

Recommendation	Reason	Progress	Comment
<p>A dedicated resource is identified to drive forward tourism support which the members felt should sit within the Regeneration and Economic Development Department.</p>	<p>The evidence presented to the review was quite clear that the County was lacking support for tourism development and that this was having a negative knock on effect in securing much needed funding.</p>	<p>As yet there has been no progress in the identification of resources to deliver tourism support.</p> <p>A European funded tourism project is currently being delivered by NPTCBC, however due to the nature of the funding this project is unable to offer the level or type of support that the tourism sector requires to thrive.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>The Destination Management Plan is considered by the Economic and Community Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on a regular basis to ensure the actions are implemented.</p>	<p>We need to ensure that there is sufficient progress in the implementation of the DMP in order to secure the same levels of investment as our neighbouring Local Authorities. Given the evidence received during</p>	<p>The Destination Management Plan will now form part of the Scrutiny forward work programme for the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee and is scheduled to be</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>this review, on the importance of the sector to our economy, it is now even more important that the action plan is monitored regularly. In line with this,</p> <p>Recommendation one (a dedicated resource) would ensure that the DMP is fully implemented and reported</p>	<p>considered on 9th March 2018 along with a progress report on the recommendations made by the Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>Without a dedicated tourism resource it will be very difficult to match the levels of investment as seen in neighbouring authorities or maintain progress against the Destination Management Plan.</p>	
<p>An All Member Seminar is organised to highlight the findings of the review that demonstrates how important the tourism sector is to the County Borough.</p>	<p>The initial thoughts on the review of tourism was that it would be a specific item on a formal scrutiny agenda however, during the scoping it became apparent that a wider review would be required and due to the amount and level of evidence that was considered it was</p>	<p>Following the Local Government elections in May 2017 and the subsequent in-depth targeted Member induction programme this has been delayed until the early 2018.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	agreed that this information needs to be shared with all Members		
A letter is written and sent To St Modwens to establish what they understand their responsibilities are in relation to Neath Canal and stress the importance of the maintenance that is required.	It was clear from the submission from a representative of Neath Canal Navigation Ltd that there is a clear lack of maintenance of the canal and this is jeopardising the future attraction of this site.	<p>A letter has been sent and a response is currently being chased up.</p> <p>A telephone conversation has been held with a representative from Neath Canal that highlighted a lack of resources to undertake maintenance work. However, there seemed to be a contradiction in the evidence received as part of the telephone conversation and that heard during the review.</p>	Ongoing