hwn i'w ddarlledu'n fyw neu'n ddiweddarach drwy wefan y cyngor. Drwy gymryd rhan, rydych yn cytuno i gael eich ffilmio ac i'r delweddau a'r recordiadau sain hynny gael eu defnyddio at ddibenion gweddarlledu a/neu hyfforddiant o bosib.

1. Croeso a chyhoeddiadau'r Cadeirydd
2. Datganiadau o fuddiannau
3. Cofnodion y Cyfarfod Blaenorol (*Tudalennau 3 - 8*)
4. Ymgynghoriad ar Lawlyfr Datblygiad Cynllunio Strategol (*Tudalennau 9 - 22*)
5. Eitemau brys  
Unrhyw eitemau brys yn ôl disgrisiwn y Cadeirydd yn unol ag Adran 100BA(6)(b) o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 (fel y'i diwygiwyd).

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### 1. CROESO A CHYHOEDDIADAU'R CADEIRYDD

Croesawodd y Cadeirydd bawb i'r cyfarfod.

### 2. DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANNAU

Ni dderbyniwyd unrhyw ddatganiadau o fuddiannau.

### 3. CYLCH GORCHWYL

Cyflwynwyd Cylch Gorchwyl Is-bwyllgor Cynllunio Strategol Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru i'r Pwyllgor.

Esboniwyd bod y Cylch Gorchwyl wedi'i gyflwyno i'r Cydbwyllgor Corfforaethol, ynghyd â Chylch Gorchwyl yr Is-bwyllgorau arall, ym mis Hydref 2022.

Rhoddwyd gwybod i'r Aelodau fod y ddogfen yn nodi nod trosgynnol yr Is-bwyllgor; ynghyd â swyddogaethau a chyfansoddiad y Pwyllgor.

**PENDERFYNWYD:** Bydd Aelodau'n nodi cylch gorchwyl yr Is-bwyllgor Cynllunio Strategol

#### 4. **CYFLWYNIAD DIWEDDARU CYNLLUNIO STRATEGOL**

Derbyniodd yr aelodau gyflwyniad am y gwaith parhaus sy'n ymwneud â'r Cynllun Datblygu Strategol (CDS).

Rhoddodd swyddogion drosolwg byr o ran llywodraethu'r Is-bwyllgor Cynllunio Strategol; a chadarnhaodd mai'r Prif Weithredwr ar gyfer y CDS oedd Cyngor Sir Penfro, ac mai'r arweinydd gwleidyddol oedd Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot.

Rhoddwyd gwybod i'r Pwyllgor fod Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru wedi cytuno i nifer o gamau blaenoriaeth yn ei Gynllun Corfforaethol ar gyfer 2023-28, a oedd yn ymwneud â'r CDS. Eglurwyd mai'r cam cyntaf oedd ymgysylltu â Llywodraeth Cymru ar y Llawlyfr CDS drafft, ac ymgysylltu ymhellach â Llywodraeth Cymru ynghylch adnoddau; Cadarnhaodd swyddogion fod y ddau gam gweithredu hwn wedi cael eu cwblhau.

Yr ail flaenoriaeth a nodwyd oedd paratoi cytundeb cyflawni a oedd yn nodi'r amserlenni ar gyfer paratoi'r CDS; y cam olaf yw'r gwaith sy'n ymwneud â datblygu'r CDS.

Rhoddodd swyddogion syniad i'r Aelodau o ba gamau sydd wedi'u cwblhau hyd yn hyn:

- Ym mis Rhagfyr 2022, cyflwynwyd sylwadau anffurfiol i Lywodraeth Cymru mewn perthynas â'r Llawlyfr CDS;
- Nid oedd ymgynghoriad ffurfiol Llywodraeth Cymru ar Lawlyfr y CDS wedi'i gynnal eto, gan fod disgwyl iddo gael ei gynnal yn ystod haf 2023;
- Rhoddwyd y diweddaraf i Lywodraeth Cymru gyda phryderon ynghylch y diffyg adnoddau i symud ymlaen â'r CDS;
- Cynhaliwyd Aseiad o'r Farchnad Dai Leol ar y Cyd, Astudiaeth Dichonoldeb Rhanbarthol, Aseiad Strategol o Ganlyniadau Llifogydd De-orllewin Cymru ac Astudiaeth Mireinio Ardaloedd Twf Cenedlaethol.
- Mae gwaith yn cael ei wneud ar Gynllun Masnachu Credyd Maethol yn rhanbarthol, ynghyd ag Aseiad Twf

Economaidd a Thai ar y Cyd ar gyfer Abertawe a Chastell-nedd Port Talbot;

- Ail-sefydlwyd Grŵp Cynllunio Mwynau a Gwastraff Canolbarth a De Cymru, sydd bellach yn cyfarfod bob chwarter

Tynnwyd sylw at y ffaith bod Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru wedi penderfynu ar gyllideb yr Is-bwyllgor ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2023/24, sef £20,000 fesul Is-bwyllgor; adlewyrchwyd hyn yn yr opsiwn i wneud cyn lleied â phosibl, ar gyfer pob un o'r ffrydiau gwaith.

Roedd y cyflwyniad yn manylu ar y blaenoriaethau presennol ar gyfer Swyddogion ar draws y rhanbarth mewn perthynas â datblygiad y CDS; y prif flaenoriaeth yw cysylltu â Llywodraeth Cymru mewn perthynas â rhyddhau ymgynghoriad Llawlyfr CDS er mwyn dechrau datblygu'r cytundeb darparu. Blaenoriaeth arall a nodwyd oedd cydweithio i ymgymryd ag astudiaethau rhanbarthol pellach; bydd hyn yn ffurfio'r sail dystiolaeth ar gyfer y CDS yn y dyfodol.

Codwyd yr heriau sy'n ymwneud ag adnoddau, gan sôn yn benodol am y gyllideb a'r pwysau staffio. Nodwyd hefyd fod y Cynghorau cyfansoddol yn profi problemau o ran recriwtio staff cynllunio profiadol, sy'n effeithio ar y gwaith rhanbarthol sy'n ymwneud â'r CDS.

Cynhaliwyd trafodaeth ynghylch y Parciau Cenedlaethol, a'u gwaith mewn cysylltiad â datblygu'r CDS. Eglurwyd bod gan Barciau Cenedlaethol nifer o rwymedigaethau o ran asesiadau effaith, ynghyd ag Egwyddor Sandford a oedd yn ceisio sicrhau bod y Parciau Cenedlaethol yn rhoi natur yn gyntaf; Byddai'n bwysig tynnu sylw at hyn wrth ddatblygu'r ffrwd waith hon yn y dyfodol.

Rhoddodd swyddogion sicrwydd i gynrychiolwyr y Parc Cenedlaethol, a chyfeiriwyd at y dyletswyddau o ran Egwyddor Sanford; yn ogystal ag Adran 6 o Ddeddf yr Amgylchedd (Cymru) 2016 sy'n ymwneud â bioamrywiaeth a natur.

Ail-bwysleisiodd yr Aelodau y materion sy'n ymwneud â'r adnoddau, a gofynnwyd am ragor o wybodaeth am y trafodaethau sydd wedi bod yn digwydd gyda Llywodraeth Cymru.

Rhoddwyd sicrwydd i'r Pwyllgor fod pob Arweinydd ar draws y rhanbarth yn wleidyddol yn cydnabod pwysigrwydd y ffrwd waith hon,

a'u bod yn lobïo Llywodraeth Cymru a'r cyrff perthnasol er mwyn helpu i ddatblygu'r blaenoriaethau.

Nodwyd bod Swyddogion ar draws y rhanbarth, gan gynnwys Cymdeithas Swyddogion Cynllunio Cymru, yn cyfarfod yn rheolaidd â swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru; cafodd y mater hwn ei gynnwys fel eitem sefydlog ar eu hagenda yn eu cyfarfodydd chwarterol fel Cymdeithas, yn ogystal ag yn eu cyfarfodydd gyda Llywodraeth Cymru. Tynnwyd sylw at y ffaith bod Swyddogion yn onest yn y trafodaethau hynny o ran nodi'r hyn a ystyriwyd yn gyfyngiadau o ran absenoldeb cyllid ac adnoddau er mwyn gallu symud ymlaen â'r gwaith.

Rhodddwyd gwybod i'r Aelodau bod rhai o'r camau gweithredu wedi cael eu cwblhau o ran yr astudiaethau trawsffiniol a fanylwyd arnynt yn y cyflwyniad, yn ofynnol ar gyfer cynlluniau datblygu pob cyngor; fodd bynnag, roedd nifer ohonynt hefyd yn bwysig o ran bod yn sail i'r hyn a fydd y cynllun rhanbarthol yn y dyfodol. Nodwyd bod Swyddogion wedi cydnabod pwysigrwydd ymagwedd gweithio ar y cyd, a phwysleisiwyd y byddant yn parhau i weithio'n agos ac ar y cyd ar draws y rhanbarth.

O ran y cytundeb darparu, sef allbwn statudol cychwynnol CDS, dywedodd Swyddogion y byddai angen dealltwriaeth o ble y daw'r adnoddau er mwyn cynhyrchu rhywbeth ystyrlon; roedd hwn yn faes yr oedd Llywodraeth Cymru'n tynnu sylw ato.

Cynhaliwyd trafodaeth ynghylch proses gosod cyllideb Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru, ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol gyfredol 2023/24, ac effaith pwysau'r gyllideb. Cyfeiriwyd at y dadansoddiad a wnaed o'r costau sy'n gysylltiedig â'r CDS, a'r costau posibl y tu hwnt i'r flwyddyn ariannol bresennol; a'r aliniad hwn â'r dyddiadau cau a bennwyd ar gyfer cwblhau'r gwaith. Cadarnhaodd swyddogion y byddent yn dosbarthu'r dogfennau hyn i'r Pwyllgor, yn dilyn y cyfarfod.

## 5. **BLAENRAGLEN WAITH**

Darparwyd y Flaenraglen Waith i'r Aelodau ar gyfer yr Is-bwyllgor Cynllunio Strategol.

Nodwyd y Flaenraglen Waith.

6. **EITEMAU BRYD**

Ni dderbyniwyd unrhyw eitemau brys.

**CADEIRYDD**

Mae'r dudalen hon yn fwriadol wag



## SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

### Strategic Planning Sub Committee 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### Report of the Chief Executive

**Report Title:** Strategic Planning Development Manual Consultation

<p><b>Purpose of Report</b></p>	<p><b>For Information &amp; Endorsement</b></p> <p>To provide Members of the Strategic Planning Sub Committee with an update on of the development of the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) and endorsement of recommendations ahead of seeking a decision via the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024</p>
<p><b>Recommendation(s)</b></p>	<p>That members note and endorse the overview of the implementation of the work required pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2021, specifically noting the difficulties in complying with legal obligations and endorsing the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) to further engage with Welsh Government and Cabinet Secretaries to advise on the progress and challenges to limit actions to the SWWCJC for any potential breach/s.</p>
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## 1. Introduction / Background:

1.1 In accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2021, the Welsh Government launched a public consultation seeking views on their policy intent for the legislation required to establish the procedure for Strategic Development Plans (SDP's) to be prepared across Wales on the 12th October 2020.

1.2 Future Wales : The National Plan 2040 is prepared by Welsh Government and forms part of the development plan for the whole of Wales.

1.3 Local Development Plans (LDPs) are prepared by Local Planning Authorities. Local Development Plan 'Lites' (LDPLs) will be prepared following adoption of an SDP.

Once an SDP is adopted, each Local Planning Authority within that region can prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP) Lite, which is a slimmed down version of the Local Development Plan and as such should be more nimble and less resource heavy to produce and adopt. (LDPs).

1.4 Corporate Joint Committees are responsible for the preparation and adoption of the SDP for their region. The SDP must incorporate the scale and location of housing and employment growth - strategic housing and employment development sites and their placemaking principles - Strategic Green Infrastructure routes - Transport infrastructure - a co-ordinated approach to environmental designations, energy, minerals and waste as well as individual LPA spatial strategies to provide the framework for and enable the preparation of LDPLs once the SDP is adopted.

1.5 The SWWCJC outlines a commitment within the South West Wales Corporate Plan 2023 – 2028 for the development of the SDP as part of the Well-being Objectives, notably as incorporated within;

### **Well-being Objective 3**

*To produce a sound, deliverable, coordinated and locally distinctive Strategic Development Plan for South West Wales which is founded on stakeholder engagement and collaboration and which clearly sets out the scale and location of future growth for our future generations.*

1.6 An action plan has been developed and is regularly reviewed to deliver the scope within Well-being Objective 3 (Appendix 1).



## 2. Progress:

- 2.1 The South West region continues to engage with Welsh Government Officers on the draft SDP Manual to ensure the final version of that guidance serves to help facilitate an SDP that can deliver on CJC, Council and National Parks' corporate objectives.
- 2.2 The SWWCJC has written to Welsh Government to acknowledge that following consultation on establishing the procedure for the preparation of Strategic Development Plans, as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2021, new guidance would be published by Welsh Government to support the development of SDPs. The SWWCJC understands that a formal consultation with Local Planning Authorities on a draft version of the guidance has been delayed and is not now due to be published until Spring 2025. Therefore, the SWWCJC considers it vital that this guidance is in place to ensure that the SDPs to be delivered across Wales all align to an agreed set of procedures and requirements as identified in the version to be published following consultation.
- 2.3 From the information which has been published to date, it is generally accepted and reasonable to assume that the preparation of the first tranche of SDPs from commencement to adoption is likely to take in excess of five years to complete and will certainly require the allocation of both financial and staff resources. The SWWCJC envisage a financial commitment of around £2.469m over that five-year period, to cover staffing and specialist services (as necessary). The financial commitment would be required in addition to that already granted towards the RTP however this will be subject to review pending publication of the guidance referred to above.
- 2.4 SWWCJC has access to limited funding which is reliant upon levies paid for through council tax, as well as the successful receipt of grant funding from Welsh Government, as was the case for the Regional Transport Plan which secured as a grant £125,000 in 23/24 and £100,000 24/25 towards its cost.
- 2.5 As a region, participating authorities already have stretched resources delivering their respective RLDPs. It is not therefore an option to divert existing planning staff away from continuing with this work to enable commencement of the SDP. Furthermore, the participating authorities cannot prepare LDP Lites until they have an adopted SDP in place. Given that each authority in the South West Wales region are at different stages of LDP preparation, they cannot re-deploy resources to commence work on the SDP at this stage. As a consequence of this, the SWWCJC will not be in a position to commence preparatory work until such time that the necessary funding and guidance is available to enable a viable plan to be developed. The preparatory work would identify milestones and resource commitments which would be required for incorporation within the Delivery Agreement. These matters have been regularly discussed in recent Planning Officers Society Wales (POSW) meetings where Chief Planning Officers representing all four regions were of the same mind.



The first stage of the SDP is to prepare a Delivery Agreement which sets out the milestones associated with the preparation and adoption of the SDP. Welsh Government have indicated that other regions are progressing work on preparing their Delivery Agreement, however this has been discussed at length in various officer groups and at least two of the other three regions are in the same position as the SWWCJC. Moreover the other region have drafted a Delivery Agreement but have also indicated that they do not have the resources to deliver the milestones which will be presented in that Agreement. Preparing a Delivery Agreement without sufficient financial and staff resources would therefore appear to be an academic exercise.

2.6 Therefore, until such time as resources are made available, the SWWCJC will be unable to submit a proposed Delivery Agreement, nor will we be able to commence SDP preparation work.

Notwithstanding the fact that the SWWCJC have yet to commence preparation of the Delivery Agreement the region has worked collaboratively to undertake key studies that will inform an evidence base for a future SDP. Progression beyond this point is not however possible until sufficient staff and financial resources are put in place and this is reliant upon Welsh Government providing the financial resources referred to above.

2.7 The Welsh Government advised that in procedural terms there are no impediments hindering the preparation of an SDP. Noting that two Advisory Notes were published in August 2021 to assist in formulating governance structures to prepare an SDP and the scope of its content. These are not prescriptive but will assist deliberations. In addition, they had circulated an informal draft version of the SDP Manual, the guidance for preparing an SDP. There will be some 'fine tuning', but the general principles should remain following the responses we received. As referenced above, the intention of Welsh Government is to formally consult in the Spring of 2025, with publication anticipated Summer/Autumn 2025.

2.8 The Welsh Government advised that they have worked positively with the South-East Wales region to develop a draft Delivery Agreement. Further advising that it may be prudent for the other three regions to work collectively and connect to enable this approach to be tailored and applied across all regions. Despite this encouragement from WG to commence work on the Delivery Agreement, the significant delay in publishing the SDP Manual consultation is a concern and may suggest that there are going to be changes to the process. It is therefore considered prudent to delay work until after the final version of the manual is published and sufficient resources are made available.

2.9 As referenced above, while substantive work on the SDP has not yet commenced, Policy teams across the region have worked collaboratively to undertake key studies that will inform an evidence base for the SDP. Measures have been introduced to rationalise and standardise methodologies for evidence gathering. This ensures early



key stages benefit from alignment with the latest underpinning evidence and is aligned with the replacement LDPs being produced. There has been no substantive progress on key SDP stages to date given the delays to the publishing of the final SDP Manual / Guidance, together with the lack of financial resources allocated to the work stream by Welsh Government. When appropriate, further discussion is required on staff resources and workforce model to be applied once a budget has been allocated / identified.

### 3. Timescales:

3.1 Welsh Government have advised that the 'Delivery Agreement' is to be submitted by the end of 2024.

The SWWCJC has advised that this date is not achievable for the reasons stated above.

### 4. Financial Impacts:

4.1 The SWWCJC has approved a continuity budget aligned to the levy honored by partners and grant payments (as applicable). This provides a contribution of £20k for the planning service across the SWW region and is being used to commence the collection of a consistent evidence base which will inform a future SDP.

It is however envisaged that a financial commitment of around £2.469m over a five year period is required to deliver the SDP through to adoption. This is clearly in excess of the SWWCJC budget allocation towards the development of the SDP.

### 5. Integrated Impact Assessment:

5.1 The SWWCJC is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.

- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language  
Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

In recognition of the above duties, the CJC has adopted an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Tool which allows for a two stage approach to be undertaken to measure any potential impact of its decisions.

**Outcome** - In preparation of the 'SDP', engagement and consultation of stakeholders – (including Community Involvement Scheme, the 'Call for' Strategic Locations and Sites/Areas, Preferred Strategy will need to be undertaken.

There has been no substantive progress on key SDP stages to date given the delays to the publishing of the final SDP Manual / Guidance, together with the lack of financial resources allocated to the work stream by Welsh Government.

The CJC approved its Corporate Plan 2023-2028 in March 2023. The Corporate Plan includes the CJC's Equality Objective which is set out below for ease of reference:

*"To deliver a more equal South West Wales by 2035 by contributing towards:*

The achievement of the [Welsh Government's long-term equality aim](#) of eliminating inequality caused by poverty;

The achievement of the [Equality statement set out in Llwybr Newydd](#) which is to make our transport services and infrastructure accessible and inclusive by aiming to remove the physical, attitudinal, environmental, systemic, linguistic and economic barriers that prevent people from using sustainable transport,

And

[The achievement of the Welsh Government's long-term equality aims](#) of cohesive communities that are resilient, fair and equal and where everyone is able to participate in political, public and everyday life. There will be no room for racism and / or discrimination of any kind."

## **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

Alignment with CJC Corporate Plan 2023-2028 and the identified CJC Well-being objectives:

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.



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The CJC approved its Corporate Plan 2023-2028 in March 2023. The Corporate Plan contains the CJC's well-being objectives and frames the corporate direction of travel. To this end, it is considered that the recommendation(s) contained within this report align(s) to the corporate policy framework of the CJC as set out within its Corporate Plan.

*Well-being Objective 1*

*“To collaboratively deliver the Regional Economic Delivery Plan and Regional Energy Strategy thereby improving the decarbonised economic well-being of South West Wales for our future generations.”*

*Well-Being Objective 2*

*“To produce a Regional Transport Plan for South West Wales that is founded on collaboration and enables the delivery of a transport system which is good for our current and future generations of people and communities, good for our environment and good for our economy and places (rural and urban).”*

**Well-Being Objective 3**

*“To produce a sound, deliverable, co-ordinated and locally distinctive Strategic Development Plan for South West Wales which is founded on stakeholder engagement and collaboration and which clearly sets out the scale and location of future growth for our future generations.”*

**6. Workforce Impacts:**

- 6.1 Limited resources are in place to support the preparatory works due to capacity, sector skills gap/s, recruitment and retention, which have been factored into the consideration of this report.

**7. Legal Impacts:**

- 7.1 It should be noted that failure to progress preparatory works in the form of the 'Delivery Agreement' and not submitting the same to Welsh Government by the end of 2024, pursuant to the work required under The Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2021 does render the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee open to legal challenge that it is in breach of its obligations, this may come via a judicial review. This may render the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee open to potential costs of defending a challenge. There would also be reputational risks to the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee.

## 8. Risk Management Impacts:

8.1 In addition to the legal impacts under section 7 of this report, the following apply;

- a. To commence preparatory work in the absence of the published guidance (final).

This would not be appropriate as there is reliance upon the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) to secure funding from Welsh Government to initiate the Strategic Development Plan process in accordance with the guidance.

However, steps are being taken to develop the evidence base to support Replacement Local Development Plans (RLDP) and the Regional Transport Plan (RTP) in a way that will start to create the evidence base to support the Strategic Development Plan (SDP).

- b. The SWWCJC has approved a continuity budget for 2024/25, aligned to the levy honored by partners and grant payments (as applicable).

It is envisaged that a financial commitment of around £2.469m over that five year period is required, which is in excess of the SWWCJC budget allocation towards the development of the SDP.

This alone would require almost five times increase in the existing annual levy in order to undertake. The financial outlook for 2025/26 and beyond continues to be hugely challenging and accordingly such an increase would not be appropriate and affordable.

## 9. Consultation:

9.1 The preparation of the 'SDP' consultation and engagement (including Community Involvement Scheme, the 'Call for' Strategic Locations and Sites/Areas) with the public and stakeholders throughout the development and adoption process will be in accordance with the statutory process.

## 10. Reasons for Proposed Decision:

10.1 To advise on the progress and challenges in respect of the development of a Strategic Development Plan for the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2021



## 11. Implementation of Decision:

11.1 This report will be considered at a forthcoming Corporate Joint Committee meeting and is for noting and endorsing at the meeting of the Sub-Committee.

## 12. Appendices:

12.1 Appendix 1. Well-being Objective 3 – Strategic Development Plan (SDP) Action Plan

## 13. List of Background Papers:

13.1 None



Mae'r dudalen hon yn fwriadol wag

## Appendix 6 – Well-being Objective 3 - Strategic Development Plan (SDP) Action Plan

To deliver the SDP, we will take the following steps during 2023 – 2028:

Priority	Actions	Progress Update March 2024	Impact Measures	Action Status
<b>Engage with Welsh Government.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with Welsh Government Officers on the draft SDP Manual to ensure the final version of that guidance serves to help facilitate an SDP that can deliver on CJC, Council and National Parks corporate objectives.</li> <li>Further engage with Welsh Government regarding the resource requirements to develop the SDP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SWWCJC considered Draft Manual as part of an informal Welsh Government (WG) Consultation in December 2022.</li> <li>Formal Consultation on the SDP Manual / Guidance delayed until Autumn 2024.</li> <li>Limited Budget reliant on grant funding from Welsh Government(WG). SWWCJC Members and Officers continue to lobby WG to allocate an adequate budget</li> </ul>	Any issues addressed in final guidance.	Ongoing
<b>Prepare Delivery Agreement.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work collaboratively across the region to undertake key studies that will form an evidence base for the SDP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross boundary collaboration on is advancing to inform the replacement of Local Development Plans (LDP's) across the region and to provide the structure for the Strategic Development Plan (SDP).</li> <li>Opportunities introduced to rationalise and standardise methodologies for evidence gathering.</li> </ul>	Ensures early key stage work benefit from alignment with latest underpinning evidence, and is aligned with replacement LDPs being produced.	Ongoing – In Progress
<b>Develop SDP.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver a number of SDP key stages with engagement and consultation of stakeholders – (including Community Involvement Scheme, the 'Call for' Strategic Locations and Sites/Areas, Preferred Strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No substantive progress on key SDP stages to date given the delays to the issuing of the SDP Manual / Guidance and the lack of financial resources allocated to the work stream by Welsh Government.</li> <li>Discussion needed on staff resources and workforce model to be applied once budget has been allocated / identified.</li> </ul>	Compliant SDP.	Pending

<p><b>To produce a sound, deliverable, co-ordinated and locally distinctive Strategic Development Plan for South West Wales which is founded on stakeholder engagement and collaboration and which clearly sets out the scale and location of future growth for our future generations.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare to start the process of developing the regional Strategic Plan for South West Wales once in receipt of Welsh Government guidance;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No substantive progress on developing the regional SDP to date given the delays to the issuing of the SDP Manual / Guidance and the lack of financial resources allocated to the work stream by Welsh Government.</li> <li>Discussion needed on staff resources and workforce model to be applied once budget has been allocated / identified.</li> </ul>	Compliant SDP	Pending
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the options for delivering the expertise and support needed to complete the Strategic Development Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial assessment of the options available to formulate the 'SDP Preparation Team' that is capable of delivering the required outputs has been undertaken.</li> <li>Discussion / agreement needed on staff resources and workforce model to be applied once budget has been allocated / identified</li> </ul>		Ongoing – In Progress
<p><b>Addition Actions informed by the Consultation January 2024</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further consideration will be given to the views and suggestions received from the consultation.</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start the development without final guidance</li> </ul> <p>Note. This would not be appropriate as there is reliance upon the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) to secure funding from Welsh Government to initiate the Strategic Development Plan process in accordance with the guidance.</p> <p>However, steps are being taken to develop the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) and the Regional Transport Plan (RTP) in a way that will start to create the evidence base to support the Strategic Development Plan (SDP).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whilst work on the SDP has not formally started, the region has been progressing various work collaboratively in preparation of the SDP, such as an assessment of the constraints and opportunities and potential refinement of the Swansea Bay and Llanelli National Growth Area and Regional Nutrient Credit Trading Scheme.</li> </ul>		Pending

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen to the electorate</li> </ul> <p>Note. The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) will undertake consultation and engagement throughout preparation and development of the Strategic Development Plan, as a mandatory requirement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No formal consultation has been undertaken to date.</li> </ul>		Pending
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accountability for projects</li> </ul> <p>Note. The purpose of the Strategic Development Plan has focus on issues that cross Local Planning Authority boundaries and will consider how people in each of the four regions in Wales go about their day to day lives to include working and commuting patterns to shopping and leisure activities.</p> <p>The SDP does not cover the delivery of projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action as the SDP does not cover the delivery of projects</li> </ul>		N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider the long-term objectives for jobs and businesses, together with attracting larger enterprises.</li> </ul> <p>Note. These objectives are already included within the Local Development Plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross boundary collaboration on projects is advancing to inform Replacement LDPs across the region and to provide the building blocks for the SDP.</li> <li>Opportunities taken to rationalise and standardise methodologies for evidence gathering.</li> <li>NPT/Swansea as an example has undertaken a joint Economic and Housing Growth Assessment (E&amp;HGA). This has been undertaken by Turleys Associates, and broadly uses the same methodology as the E&amp;HGA undertaken by Carmarthenshire. A consistent approach to looking at future employment across the region will provide a good base for the SDP to build on.</li> </ul>		Ongoing – In Progress

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure engagement and collaboration processes &amp; systems are incorporated</li></ul> <p>Note. These processes are adopted as statutory requirements of the Local Development Plan making process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The South West Wales Regional Planning Group provides officers with the forum to engage, share progress and methodologies and provide updates. Whilst a more formalised approach is needed for the SDP, this provides a good base to build on.</li><li>• Progress made on building an integrated approach to the CJC's 'mandated functions', regional plans and programmes which is key to maximising the ability to deliver on the joint ambition – e.g. Planning Officer attendance at the SWW Regional Transport Plan (RTP) Workshops providing input on the draft RTP; and input into the production of the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP).</li></ul>		Ongoing – In Progress
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