



ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

***Immediately Following Scrutiny Committee on
THURSDAY, 23RD JULY 2015***

COMMITTEE ROOMS A/B - NEATH CIVIC CENTRE

PART 1

1. To agree the Chairman for this Meeting.
2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.
3. To receive the Minutes of the previous Environment and Highways Cabinet Board held on 9th June 2015 (*Pages 3 - 10*)

To receive the report of the Head of Planning

4. Biodiversity Protocols (*Pages 11 - 18*)
5. Neath Port Talbot Biodiversity Action Plan (*Pages 19 - 28*)

To receive the Joint Report of the Head of Engineering and Transport and the Head of Streetcare

6. Network Rail Electrification Work (*Pages 29 - 34*)
7. Automatic Number Plate Cameras (*Pages 35 - 44*)

To receive the report of the Head of Streetcare

8. Environment and Highways Quarter 4 Performance Indicators (*Pages 45 - 52*)

To receive the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services

9. Urgency Action 1269 - No Waiting Order, Baglan Link Bridge
(Pages 53 - 54)
10. Urgency Action 1270 - Land North of B4282 (Pages 55 - 56)
11. To receive the Forward Work Programme 2015/16 (Pages 57 - 60)
12. Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Chairman pursuant to Statutory Instrument 2001 No 2290 (as amended).

S.Phillips
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

Friday, 17th July 2015

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: E.V.Latham and Mrs.S.Miller

Notes:

- (1) *If any Cabinet Board Member is unable to attend, any other Cabinet Member may substitute as a voting Member on the Committee. Members are asked to make these arrangements direct and then to advise the committee Section.*
- (2) *The views of the earlier Scrutiny Committee are to be taken into account in arriving at decisions (pre decision scrutiny process).*

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET BOARD – 9TH JUNE, 2015

ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: E.V.Latham (Chairman) and Mrs.S.Miller

Officers in Attendance:

Mrs.N.Pearce, M.Roberts and Mrs.T.Davies

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Agreed that Councillor E.V.Latham be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD HELD ON 23RD APRIL, 2015

Noted by the Committee, subject to the following amendment:-

Minute No. 2 (Members' Declaration of Interest) – Councillor Mrs S.Miller's declaration should indicate she is a Member of Melyncrythan Community Conference, and not Melyncrythan Community Centre.

3. BUSINESS PLAN 2015/16 - ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT

Decision:

That the Business Plan 2015/16 for the Engineering and Transport section, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To implement the Council's performance management framework.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

4. **PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - GREEN PARK STREET, ABERAVON, PORT TALBOT.**

Decisions:

1. that the proposed Prohibition of Waiting, Loading, and Unloading at Any Time and Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time at the proposed Coastal Housing Development – Green Park Street, Aberavon, Port Talbot, be advertised, as indicated on the circulated plan (Appendix A to the circulated report);
2. that subject to there being no objections, the order be implemented.

Reason for Decisions:

To prevent indiscriminate parking, in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation.

5. **PROPOSED LIMITED WAITING ORDER - HIGH STREET, GLYNNEATH**

Decisions:

1. that the objections be overruled and the objectors informed accordingly;
2. that the Limited Waiting Order at High Street, Glynneath, be implemented as previously advertised.

Reason for Decisions:

To encourage turnover of parking space whilst giving adequate time for visitors to the town centre and offer residents the opportunity to purchase a permit to allow them to park near their properties.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

6. **PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - NEATH ROAD REAR LANE, RESOLVEN**

Decisions:

1. that the proposed Prohibition of Waiting Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm and No Loading Monday- Friday 8am to 5pm except school contract vehicles at Neath Road Rear Lane, Resolven, be advertised, as indicated on the circulated plan (Appendix A to the circulated report);
2. that subject to there being no objections, the Order be implemented.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide an area for school contract vehicles to drop off and pick up on the highway within close proximity of the school in the interest of pedestrian safety, and to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interests of road safety.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

The item will be subject to external consultation.

7. **PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - HEOL PENLAN, LONGFORD, NEATH**

Decisions:

1. that the proposed Prohibition of Waiting Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm and No Loading Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm except school contract vehicles at Heol Penlan, Longford, Neath, be advertised as indicated on the attached plan (Appendix A to the circulated report);
2. that subject to there being no objections, the Order be implemented.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide an area for school contract vehicles to drop off and pick up on the highway within close proximity of the school, in the interest of pedestrian safety.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation.

8. **PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - BRUNEL WAY, BAGLAN ENERGY PARK**

Decisions:

1. that the proposed Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading at Any Time Order, at Brunel Way, Baglan Energy Park, be advertised as indicated on the circulated plan (Appendix A to the circulated report);
2. that subject to there being no objections, the Order be implemented.

Reasons for Decisions:

To provide a bus parking facility and to prevent indiscriminate parking, in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation.

9. **LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS**

Decisions:

1. that contractors 1- 5 (as detailed in the circulated report) be included on the Select List for the relevant categories;
2. that contractor 6 (as detailed in the circulated report) be included on the Select List for additional categories;
3. that contractor 7 (as detailed in the circulated report) be removed from the Select List.

Reason for Decisions:

To keep the Select List up-to-date and as far as possible ensure a competitive procurement process, as well as for the purpose of supplying a List of Contractors for invitation to tender within the relevant category.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

10. **WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANT APPROVALS RECEIVED FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT 2015/16**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

11. **ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH - FROM THE PADDOCKS TO QUARRY ROAD**

Decision:

That the application to register a public path from the Paddocks to Quarry Road, Neath, be refused.

Reason for Decision:

There is insufficient evidence to establish that the same path has been used for a minimum period of twenty years by the public at large.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

12. **BUSINESS PLANS 2015-16 - STREETCARE SERVICES**

Decision:

That the 2015/16 Business Plans for Streetcare Services, including Lighting Services; Building Services; Waste Services; Neighbourhood Services and Highway and Drainage Services, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To implement the Council's performance management framework.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

13. **BUSINESS PLAN 2015-2016 - PLANNING SECTION**

Decision:

That the aspects of the Planning Services Business Plan 2015/16 (as detailed within the circulated report) which fall under the remit of the Environment and Highways Cabinet Board, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To implement the Council's performance management framework.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

14. **URGENCY ACTION 1269 - NO WAITING ORDER, BAGLAN LINK BRIDGE**

Decision:

That the following urgency action taken by the Head of Engineering and Transport, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No. 1269

Experimental No Waiting at Any Time Traffic Regulation Order, at Brunel Way and Baglan Energy Park Road, Baglan.

15. **URGENCY ACTION 1270 - LAND NORTH OF B4282**

Decision:

That the following urgency action taken by the Head of Engineering and Transport, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No. 1270

To serve notice under Sections 289 and 290 of the Highways Act 1980 to gain access to undertake a structural inspection/survey at land north of the B4282, Cwmavon – Land Registry Title CYM276172.

16. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

Decision:

That the Forward Work Programme 2015/16, be noted.

CHAIRMAN

ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING - N.PEARCE

23rd JULY 2015

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

BIODIVERSITY PROTOCOLS - FEBRUARY 2015

Purpose of Report

To approve the adoption of the Biodiversity Protocols.

Background

The Countryside and Wildlife Team has a remit to advise on the protection and enhancement of biodiversity. Many departments carry out necessary work which has the potential to impact upon biodiversity. In order to assist these departments in meeting their legal requirements with regards to biodiversity, the team has developed a set of protocols to be used for all such practical projects and works.

Biodiversity Protocols

The protocols set out a risk based process that is intended to help departments identify and appropriately deal with the risk of encountering biodiversity; particularly species afforded protection by legislation. The protocols use a number of tools aimed at different stages of a work stream.

The protocols mainly consist of a spreadsheet and a set of advisory sheets on specific topics. They will be made available through the intranet and upon request.

The spreadsheet firstly sets out a Biodiversity Checklist which should be worked through at the concept stage of each project so that any biodiversity requirements are identified and programmed in at the earliest opportunity. At this stage the Countryside and Wildlife Team should be contacted for site specific information.

The majority of the spreadsheet deals with planned and reactive work. For emergency work, there is a separate tab within the spreadsheet labelled Emergency Procedures, this should be used and further advice sought as soon as practicable.

A set of 'How To' sheets have also been designed to be kept in vehicles or on site so that operatives can familiarise themselves with the most commonly encountered issues. They can also be used as a reference if operatives have a query on site.

The protocols are intended to cover the basic requirements for biodiversity, focusing on the protection of protected species and have been checked by the Wildlife and Environmental Crime officer for South Wales. For advice on the wider requirements of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act or Planning commitments, which include avoidance of habitat loss and enhancement, officers are encouraged to talk to the team as early as possible.

Training will be offered to all departments on how to apply the protocols. The protocols are intended to be adaptable and additional or tailored protocols may be further developed and added as needed, in response to issues raised during training or as they come to light on implementation by individual departments. It is intended that the team work closely with each department implementing the protocols, at least in the early stages, to enable any appropriate alterations to be made as soon as possible.

Example protocols are appended to this report.

Equalities

A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this function does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Consultation Responses & Outcomes

Internal consultations have been undertaken in the preparation of these protocols. A number of departments have aided in development of the protocols and initial trials have been positively received.

Financial Implications

The use of the protocols at an early stage in project planning will identify any need for surveys and mitigation, allowing forward planning which in turn can result in cost savings.

Sustainability Appraisal

Identifying and protecting areas and species of ecological interest helps develop sustainable communities and a more sustainable environment.

Appendices

Example protocols are appended to this report.

Recommendation

The protocols are Approved and distributed to relevant officers via the Intranet and training scheduled on request.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To ensure that Neath Port Talbot comply with the requirements of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act and other wildlife legislation.

List of Background Papers

Local Biodiversity Action Plan
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act

Wards Affected

All

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

BIODIVERSITY PROTOCOLS - FEBRUARY 2015

(a) Implementation of Decision

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

(b) Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	Positive
Education & Lifelong Learning	Positive
Better Health & Wellbeing	Positive
Environment & Transport	Positive
Crime & Disorder	Positive

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	No impact
Sustainable Development	Positive
Equalities	No impact
Social Inclusion	No impact

(c) Consultation

This item is not subject to external consultation.

Biodiversity Checklist

Dept		Lead Officer Name	
Job Ref		Date	

Job Location/brief description:

This spread sheet aims to guide you through the ecological considerations relevant to your project and to help you make decisions that will ensure the Authority meets its duties and requirements under the various pieces of biodiversity legislation. The checklist is not intended to be comprehensive for all species/habitats listed in the legislation, but will provide a way forward for works whilst dealing with the most commonly encountered species, and in particular, species afforded specific legal protection. The checklist will also provide an important record of the decisions made and surveys commissioned, for your future reference.

The checklist is divided into 10 Sections:

Tab 1 INSTRUCTIONS	
Tab 2 HABITATS	Determines which habitats are likely to be affected
Tab 3 SPECIES HABITAT MATRIX	Determines which species are likely to be affected in which habitats
Tab 4 SURVEY CALENDAR	Table providing details of optimal Ecological Survey Timing
Tab 5 STANDARD PRACTICE CALENDAR	Table providing details of potential timing constraints
Tab 6 STANDARD PRACTICES	Details of working methods and timing implications
Tab 7 BIOD ENHANCEMENTS	A list of standard Biodiversity Enhancements likely to be conditioned in planning approval
Tab 8 RECORD OF ACTIONS:	A record of what you agree to do - surveys/methodology/mitigation/enhancements
Tab 9 CONTACTS/FURTHER INFORMATION	Contacts for internal officers (Countryside & Wildlife Team), contacts for Species groups, Government offices

At the initial project planning stage of any job/contract/project, think about the site and answer the questions in TAB 2 which will prompt you to go on to the next relevant section.

HOW TO CHECK STRUCTURES FOR BATS

IF YOU SUSPECT THAT BATS ARE USING A BUILDING YOU ARE WORKING, STOP WORK AND CONSULT YOUR MANAGER AND/OR COUNTRYSIDE & WILDLIFE TEAM 01639 686149. IF BATS ARE CONFIRMED AFTER WORK HAS STARTED, STOP WORK AND CONSULT NRW IMMEDIATELY 0300 0653000.

Structures offer many roosting opportunities for bats including:

- Under slates/tiles
- Behind facias
- In attic timbers
- Bridges
- Gaps in bricks
- Expansion joints
- Cellars
- Tunnels

Look out for:

- Stains below holes
- Gaps without cobwebs
- Bat droppings
- Sometimes you can hear squeaking in warm weather

To protect yourself legally:

- Keep a note of all observations
- Check your contract/planning permission for any requirements for bats
- If bats are found stop work immediately

Bat between window joists



Bat between joist and wall



Bat droppings look like mouse droppings but crumble to dust when crushed.



Staining at roost entrance



Droppings on the wall at a roost entrance

Bats do not make nests like birds but creep into crevices some as small as 12mm so you are very unlikely to see the bats themselves.

The Law – All species of bat and their roost (even when not occupied) are protected by law – Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Advice Sheet: Badger

Species Description and Status

The European Badger (*Meles meles*) is easily recognisable with its black and white markings and is a generally shy species found in the UK. On average they weigh about 12kgs and measure around 73cms head to tail. They are generally nocturnal in habit but they are sometimes seen at dawn and dusk. Badgers live in underground tunnels called setts. Setts may be many years old and 'passed' down through generations. They are generally more commonly found in rural areas but will venture into suburban gardens in search of food.



Legal Protection

Badgers are afforded protection under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 against killing, injury, taking or interference of their setts.



Planned and Re-active Works

Working practice for ground works (construction, drainage, surfacing etc) in areas that may support Badgers

Any works to land, including or adjacent to, woodland, scrub, hedgerows, brownfield, grassland, heathland, arable or coastal habitats. The Countryside & Wildlife Team will be contacted to assess the potential of the site to support a badger sett.

Where a sett is confirmed **within 30 metres of works**, a licence may be needed, depending upon the size of machinery to be used.

Where a sett is *not* confirmed but *cannot be ruled out* by an ecologist, the following working practice will be applied:

- All workers to be briefed on how to identify a potential badger sett
- Vegetation to be removed by hand, starting at one end of the site and moving methodically along the site so no setts are isolated
- Any excavations to be left overnight must be covered and made inaccessible for badgers
- If any of the following are noted, works will stop and an ecologist brought on site to advise:
 - Latrine (a small excavation where dung is deposited)
 - Potential sett entrance (tunnel around 25cm in diameter, often with a spoil heap outside)

For Works during **December-June** (birthing/weaning season): Apply the precautionary principle. An ecological clerk of works will be present for all works to vegetation or for any earth moving works; where a sett is not ruled out.



Emergency Works

Where works are considered an emergency as public health and safety or significant damage to property is likely, works should be undertaken using best and careful working practices. The Countryside & Wildlife Team and Natural Resources Wales should be notified.

Emergency Works in areas that could support Badgers

If any mammal tunnels are obvious on site the Countryside & Wildlife Team should be contacted immediately for further advice. If works involve the removal of dense vegetation which could hide any setts, works should be undertaken carefully and preferably using hand tools. All personnel should be notified of their responsibilities towards this species and a watching brief should be put in place to oversee the clearance. If any mammal tunnels are discovered, works should stop and the Countryside & Wildlife Team should be contacted for further advice.



Enhancement

Enhancement should be delivered wherever possible to enable the Authority to comply with the Biodiversity Conservation Duty under the NERC Act 2006. For suggestions for appropriate enhancement opportunities relevant for the species please refer to Tab 7 on the Biodiversity Checklist spread sheet.



Useful Contacts

- Countryside & Wildlife Team NPT - 01639 686149
- Natural Resources Wales - 0300 065 3000
- Welsh Government Wildlife Advisors - 0300 062 2297



Other Useful Guidance

- Badgers – Guidelines for developers (Countryside Council for Wales) Booklet downloadable from <http://www.ccqc.gov.uk/landscape--wildlife/habitats--species/species-protection/mammals/badgers.aspx>
- Natural Resources Wales Website: <http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/conservation-biodiversity-and-wildlife/uk-protected-species/badgers/?lang=en>

ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING - N.PEARCE

23rd JULY 2015

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

NEATH PORT TALBOT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Purpose of Report

To report on the new format for the Local Biodiversity Action Plan and to seek support for the Council's continued commitment to facilitating the implementation of the plan.

Background

The Neath Port Talbot Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) highlights the proposed action that is needed to safeguard and enhance the species and habitats of importance in the County Borough. The previous 5 year Plan produced by the NPT Biodiversity Forum, running until 2012, was adopted by the Council in June 2008. The 2008-2012 Plan was agreed to be applied until such time as a review had taken place. The Plan indicated targets for maintaining, achieving favourable conditions, in addition to restoring and enhancing priority and locally important habitats and species. Many of the targets had been set and filtered down from the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UKBAP) which was reviewed via the Wales Biodiversity Partnership (the leading and co-ordinating partnership for biodiversity action in Wales).

In 2012 the UK BAP was succeeded by the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework. This demonstrates how the work of the four countries and the UK contributes to achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (see <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/ukbap> for a timeline of Biodiversity Action in the UK). Each UK Country is now committed to having its own biodiversity strategy. The Welsh Government is now working on the Natural Resource Management programme which will include biodiversity conservation embedded in an ecosystem approach - *“A strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use in an*

equitable way” (CBD1993). This change in direction from conservation of single species and habitats to conserving ecosystems fundamentally changes the way biodiversity is dealt with by government and helps to create direct links with biodiversity conservation and our wellbeing. The allocation of funding from the Welsh Government will also change as a consequence of this new approach.

The Reviewed LBAP

The NPT LBAP is facilitated by NPTCBC Countryside and Wildlife Team on behalf of the NPT Biodiversity Forum. The Forum is made up of representatives from voluntary and government organisations, local businesses plus individuals with an interest in local wildlife and has a wealth of expertise relating to the local area. The Forum is responsible for the production and implementation of the LBAP.

The Forum with support from the Countryside and Wildlife Team has undertaken a review of the LBAP, and a new simpler approach has been agreed to be taken forward. Work on this new approach allows greater freedom for local plans to be tailored to their areas rather than trying to slot in to an overarching UK wide approach, although reporting of losses and successes will be compatible with required UK reporting mechanisms.

The overarching commitment of the new plan is to restore and enhance the biodiversity of Neath Port Talbot, this links in with the Authority’s statutory duty for Biodiversity Conservation under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006). The plan will particularly focus on ensuring that this commitment is applied through appropriate action for all habitat and species set out as of principal importance for conservation in Wales under the said mentioned Act (S42 list), that occur within the County Borough. In addition, the NPT Biodiversity Forum is able to put forward additional species/habitats and argue for their inclusion in the LBAP as local priority species. Any additional species will only be added as part of the review process mentioned below and reported to committee prior to inclusion. Only one local species not included on the S42 list has been agreed to be added to the LBAP as part of the current review: Double-Line Moth.

In light of this refocus for the LBAP, the NPT Biodiversity Forum has agreed a new way of prioritising wildlife conservation in NPT. The reviewed approach will set out a framework for conservation action that will be populated with projects in response to identified need, allowing action to be appropriately targeted. Whilst detailed targets and actions are not to be proposed from the outset unlike previous versions of the plan, actions or projects will be added as

specific issues, such as declines and threats, are identified. All actions and projects will contribute towards the overarching commitment of the LBAP to restore and enhance the biodiversity of Neath Port Talbot; thereby aiding the Authority to deliver in respect of its duty for biodiversity conservation.

The reviewed plan contains spreadsheets for individual habitats and species or collections such as pollinators. These show the current status and trends in NPT, known threats and records all projects that contribute to the conservation, restoration and enhancement of the habitats and species. All work, however small, is recorded here. This is mapped and can be compared with other information such as known distribution of a species. These maps show how much work is being done in NPT by all partners; it also allows the Biodiversity Forum to focus resources where most needed in reaction to declines and threats. The plan is a fluid document. At each NPT Biodiversity Forum meeting project information is collected. The Countryside and Wildlife Team maintains the data and highlights any issues that need to be addressed. In addition, the data can be easily accessed and queried in response to any specific requests for information or for necessary reporting to Natural Resource Wales, Welsh Government and UK Government. The document is not published because it is constantly changing, although detail of the reviewed plan will be provided on the NPTCBC website.

Examples of individual habitat and species spreadsheet details and an example of mapped recent projects in the Neath area are appended to this report. For any of these projects more detailed information can be obtained from the Lead Partner organisation to be named in the spreadsheet.

A review report will be produced every 5 years, or as required for reporting in line with emerging Welsh Government legislative requirements, to assess the effectiveness of this approach and report on the works completed. In addition, as the plan is intended to be iterative and able to respond to changing pressures periodic reports will also be prepared and presented to Members to provide an update on any necessary changes, to add or remove any local species or habitats; and to provide an update on delivery.

Equalities

A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this function does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Consultation Outcomes

Consultations have taken place with members of the NPT Biodiversity Forum, and the Action Plan has been designed as a consequence of those discussions.

Financial Implications

The changes to the format of the LBAP will allow projects to be slotted in to the ecosystem approach, especially though the enhanced mapping function. This means that however future funding schemes are implemented NPTCBC will be in a position to draw down grant money to carry out a range of biodiversity and ecosystem conservation projects.

Sustainability Appraisal

The introduction of Action plans to reinforce Post 2010 Biodiversity Framework helps develop sustainable communities and a more sustainable environment.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that the Authority support the new approach to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan, including any actions that come forward (where resources are available to do so and where relevant permissions have been obtained).

Reason for Proposed Decision

To ensure that local ecological systems are managed and protected in accordance with National Legislation and to ensure that NPTCBC are able to draw down on available funding streams.

List of Background Papers

Post 2010 Biodiversity Framework
Local Biodiversity Action Plan

Wards Affected

All

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

NEATH PORT TALBOT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

(a) Implementation of Decision

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

(b) Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	No impact
Education & Lifelong Learning	Positive
Better Health & Wellbeing	Positive
Environment & Transport	Positive
Crime & Disorder	No impact

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	No impact
Sustainable Development	Positive
Equalities	No impact
Social Inclusion	No impact

(c) Consultation

This item is not subject to external consultation.

Example 1

Ponds		Attention							
Lead partner									
Local status 2014	Increasing								
Last survey date	None								
Actions needed	Maintain existing ponds								
Main achievements 2000+	Chaelas ponds projects very successful								
Actions									
Site Name	Target	Description	Action status	Year	Lead partner	More info	x	y	
Banwen Ponds	Ponds	Boardwalk	Complete	2014	NPT CBC		285787	209572	
Banwen Ponds	Ponds	Native planting	Complete	2014	NPT CBC		285787	209572	
Afan Argoed centre	Ponds	Restoration x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		282077	195052	
Awel-y-mor Primary	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		274621	190339	
Baglan Primary	Ponds	Replacement boardwalk 30 meters fu	Complete	2010	NPT CBC		274921	192682	
Baglan Primary	Ponds	Restoration x1 - lined - INNS found	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		274921	192682	
Catwg Primary	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2012	NPT CBC		275857	198655	
Cilpentan Farm Pond	Ponds	Creation x2	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		271573	211525	
Craig Gwladus CP	Ponds	Creation x2	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		276500	199300	
Craig Gwladus CP	Ponds	Creation x4	Complete	2009	NPT CBC		276500	199300	
Craig Gwladus CP	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		276500	199300	
Crynalit Infants	Ponds	Restoration x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		276625	196417	
Crynalit Juniors	Ponds	Creation x2	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		276625	196417	
Cwmnedd Primary	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		288024	206661	
Cwrt Sart Primary	Ponds	Creation x 3	Complete	2009	NPT CBC		274436	195438	
Fairyland Allotments	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2009	NPT CBC		276375	197581	
Gnoll Lake and Country Park	Ponds	Creation x6	Complete	2009	NPT CBC		276000	197000	
Godre r Graig	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2009	NPT CBC		275144	206857	
Margam Country Park	Ponds	Creation x5 - Million Ponds Project	Complete	2009	NPT CBC		280600	186300	
Margam Country Park	Ponds	Restoration x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		280600	186300	
Margam Country Park	Ponds	Creation x5 Margam mini nature rese	Complete	2008	NPT CBC		280600	186300	
Plas Farm Cottages	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		274869	204053	
St Joseph's Primary	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		275726	190540	
St Teresa's Primary	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		274360	190473	
Tairgwaith (GCG CC)	Ponds	create 3 ponds Planting event and hib	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		270357	212307	
Wauanceirch Primary	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		274581	198248	
YGG Pontardawe	Ponds	Creation x1	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		272088	204649	
Ysgol Hendre Primary	Ponds	Restoration x1 - lined	Complete	2010	NPT CBC		274297	200328	
Banwen Ponds	Ponds	Created x5	Complete	2013	NPT CBC	P:\PROJEC	285787	209572	

Example 2

DEPTFORD PINK	Dianthus armeria	Attention	Deptford Pink						
Lead partner									
Local status 2014	Stable								
Last survey date	2013								
Actions needed	Monitor mitigation sites for success								
Main achievements 2000+	1 mitigation wall established in 2012								
Actions Completed/Ongoing									
Site Name	Target	Description	Action status	Year	Lead partner	More info	x	y	
The Wall	Deptford Pink	Weeding of the wall	Complete	2014	NPT CBC	Done by Ed Tucker on behalf of the biodiversity unit	273869	193320	
The Wall	Deptford Pink	Weeding of the wall	Ongoing	2014	NPT CBC	Countryside and Wildlife section - officers trained in identification of DP and Wall bedstraw and will undertake weeding as appropriate	273869	193320	
The Wall	Deptford Pink	Weeding of the wall	Complete	2013	NPT CBC	Done by hand by the Biodiversity unit	273869	193320	
The Wall	Deptford Pink	Monitoring of the wall	Complete	2013	NPT CBC		273869	193320	
Baglan Reservoir	Deptford Pink	Survey	Complete	2013	CH	Annual survey	274100	192900	

Map of recent projects in the Neath area



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JOINT REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT

– D. W. GRIFFITHS AND THE HEAD OF STREETCARE
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23RD JULY 2015

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

NETWORK RAIL ELECTRIFICATION WORK ON LONDON TO SWANSEA RAILWAY MAIN LINE AND ITS AFFECT ON NEATH PORT TALBOT STRUCTURES AND HIGHWAY NETWORK

Purpose of Report

To obtain Members approval to enter into agreement/negotiations with Network Rail (NR) concerning electrification work to the main railway line between London and Swansea.

Background

Central Government funded Network Rail propose to electrify the main railway line between London and Swansea to reduce journey times, increase capacity and improve reliability. The project is of national significance and will assist economic growth in the region. The electrification work will affect all Network Rail, Welsh Government and NPT owned bridges over the railway line and details of bridges affected within Neath Port Talbot are set out in Appendix A.

Supporting Network Rail's project will necessitate an extraordinary quantity of work for the Council's structural and network teams within the Engineering and Streetcare sections. All works to the Council's asset will need to be checked and managed, along with management of impacts on the highway network during construction. The current timetable indicates that work will commence in Neath Port Talbot around November 2015 and continue through to May 2017.

Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing

the assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Financial Implications

The main works will be funded by Network Rail. However, if unfunded, there will be considerable cost to the Council as a result of providing the support required by Network Rail to deliver this national project given the quantity of work and required timescales. It is therefore proposed Officers enter into negotiations with Network Rail to secure funding to pay for the level of support required to ensure successful project delivery. Without funding support Network Rail's requirements and needs will not be able to be met.

Consultation Outcome

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item and negotiations will be undertaken with Network Rail and/or their representatives.

Sustainability Appraisal

The proposals are in line with the central government policy to increase the economic growth in the region and to capitalise on the rail network, reducing travel time and transport impacts on the Environment.

Appendices

Appendix A – Assets affected and potential consequences of the Electrification programme.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:-

1. The Director of Environment be authorised to enter into negotiations with Network Rail to secure reimbursement for reasonable costs incurred in supporting Network rail to deliver its electrification project.
2. Approval to be given for the alteration of bridges affected by the electrification work to facilitate the Electrification Programme.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To help ensure delivery of Network Rail's scheme of national importance and protect the Council's financial position.

List of Background Papers

EIA Screening Form.

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

NETWORK RAIL ELECTRIFICATION WORK ON LONDON TO SWANSEA RAILWAY MAIN LINE AND ITS AFFECT ON NEATH PORT TALBOT STRUCTURES AND HIGHWAY NETWORK

a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	Positive
Education and Lifelong Learning	-	No impact
Better Health and Well Being	-	No impact
Environment and Transport	-	Positive
Crime and Disorder	-	No impact

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	No impact
Sustainable Development	-	No impact
Equalities	-	No impact
Social Inclusion	-	No impact

c) **Consultation**

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item and negotiations will be undertaken with Network Rail and/or their representatives.

APPENDIX A

The assets affected and potential consequences of the Electrification Programme are as follows;

1. Margam Station Footbridge (NWR Bridge)
 - a. The proposal for this bridge is to be demolished. The work will not affect the highway network.
2. Port Talbot Parkway Station Footbridge (NWR Bridge), Level crossing issues.
 - a. The proposal for this structure is to close the level crossing. This work will have minor disruption to the highway network.
3. Swansea to London new railway (NPTCBC Bridge).
Minor Work will be carried out. The work will have partial disruption to the Highway network.
4. St Marys Viaduct (NPTCBC Bridge). Raised parapet. The work will have major disruption to the Highway network.
5. Seaway Parade new railway bridge (NPTCBC). Raised parapet. The work will have major disruption to the Highway network.
6. Seaway Parade old railway bridge (NPTCBC). Raised parapet. The work will have major disruption to the Highway network.
7. Duport Road Bridge (NPTCBC Bridge). Raised parapet. The work will have major disruption to the Highway network.
8. A48 Briton Ferry Dock Viaduct (WG Bridge). Track Lowering. The work will have major disruption to the Highway network.
9. Shelone Road (NWR Bridge). Full Replacement Bridge. The work will have major disruption to the Highway network.
10. Collins Street Footbridge (NWR Bridge). Demolition. The work will not affect the highway network.
11. Mariners Arms Crossing Footbridge (NWR Bridge). Engineering options being considered for this structure.
12. Merlin Footbridge (NWR Bridge). Engineering options being considered for this structure.
13. Ropewalk Footbridge (NWR Bridge). Engineering options being considered for this structure.
14. Neath Station Footbridge (NPTCBC Bridge). Engineering options being considered for this structure.

15. Skewen Station Road Bridge (NWR Bridge). Engineering options being considered for this structure.

16. New Road Bridge (NPTCBC Bridge). Engineering options being considered for this structure.

There are a number of Level Crossings that NWR are proposing to close as follows;

17. Heol-y-Deliaid FP Level Crossing

18. Heol-y-Deliaid Level Crossing

19. Port Talbot LC

20. Penrhiwtyn LC

21. Neath LC

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23RD JULY 2015

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE INSTALLATION AND PROVISION OF AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE CAMERAS FOR DYFED POWYS POLICE

Purpose of Report

To obtain Members approval to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Dyfed Powys Police and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the installation and provision of power to Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras.

Background

The Police and Crime Commissioner of Dyfed Powys Police entered into an agreement with South Wales Trunk Road Agency (SWTRA), North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency (NMWTRA), Carmarthenshire County Council, Ceredigion County Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and Powys County Council to install ANPR Cameras and associated equipment on existing highway infrastructure, including masts and columns, Dyfed Powys Police have stated they will meet all the costs associated with structurally testing the existing highways assets to confirm its structural integrity with the loading of additional equipment. The Council will be required to provide power (where possible), from lamp posts for the ANPR cameras currently located at the Force's traditional sites.

Dyfed Powys Police have requested that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council join the adjacent local authorities and sign the Memorandum of Understanding set out in Appendix A.

Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the

assessment it has been determined that this function does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Financial Implications

The work will be funded by the Police, who also fund the ongoing energy cost.

Consultation Outcome

A consultation exercise will not be carried out.

Sustainability Appraisal

The proposals are necessary to reduce crime, enforce the law and maintain criminal justice in the region.

Appendices

Appendix A – Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendation

It is recommended, having due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment screening that:-

1. The Director of Environment be authorised to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix A).
2. Approval to be given for the installation and provision of power to ANPR cameras and associated equipment.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To help Dyfed Powys Police detect, deter and disrupt criminality at a regional level, including tackling travelling criminals and organised crime.

List of Background Papers

EIA Screening Form.

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE INSTALLATION AND PROVISION OF AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE CAMERAS FOR DYFED POWYS POLICE

a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	No impact
Education and Lifelong Learning	-	No impact
Better Health and Well Being	-	No impact
Environment and Transport	-	Positive
Crime and Disorder	-	Positive

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	No impact
Sustainable Development	-	No impact
Equalities	-	No impact
Social Inclusion	-	No impact

c) **Consultation**

The item will not be subject to external consultation.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
DYFED POWYS**

SOUTH WALES TRUNK ROAD AGENCY

NORTH & MID WALES TRUNK ROAD AGENCY

CARMARTEHNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

1.0 FOREWORD

- 1.1 This document is The Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU"), between the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner Dyfed Powys; South Wales Trunk Road Agency; North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency; Carmarthenshire County Council; Ceredigion County Council; Pembrokeshire County Council, Powys County Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the installation and provision of power to Automatic Number Plate Recognition (hereinafter referred to as "ANPR") cameras.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 After careful consideration and discussion the parties subject to this MOU have agreed to the installation of ANPR cameras on their fixed infrastructure and further agree to provide power to the same.
- 2.2 In addition, the local authorities will provide power (where possible) from lamp posts etc. for the ANPR cameras currently located at the Force's traditional sites

3.0 PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

- 3.1 This agreement is between the following partners:-

Police and Crime Commissioner of Dyfed Powys Police, Police Headquarters, PO Box 99, Llangunnor, Carmarthen, SA31 2PF

And

South Wales Trunk Road Agency (SWTRA);
North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency (NMWTRA);
Carmarthenshire County Council;
Ceredigion County Council;
Pembrokeshire County Council;
Powys County Council; and
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

4.0 ARRANGEMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 Where Dyfed Powys Police propose to install Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras and associated equipment on existing highway infrastructure, including masts and columns, Dyfed Powys Police will agree to meet all the costs associated with structurally testing the existing highways asset to confirm its structural integrity with the loading of additional equipment.
- 4.2 Where Dyfed Powys Police propose to install Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras and associated equipment boxes on existing highway infrastructure, Dyfed Powys Police will agree to meet all the costs associated with installing a new bespoke electrical cut-out from the Highway Authority supply as per their requirements and specification. Following the installation that interacts with the Highway Authorities electrical asset, Dyfed Powys Police will agree to provide a copy of the new electrical installation test certificate within 28 days following the date of installation.

- 4.3 The parties agree that the cameras will not be formally powered until the relevant Highway Authority has received and accepted the new electrical installation certificate.
- 4.3 Dyfed Powys Police will use contractors accredited with HERS/NHSS8. Electrical installations will comply with the requirements set out in the latest revision of BS7671.
- 4.4 Dyfed Powys Police is the holder of an Unmetered Power Supply certificate number Mpan: 2100040866614 with Western Power Distribution and as such is responsible for the payment of all utility accounts generated as a result of the camera installations and ongoing use. As installations go live so they are added to the Certificate Inventory.

5.0 LEAD OFFICERS

- 5.1 As a requirement of the MOU the parties will nominate a lead individual within each organisation. The names and contact details for the "lead individuals" are contained in appendix 1. These may be subject to change and any changes should be notified to each party's "lead individual" in writing.

6.0 INDEMNITY

- 6.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner of Dyfed Powys Police agrees to indemnify the Welsh Minister and Council Authorities, party to this MOU, against all demands, claims, damage, liability or loss caused by or arising out of the Force's negligence or that of their agents in relation to the presence of Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras mounted on masts/columns and associated equipment boxes within the Highway limits which have been constructed by Dyfed Powys Police approved contractors in the Highway Verge.

7.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES / LEGAL DUTY

- 7.1 Nothing in this Memorandum removes, transfers, bars or interferes with the legal responsibilities, duties or rights within the law of any of the parties involved.
- 7.2 Nothing contained or implied in this Memorandum shall prejudice or affect the rights, powers, duties and obligations of any of the parties in the exercise of their respective functions as statutory authorities. Their respective powers, rights, duties and obligations under all public and private statutes, bye-laws and regulations may be as fully and effectively exercised as if they were not a party to this Memorandum.

8.0 REVIEW OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 8.1 This memorandum of understanding will be reviewed each year by representatives of the Police and Crime Commissioner; South Wales Trunk Road Agency; North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency; Carmarthenshire County Council; Ceredigion County Council; Pembrokeshire County Council; Powys County Council and a representative of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and amended if necessary.

9.0 SIGNATURE

- 9.1 By signing the agreement, all signatories accept responsibilities for its execution.
- 9.2 Signatories must also ensure that they comply with all relevant legislation.

Signed for and on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner of Dyfed Powys Police

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Title: Mr. Christopher Salmon

Position: Police and Crime Commissioner

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of South Wales Trunk Road Agency

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Title:

Position:

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of North & Mid Wales Trunk Agency

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Title:

Position:

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of Carmarthenshire County Council

Title:

Position:

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of Ceredigion County Council

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Signed for and on behalf of Pembrokeshire County Council

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Date:

Signed for and on behalf of Powys County Council

Title:

Position:

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Title:

Position:

Date:

APPENDIX A

LEAD INDIVIDUALS

Police and Crime Commissioner of Dyfed Powys Police:

Title:

Position:

Contact details:

South Wales Trunk Road Agency:

Title:

Position:

Contact details:

North & Mid Wales Trunk Agency:

Title:

Position:

Contact details:

Carmarthenshire County Council:

Title:

Position:

Contact details:

Ceredigion County Council:

Title:

Position:

Contact details:

Pembrokeshire County Council:

Title:

Position:

Contact details:

Powys County Council:

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Position:

Contact details:

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:

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Contact details:

ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

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23rd JULY 2015

SECTION C– MATTER FOR MONITORING

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR QUARTER 4 OF 2014/15

Purpose of Report

To advise Members of the actual performance achieved for the fourth quarter of the current financial year i.e. 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015

Appendices

Quarterly Performance Management Data 2014-2015 – Quarter 4 Performance (1st April 2014– 31st March 2015) – Appendix 1

List of Background Papers

1. NPT Corporate Improvement Plan 2014-17 “Rising to the Challenge”
2. Policy & Resources Committee Report 30th July 2010 - Securing Continuous Improvement & Scrutiny Work Programme

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Quarterly Performance Management Data 2014-2015 – Quarter 4 Performance (1st April 2014– 31st March 2015)

Report Contents:

Section 1: Key points and summary of performance.

Section 2: Quarterly Performance Management Data and performance key

Section 1: Key points and summary of performance.

In line with performance results available at the end of the 4th quarter 2014-2015:-

15 (94%) Environment & Highways indicators improved in this reporting period compared to 11 (69%) this time last year

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Service Area	Improved or Maximum Performance	Maintained Performance	Marginally declined - within 5%	Performance declined by 5% or more	No Comparable data	Number of Performance Indicators
1. Environment & Transport – Waste Management	6 (5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	6
2. Environment & Transport – Transport and Highways	6 (5)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6
3. Environment & Transport - Countryside Management	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1
4. Environment & Transport - Street Scene	2(1)	0 (0)	0 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3
Total Number of Performance Indicators	15 (11)	0 (0)	0 (3)	1 (2)	0 (0)	16
Overall performance Percentage	94% (69%)	0% (0%)	0% (19%)	6% (12%)		

NB - Quarter 4, 2013-2014 position in brackets.

* - Achieving either 100% or 0% (where lower performance figure is better) performance, where there is no scope for improvement for the relevant performance indicator.

Waste Management

The Council is progressing with the implementation of its waste strategy and has achieved the 2015/16 statutory recycling and composting target of 58% during 2014/15. All six waste performance indicators have improved.

Environment & Transport – Transport and Highways

All six indicators have improved which include improved condition of our roads, a reduction in average time to repair street lamp failures during the year and a higher percentage of adults aged 60 or over who hold a concessionary bus pass. With respect to roads, these have benefitted from several years of substantial additional funding, firstly the Council's three year Urban Streets Initiative and secondly additional WG Local Government Borrowing Initiative funding, both of which have ended.

Environment & Transport - Street Scene and Countryside Management

We have increased the percentage of total length of 'Rights of Way' which are easy to use by members of the public and our highways and relevant land cleanliness has improved. The statutory fly tipping performance indicators has seen a drop in the performance outturn for the year, an explanation for this is reported under performance indicator number 16.

Section 2: Quarterly Performance Management Data and Performance key

2014-2015 – Quarter 4 Performance (1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015)

Note: The following references are included in the table. Explanations for these are as follows:-







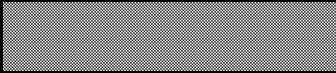
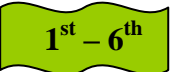


(NSI) National Strategic Indicators (NSIs) - are used to measure the performance of local authorities at a national level and focus on key strategic priorities. Local authorities are under a legal duty to collect & report on these measures.

(PAM) Public Accountability Measures - consist of a small set of “outcome focussed” indicators, selected initially from within the existing Performance Measurement Framework. They will reflect those aspects of local authority work which local authorities agree are considered to be important in terms of public accountability. For example, recycling, educational attainment, sustainable development, etc. This information is required and reported nationally, validated, and published annually.

(SID) Service Improvement Data - can be used by local authority services and their regulators as they plan, deliver and improve services.

All Wales The data shown in this column is the figure calculated using the base data supplied by all authorities for 2013/2014 i.e. an overall performance indicator value for Wales.


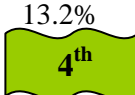
(L) Local Performance Indicator set by the Council.

	Performance Key
	Maximum Performance
	Performance has improved
	Performance has been maintained
	Performance is within 5% of previous years performance
	Performance has declined by 5% or more on previous years performance - Where performance has declined by 5% or more for the period in comparison to the previous year, an explanation is provided directly below the relevant performance indicator.
	No comparable data (data not suitable for comparison / no data available for comparison)
	No All Wales data available for comparison.
	2013/14 NPT performance in upper quartile (top six of 22 local authorities) in comparison with All Wales national published measures (NSI & PAM's). 3 of 6 Environment & Highways measures in upper quartile.
	2013/14 NPT performance in mid quartiles (7 th – 16 th) in comparison with All Wales national published measures (NSI & PAM's). 2 of 6 Environment & Highways measures in mid quartiles.
	2013/14 NPT performance in lower quartile (17 th – 22 nd) in comparison with All Wales national published measures (NSI & PAM's). 1 of 6 Environment & Highways measures in lower quartile.

1. Environment & Transport – Waste Management

No	PI Reference	PI Description	2012/13 Actual	All Wales 2013/14	Quarter 4 2013/14 (Full Year)	Quarter 4 2014/15 (Full Year)	Direction of Improvement
1	WMT/009b (NSI/PAM)	The percentage of municipal waste collected by local authorities and prepared for reuse and/or recycled, including source segregated bio wastes that are composted or treated biologically in another way.	48.33%	54.33% 14 th	54.04%	58.10%	↑
All Wales 2014/15 data will be published by the Welsh Government on 2nd September 2015. Our ranking 14 th as shown in the flag relates to 2013/14 performance.							
2	WMT/004b (NSI/PAM)	The percentage of municipal waste collected by local authorities sent to landfill.	20.3%	37.72% 3 rd	14.04%	11.10%	↑
3	WMT/010i (SID)	The percentage of local authority municipal waste: Prepared for re-use.	0.15%	2.06%	0.18%	0.29%	↑
4	WMT/010iii (SID)	The percentage of local authority municipal waste: Collected as source segregated bio-wastes and composted or treated biologically in another way.	13.27%	18.49%	15.76%	19.34%	↑
5	WMT/012 (SID)	The percentage of local authority collected municipal waste used to recover heat and power.	27.54%	9.11%	29.33%	32.40%	↑
6	WMT/010ii (SID)	The percentage of local authority municipal waste: Recycled.	34.92%	33.80%	38.09%	38.47%	↑

2. Environment & Transport – Transport and Highways

No	PI Reference	PI Description	2012/13 Actual	All Wales 2013/14	Quarter 4 2013/14 (Full Year)	Quarter 4 2014/15 (Full Year)	Direction of Improvement
7	THS/009 (SID)	The average number of calendar days taken to repair street lamp failures during the year.	1.94	4.75	1.83	1.56	↑
8	THS/007 (NSI)	The percentage of adults aged 60 or over who hold a concessionary bus pass.	91.8%	84.3% 	88.9%	90.6%	↑
9	THS/011a (SID)	The percentage of: Principal (A) roads in overall poor condition.	7.9%	4.5%	6.8%	5.8%	↑
10	THS/011b (SID)	The percentage of: Non-principal/classified (B) roads in overall poor condition.	6.7%	6.1%	5.2%	4.0%	↑
11	THS/011c (SID)	The percentage of: Non-principal /classified C roads in overall poor condition.	9.6%	18.9	8.2%	7.0%	↑
12	THS/012 (PAM)	The percentage of Principal (A) roads, Non-principal (B) roads and Non-principal C roads that are in overall poor condition.	8.0%	13.2% 	6.7%	5.6%	↑

3. Environment & Transport - Countryside Management

No	PI Reference	PI Description	2012/13 Actual	All Wales 2013/14	Quarter 4 2013/14 (Full Year)	Quarter 4 2014/15 (Full Year)	Direction of Improvement
13	CMT/001 (SID)	The percentage of total length of 'Rights of Way' which are easy to use by members of the public.	68%	69%	67%	68.94%	↑

4. Environment & Transport - Street Scene

Page 52 15	STS/005b (PAM)	The percentage of highways and relevant land inspected of a high or acceptable standard of cleanliness.	83%	96.8% 9 th	98.5%	98.80%	↑
	STS/005a (SID)	The cleanliness Indicator	70	73.2	67.6	70.6	↑
	STS/006 (NSI)	The percentage of reported fly tipping incidents cleared within 5 working days.	95.25%	95.03% 21 st	81.10%	72.06%	↓

We saw an increase in reporting of flytipping incidents this year (1242 compared to 1111 last year). One of the reasons for this is due to more accessible contact channels through social media, including Twitter and Facebook. There has also been an increase in elected Members reporting incidents. The overall drop in performance is as result of proactive work of the waste enforcement section, and our continued commitment to address flytipping and subsequent prosecutions. As 15 days (statutory notice under the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 – Section 6) is given to remove investigated incidents, waste is not permitted to be cleared within the 5 days, this will affect the overall performance of this Performance Indicator

ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

4TH JUNE 2015

SECTION B – MATTER FOR INFORMATION

WARDS AFFECTED: BAGLAN

OFFICER URGENCY ACTION – PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL NO WAITING AT ANY TIME TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The following urgency decision has been determined by the Head of Engineering and Transport in consultation with the requisite Members, for immediate implementation. There is no call-in of this matter.

Urgency Action No: 1269

Date: 2nd April 2015

Re: Proposed experimental No Waiting at Any Time Traffic Regulation Order at Brunel way and Baglan Energy Park Road, Baglan.

The Urgency Action sought to obtain approval to advertise the Legal orders for the implementation of a No Waiting at Any Time Traffic Regulation Order on Brunel Way and Baglan Energy Park Road, Baglan. The Orders were required due to the completion of the construction of the Baglan Energy Park Link Bridge and were necessary to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

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ENVIRONEMNT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

4TH JUNE 2015

SECTION B – MATTER FOR INFORMATION

WARDS AFFECTED: BRYN & CWMAVON, CYMMER, GWYNFI AND PELENNNA

OFFICER URGENCY ACTION – TO SERVE NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 289 AND 290 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The following urgency decision has been determined by the Head of Engineering and Transport in consultation with the requisite Members, for immediate implementation. There is no call-in of this matter.

Urgency Action No: 1270

Date: 22nd April 2015

Re: To serve notice under Sections 289 and 290 of the Highways Act 1980 to gain access to undertake a structural inspection/survey at land north of the B4282, Cwmavon – Land Registry Title CYM276172

The Urgency Action sought to obtain approval to gain access to land north of the B4282, which is private and under the control of Western Logs Ltd Directors Retirement Benefit Scheme to carry out a structural survey of an embankment supporting the B4282, which was no longer providing adequate support for the highway, and to authorise the Director of Environment, the Head of Engineering and Transport and the Head of Streetcare, and such other Officers as they may authorise, to enter the land (above) in order to undertake the Council's statutory duties.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

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2015/2016 FORWARD WORK PLAN

ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

Meeting Date and Time	Agenda Items	Type (Decision, Monitoring or Information)	Rotation (Topical, ,Annual, Biannual, Quarterly, Monthly)	Head of Service Contact
17th Sept 2015	Active Travel – Existing Routes Map	Decision (Following Cons)		NP
	WG Trunk Road Review Outcome	Info		MR
	Afan Argoed Update	Decision		MR
	Member Enquiry Group Outcome (Side Waste)	Decision		MR
	MREC Project Update	Info		MR
	Approved Contractors	Decision		DG
	Air Quality Report	Decision		NP
	Dog Kennelling	Decision	Topical	MR
	Flood Risk Strategy	Decision		DG, MR
	Engineering & Transport Externally Awarded Contracts	Info	Annual	DG
	Alleged Public Byway From Main Road, Nant Hir, Community of Glynneath	Decision	Topical	DM

Environment and Highways Cabinet Board – Forward Work Programme

Meeting Date and Time	Agenda Items	Type (Decision, Monitoring or Information)	Rotation (Topical, ,Annual, Biannual, Quarterly, Monthly)	Head of Service Contact
29th Oct 2015	Road Safety Strategy	Decision (Out to Cons)	Annual	DG
	Traffic Orders	Decision		DG

Meeting Date and Time	Agenda Items	Type (Decision, Monitoring or Information)	Rotation (Topical, ,Annual, Biannual, Quarterly, Monthly)	Head of Service Contact
10th Dec 2015	Bridges & Structures Life Cycle Plan	Decision		DG
	Traffic Orders	Decision		DG
	MREC Report	Decision		DG
	Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP)	Decision		MR
	Fleet Asset Management Plan	Decision		DG