

Council Priority:	PLACES - where people are proud to live, work and play				
Commitments linked to this Council Priority	1 - Keeping RCT clean through efficient street cleaning services, minimising the amount of waste we send to landfill, achieving our recycling targets through weekly recycling and regular refuse collections, and reducing our carbon footprint				
Delivery Actions	Milestones/Sub Actions that will help to achieve overarching Action	Delivery Date	Responsible Officer	Progress	Overall progress on Action
Supporting residents to reduce waste and increase recycling to 80% by working with them, and businesses on initiatives that promote waste minimisation and re-use materials					
Continue to raise awareness in schools and with residents and community groups on environmental issues.	Attend public events to raise awareness and involve residents in initiatives to encourage recycling	Mar-22	Claire Evans	On Target	The recycling trailer was back out during recycle week in September. The trailer visited Asda Aberdare, Asda Tonypany and Tesco Upper Boat as well as out in the Treforest area during Freshers week.
	Continue to develop the Alun Maddox Visitor Centre in Bryn Pica and create online learning activities to ensure we continue to engage with schools and community groups while the education centre remains closed due to Covid	Mar-22	Claire Evans	On Target	The Education Centre remains closed to visitors due to Covid. The Team have continued to offer online sessions to schools and community groups in RCT.
	Promote Love Where You Live awards 2022 with residents, schools and community groups to maximise entries and encourage local people to take pride in their local area	Mar-22	Claire Evans	On Target	Action not due to commence until January 2022 when we will assess the latest Covid situation and decide whether it is possible to hold the event in 2022.
	Continue to develop blitz programmes involving partners from other associations	Mar-22	Nick Harries	On Target	Closer links with Trivallis developing blitz programmes and combined blitz days working on Trivallis and non Trivallis sites.
	Working in partnership with Caru Cymru significantly increasing our support to assist and encourage volunteers	Mar-22	Nick Harries	On Target	Continuing support with Carw Cymru supporting local residents with developing bio diversity areas in conjunction with Carw Cymru. Our main focus will now be working on the country trails, cutting back verges and fly tipping removal.
Investing in technology to increase the amount of waste we recycle and reuse locally					
Developing a sustainable 'Circular Economy' through renewable energy and reuse, repair and manufacturing	Progress the proposal to develop, construct and operate a single wind turbine with an external wind developer	Mar-22	Lee Foulkes	On Target	Discussions on-going with the wind developer
	Collaborate with Newport Waste Savers, Too Good to Waste and other interested Third Sector Organisations to develop the growing area of re-use and repair.	Mar-22	Lee Foulkes	On Target	This action will continue throughout 2021/22
	Progress the Aberdare High Street Re-use shop refurbishment	Mar-22	Lee Foulkes	On Target	Refurbishment underway with completion expected by the end of the financial year and physical opening anticipated to be quarter 1 of 2022/23
Working with residents, landlords and agents to improve recycling rates across all dwellings					
Implement initiatives to reduce municipal waste	Increase the quality and quantity of recycling in Secondary schools and kitchens by encouraging the reduction of plastic bottle use, and the supply of appropriate collection equipment	Mar-22	Nicola Jones	On Target	Ongoing - red bags ordered for plastic bottle recycling only.
	Donate at least 1,000 plastic bottles from Schools to the 2021 Poppy Appeal	Dec-21	Nicola Jones	On Target	Ongoing and on target
	Organise a competition with schools to design a Remembrance Day feature out of plastic bottles.	Dec-21	Nicola Jones	Not on Target	Remembrance Day competition cancelled due to other operational priorities. Other options being considered e.g. an event run later in the year with a Christmas theme.
	To support businesses (including internal departments and Schools) to comply with forthcoming legislation to trade waste collections that from the Autumn 2021, require the separation of residual and recyclable waste. This includes contacting those using trade waste disposal and providing current information on our web pages	Mar-22	Nicola Jones		Welsh Government will not be announcing the legislative requirements until the end of the financial year. Local authorities will then be given 12 months to implement the legislation. NRW will remain the enforcing body. RCT's trade waste customers will continue to be informed and encouraged to separate their trade waste including food.
	Provide additional support to smaller businesses in the recycling of food waste with the provision of equipment to help them do so.	Mar-22	Nicola Jones	On Target	Ongoing
Work with social landlords to improve waste collection at communal bin collection points	Collaborate with six social landlords to review selected communal bin collection points with a view to reducing fly tipping and excess black bag dumping, improving quality recycling and increasing food recycling participation	Mar-22	Nicola Jones	On Target	Ongoing and making good progress with communal points in Rhydyfelin with Newydd. Areas mapped and residents to be informed. Fernhill area with Trivallis is due to be mapped.
	Utilise enforcement powers available to the Council and landlords to manage communal bin collection points	Feb-22	Tim Jones	On Target	Trivallis continues to fund one of our Officers to concentrate on issues on and around their estates.
	Treforest Waste & Recycling Co-ordinator to continue to meet and work with students and residents in Treforest regarding any waste, recycling and litter issues	Mar-22	Tim Jones	On Target	Schools are still on hold, but involvement continues with community groups. The Treforest Officer continues to work in and around the University of South Wales with more input during 'Fresher's Week'

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Working with residents and communities to reduce the number of incidents of littering, dog fouling, fly tipping and illegal parking, using enforcement powers as necessary					
Target enforcement exercises to tackle dog fouling, fly tipping littering. Enforcement teams also continue to monitor contaminated recycling, and excess black bag offences	Increase usage of Facebook and Twitter to promote our campaigns and raise awareness	Mar-22	Tim Jones	On Target	Ongoing - all prosecutions are sent to the press office as well as new initiatives such as promoting the amount of interviews of suspects we conduct
	Encourage Community Groups, Schools, Treforest University and PCSOs to include environmental crime issues in their local areas on their web sites.	Mar-22	Tim Jones	On Target	Working more closely with Police and Housing Associations on environmental offences who promote via their social media
	Liaise with Fly Tipping Action Wales to integrate fly mapper with the new CRM system (dependent on ICT)	Mar-22	Tim Jones	On Target	Work on-going to determine integration opportunities
	Undertake targeted enforcement exercises in problem areas e.g. PSPOs for dog fouling	Mar-22	Tim Jones	On Target	Targeted enforcement is continuing on a daily basis.
	Re-launch the 'Who Done It' web page, involving RCT residents in the identification of perpetrators	Nov-21	Tim Jones	On Target	Work on-going and to consider General Data Protection Regulation requirements.
Procuring a vehicle fleet that is fit for purpose yet has a limited impact on the environment					
Developing sustainable transport options	Monitor the continual development of alternative fuelled vehicles and legislation governing carbon reduction	Mar-22	David Meazey	On Target	Attended webinars discussing EV developments. A weeks trial of a Toyota EV Van has received positive feedback in terms of drive and range - 200 miles. Other opportunities to trial more vehicles will be taken when opportunities arise.
	Apply the recommendations of the Welsh Government Energy Services Wales ULEV (Ultra Low Emission Vehicles) Report to increase volumes of low carbon / electric vehicles	Mar-22	David Meazey	On Target	Draft Report received in September and will be taken account of as part of developing the Council's strategy in this area.
	Apply the recommendations of the Carbon Trust Insights and Recommendation Report to achieve a reduction in carbon emissions by moving to ULEVs	Mar-22	David Meazey	On Target	
	Provide updates on local Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure developments	Mar-22	Alistair Critchlow	On Target	The Council's Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is currently out to consultation, and an Implementation Plan is in the process of being drafted.
	In support of Welsh Government's target to switch all taxis and buses to LCEV by 2028, monitor and report on local EV Taxi developments providing support as required	Mar-22	Alistair Critchlow	On Target	Three EV Charging Points installed for Electric Taxis - Pontypridd, Porth and Aberdare, and work is on-going to connect the electricity supply to enable the charging points to be brought into use.
	EV Public Bus and Community Transport Services Monitor and report on local ULEV developments within RCT that will support sustainable transportation.	Mar-22	Charlie Nelson	On Target	The Council has taken delivery of 5 electric taxis as part of a regional "try before you buy" trial. In addition, dedicated EV Taxi 65kw charging points have now been installed in Porth, Aberdare and Pontypridd. A management company to oversee the trial has been appointed by the Cardiff City Deal Team and the taxis and the taxi charging points should be operational in quarter 3. The 22kw charging points, at 33 public car park and leisure centre sites are to be installed by the end of 2021/22, a further site in Aberdare having been added to the list. Associated civil engineering works are underway. Local community transport operator TraVol has secured unused ULEV funding, secured through the Community Transport Association Wales, and has ordered two electric wheelchair accessible minibuses for delivery in November / December 2021.
	Continue to work with the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) Team to investigate opportunities and identify funding opportunities to support operators to transition from diesel fleets to EV (or possibly hydrogen at some point).	Mar-22	Charlie Nelson	On Target	The Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Team have appointed a management company to run the regional "try before you buy" taxi trial. The Council has taken delivery of 5 electric taxis as part of the trial and dedicated EV Taxi 65kw charging points have been installed in Porth, Aberdare and Pontypridd. The trial is scheduled to commence in quarter 3.
Creating a circular approach to recycling and reusing waste material such as plastic at every opportunity. This will include developing the Eco Park at Bryn Pica					
Developing a sustainable 'Circular Economy'	CREATING RENEWABLE ENERGY Amgen Cymru Determine any potential redundant export capacity at Bryn Pica and determine how this could be utilised in combination with other technologies.	Jun-21	Lee Foulkes	Complete	Amgen Officers are working RCT Corporate Estates and the Climate Change Committee to identify options to increase the generation and use of renewable energy at the Bryn Pica Waste Management Site.
	Undertake procurement of a private wire connection from either or 2 renewable generating station at Bryn Pica with the aim of delivering energy / operational cost saving for the Materials Recycling Facility.	Mar-22	Lee Foulkes	On Target	Tender documentation being prepared
	PRESERVING AND EXTENDING WHAT IS ALREADY MADE Investigate the possibility of a recycling process to turn hard plastics into materials for sale or into a product.	Mar-22	Damian Walsh	On Target	Officers have procured and supervised a compositional analysis of the plastic waste available to seven of the local authorities in South Wales. This data will inform the specification of plant and equipment. Local Partnerships, funded by Welsh Government, are drafting an Outline Business Case for the Mixed Rigid Waste Plastics facility for consideration by Council officers.
	DESIGNING FOR THE FUTURE AND INCORPORATING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY Progress the development of the 'Eco Park' including finalisation of the detailed design and future funding options for building costs with Welsh Government	Mar-22	Damian Walsh	On Target	Initial design options and costs compiled and full planning consent in place. Work on-going in terms of return on investment.
Eliminating single use plastics such as coffee cups across schools and other council facilities					
Supporting the Council's decarbonisation agenda.	Continue the work delivered to reduce the Council's use of single use plastics.	Sep-21 & Ongoing	Marc Crumby	On Target	The draft strategy will be accompanied by a detailed action plan that will support delivery. Currently on target to complete the action plan that will accompany the strategy.

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Commitments linked to this Council Priority	2 - Keeping the County Borough moving, including improvements to roads and pavements and public transport, whilst also improving air quality				
Delivery Actions	Milestones/Sub Actions that will help to achieve overarching Action	Delivery Date	Responsible Officer	Progress	Overall progress on Action
Continuing to improve the condition of our roads and pavements and investing in our bridges, retaining walls and sustainable flood drainage systems					
Continue to invest in our highways and infrastructure to improve the condition of our road network and improve traffic flow	Continue to undertake improvements to our highways assets through a comprehensive programme including highway and footway resurfacing, streetlight replacement and structure repair and replacement	Mar-22	Jacqueline Mynott	On Target	Programme of work developed and ongoing
	Talbot Road/ A4119 Junction – traffic signals replacement	Oct-21	Jacqueline Mynott	Complete	Completed in Summer 2021
	Major Retaining Wall Refurbishment – repair and renovation of walls alongside main routes.	Mar-22	Jacqueline Mynott	Not on Target	A4054 scheme delayed due to Welsh Water constraints - revision to delivery timescale required that may impact on the overall delivery timescale. Revised delivery date 2022/23
	Complete First phase of repairs to Ynys Meurig Bridge, Abercynon	Sep-21	Jacqueline Mynott	Complete	Completed August 2021.
	Complete Commercial Street Footbridge – new Active Travel Link and A4059 crossing, Aberdare	Dec-21	Jacqueline Mynott	On Target	Works are on site
	Complete Nant Cwm Parc Cantilever and Institute Bridge Strengthening, A4061, Treorchy	Dec-21	Jacqueline Mynott	Not on Target	Works on site but experiencing delays, revised programme being drafted.
	Replacement of Abercynon Recreation Ground Footbridge	Nov-21	Jacqueline Mynott	On Target	Works are on site
	Complete design for Castle Inn Footbridge, Treforest	Jan-22	Jacqueline Mynott	On Target	Detailed design progressing
	Procure Refurbishment of Berw Road Bridge	Mar-22	Jacqueline Mynott	On Target	Trial repairs due to commence in Qtr3
Put in place Flood Alleviation measures to mitigate flood risk	Complete Cwmbach Industrial Estate Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS)	Sep-21	Andrew Stone	Not on Target	Contractor resource issues due to Covid-19. Revised Completion date of Oct-21
	Complete Park Lane, Trecynon FAS	Sep-21	Andrew Stone	Complete	
	Complete Upper Bronallt Terr FAS	Mar-22	Andrew Stone	On Target	Ground Investigation results received. Detailed design ongoing.
	Complete the Replacement of Highway Culvert under Bronallt Terr, Abercwmboi	Aug-21	Andrew Stone	Complete	
	Complete Flood Alleviation works to the A4059 at Aberdare	Aug-21	Andrew Stone	Complete	
	Complete Glenboi Pumping Station Improvements, Mt Ash.	Mar-22	Andrew Stone	Not on Target	Out to Tender. Supply chain issues highlighted by Tenderers (availability/lead time for materials). Likely completion May-22
	Complete the upgrade to 2 Culverts under Rhigos Road, Hirwaun	Mar-22	Andrew Stone	On Target	Out to Tender.
	Complete Pentre FAS OBC	Dec-21	Andrew Stone	Not on Target	Complexity of hydraulic modelling more than originally expected. Catchment model updated further to the Section 19 Report (July 2021). Revised target Mar-22
	Complete Inlet and highway drainage Rebuild and upgrade at Pentre Road, Pentre	Sep-21 & Ongoing	Andrew Stone	On Target	Final access Track works ongoing. Camera installed.
To provide services related to flood risk management as required of the Lead Local Flooding Authority under Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Flood Risk Regulations 2009 and as the Land Drainage Authority under the Land Drainage Act 1991	Complete Program of Small scale projects 9 Projects <£150k)	Mar-22	Andrew Stone	On Target	4 Complete. 2 in Construction phase
	Complete Treorchy FAS - Phase 1 works	Mar-22	Andrew Stone	On Target	Development of Business Justification Case (BJC) ongoing for Welsh Government Funding.
	FLOOD As Lead Local Flood Authority, carry out the requirements of the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 (FRR).	Mar-22	O Griffiths	On Target	RCT are currently working with the WLGA, Welsh Government and wider local authorities to develop a nationally consistent template to deliver Integrated Local Strategy and Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP). On completion of the Template, the review of the FRMP can be facilitated
	As required by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA) and Land Drainage Act 1991 (LDA) provide a year end report on the condition of assets inspected	Mar-22	O Griffiths	On Target	Regular monitoring and condition reviews are ongoing, which supports the development of the year end report
	To understand the level of risk from flooding and inform flood risk management priorities, produce a year-end report based on the monitoring equipment placed within high risk ordinary watercourse and the current FRAW maps and CaRR data. <i>This will be compared to data from March 2021.</i>	Mar-22	O Griffiths	On Target	Regular review of the current understanding of risk is ongoing, which supports the development of the year end report
	Provide a dedicated flood support, communication and awareness resource that will act as an intermediary between residents and flood professionals and co-coordinate support as required	Oct-21	A Stone	Complete	The report was presented and approved by Cabinet on 21 Sept 2021. A Review of Regulation of Awareness and Enforcement of Flood and Water Legislation
	Remotely monitor key culverts, outlets and other drainage systems, and link this information directly to the Central Emergency Control Centre at Ty Elai	Sep-21	O Griffiths	Not on Target	This project has commenced and delivered a significant upgrade i.e. a further 18 Remote Cameras have been installed with associated monitoring notably, these units are active and form part of the pre, during and post event monitoring during storm events. Work will continue in the coming months to complete the installation of the wider network. Revised Target Dec-21

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Encouraging the use of public transport through the development of the South Wales Metro, walking and cycling through an investment in active travel initiatives					
Programme and seek funding for longer term transport related capital infrastructure projects, such as Active Travel, park and ride/share, public transport, road safety, road improvement and safe routes in communities schemes.	Work collaboratively with Transport for Wales, Welsh Government, Cardiff Capital City Region Cabinet and other stakeholders, to identify, assess, develop, programme, and influence transport related capital infrastructure schemes	Dec-21	Charlie Nelson / Jessica Lonergan	On Target	Bids that did not receive funding in 2021/22 have been reviewed and where appropriate fed into the #RCT invest Making Better Use Programme. Schools, Councillors and Communities have been canvassed for schemes to be considered under the Welsh Government's Safe Routes in Communities programme and a short list of schemes will be submitted as part of the 2022/23 bidding round.
	Prepare funding bids as approved by Cabinet to Welsh Government, City Deal and other funding agencies that meet the Environment Act (Wales) 2016 and have Business Cases prepared as guided by the seven well-being goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.	Jan-22 or as directed	Charlie Nelson / Jessica Lonergan	On Target	Reviewed and assessed bids that did not receive funding in 2021/22 to determine whether to re-submit. This will be undertaken in conjunction with an assessment of those projects within the #RCT Invest Making Better Use Programme that could be externally funded and the level of additional work required.
Working with Welsh Government and the Regional Transport Authority to continue to improve access to public transport and explore opportunities to bringing back disused public transport, such as rail lines, for bus routes and active travel					
Respond to the City Deal Region strategic reviews of Improving Public Transport and the Regulatory regime for taxi licensing in Wales and develop appropriate, new policies as required.	Contribute to the development of legislative and guidance changes for Wales in relation to the taxi industry and report to licensing committee in relation to emerging recommendations that impact on RCT policy	Dec-21	Kim Trilloe	On Target	Confirmation of standard processes has yet to be agreed among all LA's. The only process that required implementation was use of the NR3 database. RCT had already signed up for this had began using the facility before the requirement.
	Report to Cabinet with recommendations for RCT Policy in relation to adoption of new, electric vehicle standards for the taxi fleet	Dec-21	Rhian Hope	Complete	Report to Licensing Committee and Members agreed to temporarily amending licensing conditions to enable 5 electric vehicles to be brought into the fleet as part of a pilot (and a Delegated Decision process followed for amendments). Awaiting confirmation of a start date for the pilot.
Exploring opportunities to develop a cycle network to major destinations in the County Borough without impeding main traffic routes					
Progress opportunities to develop active travel routes including cycle networks to major destinations in the County Borough without impeding main traffic routes	Complete concept designs for routes linked with Aberdare, Porth and Pontypridd Town Centre Enhancements	Mar-22	Rebecca Smith	On Target	Design is progressing on agreed routes.
	Develop Phase 2 of the active travel route in Treorchy including detailed design and planning	Mar-22	Rebecca Smith	On Target	Design progressing.
	Complete detailed design for the active travel route from Pontygwaith to Maerdy	Mar-22	Rebecca Smith	On Target	Design progressing and survey work on-going.
	Following Active Travel studies progress new routes to next stages including active travel links: - from surrounding communities to the Church Village Community Route and extending this route across the Taff Valley to Upper Boat and Treforest Industrial Estate.	Mar-22	Rebecca Smith	On Target	Design progressing.
	- within the southern part of Treforest industrial Estate which contains Coleg y Cymoedd campus and the new DWP office.	Mar-22	Rebecca Smith	On Target	Design progressing and Statutory Public Consultation being prepared for the new pedestrian crossing.
Promoting and investing in the roll out of electric vehicle charging opportunities					
Introduce and implement a Green Fleet Pilot scheme within the RCT taxi fleet that will form part of a Welsh Government scheme for a 'try before you buy' initiative, allowing taxi drivers to try a fully electric, wheelchair accessible vehicle for 30 days free of charge. The trial will include free electric charging, insurance, vehicle licensing and breakdown cover funded by Welsh Government	Identify dates for delivery of the vehicles, when the vehicles will be available for use and duration RCT have for their use	May-21	Kim Trilloe	Complete	5 vehicles have been delivered and are available for RCT for 3 years. RCT, as with each of the other Cardiff City region local authorities, are awaiting an update from Welsh Government on how the vehicles will be managed and brought onto fleet. The Frontline Services area within the Council are taking the lead on this trial and overseeing implementation of charging points (subject to receipt of information from Welsh Government to inform the way forward).
	Scope potential issues or discrepancies of the vehicles that will not conform to our current conditions	May-21	Kim Trilloe	Complete	The vehicles will be licensed as Hackney Carriages. The colour scheme of the vehicle does not fully conform to current RCT policy.
	Take to Committee a report to adopt a temporary change in local conditions and policy to allow the vehicles onto fleet	Jun-21	Kim Trilloe	Complete	
	Liaise with the trade to inform them on the details of the scheme	Jun-21	Kim Trilloe	Target Missed	The management tender process was unsuccessful and further information is awaited on how the pilot will be taken forward. .
	Arrange for feedback from each trail immediately upon completion. Complete a questionnaire	Dec-21	Kim Trilloe	Not on Target	

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Using enforcement to increase compliance and support traffic to move smoothly and safely					
Using enforcement to increase compliance and support traffic to move smoothly and safely	Effectively enforce on and off-street parking restrictions with the use of mobile cameras at School Keep Clear zones, controlled pedestrian crossings and Bus Stops	Mar-22	Alistair Critchlow	On Target	Enforcement ongoing.
	Seek Cabinet approval to initiate powers to enforce Moving Traffic Offences e.g. passing through a 'No Entry' sign or driving the wrong way down a one-way street	Mar-22	Alistair Critchlow		Deferred to 2022/23
Deliver actions for improving air quality as detailed in the Air Quality Action Plans and recommended by the Climate Change Steering Group	Review the existing Air Quality Action Plans (AQAPs) and work with Highways to ensure all recommendations are achieved	Mar-22	Neil Pilliner	On Target	A draft annual progress report has been produced, including a review on implementing the Action Plans. Due to the current uncertainty associated with the ongoing COVID 19 response and uncertainty about future trend in local air quality, any in depth AQAP review would encounter notable challenges as it is difficult to predict societal/behaviour changes at present. As such it is considered necessary to delay the completion of the scheduled in depth review of the AQAPs to 2022 at the earliest. The existing AQAPs will be kept under review and progressed as far as possible with Highways during this extended period.

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Commitments linked to this Council Priority	3 - Ensuring the County Borough is one of the safest places in Wales, with high levels of community cohesion and where residents feel safe				
Delivery Actions	Milestones/Sub Actions that will help to achieve overarching Action	Delivery Date	Responsible Officer	Progress	Overall progress on Action
Supporting the voluntary, community and faith sectors to help build active communities, creating the capacity for meeting the needs of residents within their communities					
Promote the Dementia Friends initiative to Council staff	Develop the Dementia Friends online training on the RCT Source	Dec-21	Rhian Hope		Due to the current requirement to re-prioritise resources to support the Council's on-going recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, these actions will be considered as part of planning for 2022/23.
	Conduct an evaluation of the online training to establish the number of staff trained	Mar-22	Rhian Hope		
Further develop the 'RCT Together' Community Asset Transfer approach to ensure the successful transfer of Council Land and buildings to community organisations can actively address service priority needs identified by local Neighbourhoods and communities.	Co-develop with Corporate Estates to develop a 21st Century 'Community Asset Transfer' Policy which enables communities to influence the Council's decision making when transferring assets, buildings or services into community ownership	Sep-21 Revised Mar-22	Debra Hanney	On Target	Draft being developed with input from Third/Voluntary sector.
	Develop proportionate and flexible Community Asset Transfer processes to support small and large Community Land Transfer proposals	Sep-21 Revised Mar-22	Debra Hanney	On Target	
	To review and revise the criteria for the Council's Concessionary Lettings Policy and application process to include the impact of 'Social Value' in determining the outcome of applications	Sep-21 Revised Mar-22	Debra Hanney	On Target	
	Share agreed approach for Social Value with partners and community groups to enable them to put a value on the social impact of community projects and activities	Mar-22	Lynne Williams	On Target	Social Value email sent to Community Groups in September. Opportunities identified to support further developments with current 21C Schools contractor in Hawthorn
Developing RCT as a Sustainable Food Place to ensure access to good quality food, reducing food waste and food poverty	Co-produce good practice mapping with partners & identify areas for improvement	Mar-22	Dean Emson	Not on Target	Currently not on target due to unsuccessful recruitment process. No change to target date at this time.
	Co-develop Food Prosperity Network with partners & business and develop an action plan with Food Sense Wales with a view to achieving Sustainable Food Places' Bronze Award	Dec-21	Dean Emson	On Target	Sustainable Food Network established. We have a good understanding of the priorities in RCT and these will be reflected in our next Sustainable Food Places applications
	Consider further funding application to co-ordinate the agreed approach	Dec-21	Dean Emson	On Target	Further applications are being prepared and will be submitted in October to Sustainable Food Places (SFP).
	Work with community groups and food partners to agree on allocation of funding from the Welsh Government's Food Poverty Grant	Sep-21	Caroline O'Neill/Dean Emson	Complete	Development of SFP Membership application and Development Grant application in progress with RCT SFP Steering Group members. Re-advertising for SFP Co-ordinator role.
Working with the police and Community Safety Partnership to prevent and deter anti-social behaviour and substance misuse in our town					
Support effective partnership working in Cwm Taf to improve Community safety for the population	Work with partners to refresh the Cwm Taf Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment and develop the delivery plan accordingly	Dec-21	Gary Black	Not on Target	The strategic assessment will form part of the wellbeing assessment. This work is currently underway by an external agency commissioned by the PSB and RPB - engagement will be on-going to monitor progress. .
	Assist in developing the new 4P Strategy for the Serious Violence and Organised Crime Partnership Board <i>Note: The 4P strategy is a strategy that is used in a number of crime related arenas and it ensures that equal focus is placed on Protect, Prepare, Prevent and Pursue</i>	Dec-21	Gary Black	On Target	We are an integral part of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Serious and Organised Crime Partnership Board and are part of the work being progressed to develop a new 4P strategy.
Implement the restructure of the Cwm Taf Youth Offending Service.	Implement the restructure of the Youth Offending Service and ensure the new structure aligns with and meets the challenges and demands set out in the 'Blueprint for Youth Justice in Wales Implementation Plan'	Aug-21	Lyndon Lewis	Complete	Restructure completed August 2021. Further work required to embed new structure to align with national and regional priorities
Further develop the Integrated Substance Misuse Service in Cwm Taf	Work with partners to increase outreach services to engage with, with particular focus on individuals who are unlikely to engage with services. To include homeless people placed in temporary accommodation and those on Housing First projects who have multiple complex needs including those with chronic substance misuse, mental health needs and offending backgrounds	Sep-21 & Ongoing	Cheryl Emery / Ceri Ford	On Target	Barod Staff continue to strive to make links with housing to provide harm reduction services to "harder to reach" individuals. In September, Barod alongside SWP and APB Harm Reduction Co-ordinator have started Peer 2 Peer Naloxone Training and distribution in Merthyr Tydfil; it is expected that it will be rolled out across RCT in the near future. This is an excellent project and is a way to not only engage people who may not have accessed services previously, but to also promote collaborative working and raise awareness. With reference to the Specialist Housing Outreach Service, Mental Health and Substance Misuse nurses are now in post and trauma counsellors have also been recruited through MIND. The service has already improved outcomes for people who use the service and identified the extent of some of the complexities.

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Further develop the Integrated Substance Misuse Service in Cwm Taf	Raise awareness in the community of the harms associated with substance misuse	Ongoing	Gary Black / Ceri Ford	On Target	Barod outreach team liaise with various organisations including; housing, CTM UHB sexual health team, probation, Pobl and Cornerstone, Community pharmacies, Women's Aid and have recently visited pharmacies across the area to distribute Naloxone posters and make links. Alongside this work, there has been a Barod wide social media campaign about Naloxone. On social media, information relating to September Recovery month has promoted; service user groups, a recovery walk, International Overdose Awareness Day by raising awareness about overdose signs and how to respond. An outreach van is utilised for mobile needle exchange.
Provide equitable and accessible substance misuse service provision across the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region.	Work with partners in Bridgend to recommission Tier 1 and 2 substance misuse services that are aligned with provision in Merthyr / Rhondda Cynon Taf	Dec-21	Ceri Ford	On Target	Tender documents have been completed in quarter 2 and were published on 4th October 2021.
To further improve our Housing Services to provide appropriate housing options and support for vulnerable groups to prevent homelessness and reduce the use of temporary accommodation.	Develop Short Term Offender Project to offer support to reduce homelessness and repeat offending	Jun-21	Sue Preece	Complete	The successful provider was notified and the contract issued through Procurement with a start date of 19/7/21
Delivering a multi-agency response to all forms of violence and the criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable adults					
Ensure our communities are safe spaces for women, girls and people who feel vulnerable when going about their everyday lives	Support a task and finish group reviewing current arrangements for keeping people safe	May-21	Rhian Hope	Complete	The Safe Street Ambassadors Pilot ended in August 2021. Future actions will be in partnership with South Wales Police as part of the 'Ask Angela' campaign. The Licensing Team will communicate the campaign to licensed trade through the 'Pubwatch Scheme' that they attend.
	Implement any recommendations relating to premises licensing, taxi licensing or town centre security arrangements that have come out of the task and finish group	Mar-22	Rhian Hope	On Target	The work has been agreed and input from teams are being arranged
Deliver proactive initiatives to reduce the prevalence of problem, public space drinking in our communities	Launch Aberdare Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)	Oct-21	Gary Black/ Laura Dando	Target Missed	There has been a delay due to Covid-19 restrictions and re-prioritisation of resources linked to the pandemic. Discussions are ongoing in relation to the most appropriate way forward.
	Complete the third-year evaluation of the PSPO	Jul-21	Gary Black/ Laura Dando	Complete	Evaluation complete
	Respond to the findings of the PSPO evaluation and make recommendations to Cabinet	Sep-21	Gary Black	Complete	Report was presented to Cabinet on the 23/09/21 and Cabinet approved a new PSPO from the 1st October https://rctcbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s30921/Report.pdf?LLL=0
Improve service provision across Cwm Taf Morgannwg for Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence services.	To explore a more co-ordinated frontline service response in partnership with Women's Aid RCT (WARCT) and the Oasis Centre. Through improved multi agency work and co-location of Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) to develop one point of contact in RCT for those who have experienced or are experiencing domestic abuse to include young people, families, and single person male and female households	Mar-22	Rachel Gronow / Gary Black	On Target	Ongoing. Draft Action Plan completed for service review and a report is being drafted containing proposals for consideration.
	Provide direct (IDVA) support to children, who have multiple support needs and who have experienced domestic violence	Jul-21	Gary Black / Ruth Wragg	Complete	Housing First IDVA in post and working with Housing First caseload.
Preventing radicalisation and supporting victims of hate crime, including raising awareness					
Support effective partnership working in Cwm Taf to improve Community safety for the population	Deliver a programme of Hate Crime awareness sessions across communities, in all settings including schools and colleges	Mar-22	Gary Black	On Target	The face to face sessions have been put on hold but we have been busy developing an on-line training module. Face to face sessions will resume as soon as covid guidelines allow.
Ensure the Local Authority is proactive in the fight against terrorism.	Effectively contribute to the implementation of 'Contest Cymru'	Mar-22	Gary Black	On Target	
	Ensure the Prevent, Protect and Prepare duties are embedded within our counter terrorism organisational structure	Oct-21	Gary Black	Complete	The RCT Community Safety and Strategic Partnerships Manager chairs the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Contest Board and attends the All Wales Contest, Prevent and Protect and Prepare Strategic Boards. The same Officer also chairs the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Prevent Delivery Group, which ensures the Prevent Strategy of Contest Cymru is being delivered effectively. RCT have also developed a Protective Security Preparedness Group which deals with the Protect and Prepare strategies of Contest Cymru.

Council Priority:	PLACES - where people are proud to live, work and play				
Commitments linked to this Council Priority	4 - Getting the best out of our parks by looking after and investing in our greenspaces				
Delivery Actions	Milestones/Sub Actions that will help to achieve overarching Action	Delivery Date	Responsible Officer	Progress	Overall progress on Action
Investing in the parks infrastructure, including playgrounds, pavements, seating areas and horticultural facilities, and developing masterplans for our major parks that will deliver significant improvements					
Deliver the Playgrounds capital investment programme.	Deliver and complete all projects, according to the schedule of works	Mar-22	Lisa Austin	Not on Target	80% of project plans are in place but delivery of projects is being affected by shortages and extended lead in times on play equipment.
Dare Valley Country Park - Launch Gravity Family Bike Park	To complete investment works and preparation of facilities	Jun-21	Chris Richards	Complete	Investment works complete.
	Develop marketing strategy with Corporate Tourism and Marketing Sections	Ongoing	Chris Richards	On Target	
	Open to the public	Jun-21	Chris Richards	Complete	Gravity Family Bike Park opening to the public early August 2021.
	Launch new website for Dare Valley Country Park	May-21	Chris Richards	Complete	Website launched https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Tourism/DareValleyCountryPark/DareValleyCountryPa rk.aspx
Delivering natural carbon storage solutions such as those provided by trees, peat bogs, marshy grassland and other natural habitats across the County Borough to enhance air quality and reduce the impact of greenhouse gasses					
Investigate the potential for natural carbon solutions in RCT through actions that will increase carbon capture and storage	Explore the hydrologic potential of peatbogs in RCT and identify where re-wetting has potential to prevent further carbon loss and / or promote carbon storage capacity. Identify Council owned sites, where works would be beneficial for more detailed study.	Mar-22	Richard Wistow/ Liz Dean	On Target	
	Explore opportunities that exist within the planning agreement for peat bog restoration schemes to also include carbon sequestration and any other additional areas work to support carbon reduction. <i>These actions arise from the Nature's Assets report, contribute to the Council's Carbon Reduction Strategy and are dependant on funding being made available</i>	Mar-22	Richard Wistow/ Liz Dean	On Target	
Offering community grants for creating greener space, encouraging community groups to invest in small and medium scale greening projects in urban locations across the County Borough					
Developing more sustainable ways of working to protect and promote the biodiversity of Rhondda Cynon Taf.	Work with Streetcare team to identify and signpost additional sites to be managed as wildflower meadows	Jun-21 & Ongoing	Marie Fowler	On Target	This is an ongoing process as we are constantly receiving feedback from local people. More signage will be erected over the winter months to signpost new areas.
	Deliver training to grass cutting teams within Streetcare and Parks to raise awareness on wildflower grass management – including delivering training to temporary members of staff	Jun-21	Marie Fowler	Complete	This was completed at the beginning of the grass cutting season. Additional training will be provided later on this year as well as a refresher next spring.
	Promote and deliver the 'Grab your Rake' campaign inviting members of the community to support us by raking and bagging an area of grass after it has been strimmed.	Sep-21	Marie Fowler	Complete	5 events completed.
	Launch the Biodiversity website and promote via RCT CBC social media channels	Jun-21 & Ongoing	Marie Fowler	Complete	https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/PlanningandBuildingControl/Countryside/Biodiversity/BiodiversityinRCT.aspx
	Develop and promote wildflower management through website	Jun-21 & Ongoing	Marie Fowler	Complete	Website complemented with Let's Talk Wildflowers platform https://lets-talk.rctcbc.gov.uk/let-s-talk-wildflowers
	Working as part of the Local Nature Partnership we will review our 'Action for Nature' plan to show how we can help nature thrive in RCT. We will be setting out what action we need to take and how everyone can help.	Mar-22	Liz Dean/ Richard Wistow	On Target	Monthly meetings focusing on different habitat actions also full partnership meeting in April to review overall progress and website design.
	Take forward the 'Living Landscape' project, by developing a costed 'pilot' comprising 28 sites for funding bids. Linking local sites and community groups with each other can show how working together benefits everyone, as well as the wildlife.	Mar-22	Liz Dean/ Richard Wistow	On Target	Pilot sites selected, outline costings established and discussed at Natures Assets meetings.
	Support the Healthy Hillside Project, led by Natural Resources Wales to reduce the fire risk of various sites in RCT through conservation management. Sites include Penrhys slopes, Clydach Vale and land near Rhondda Heritage Park (Council owned) and Y Graig Common, Llantrisant (Town Trust ownership).	Mar-23	Liz Dean/ Richard Wistow	On Target	Welsh Government funding approved to March 23, Steering group established, staff appointed and based with the Wildlife Trust.
	Continue to assess Planning Applications for their impact on biodiversity. This includes wildlife management plans for the development and identification of opportunities to protect or improve habitats and making sure planning conditions and agreements are delivered by the developer.	Mar-22	Liz Dean/ Richard Wistow	On Target	Ongoing. A Graduate Ecologist has been recruited to assist this work (from Sept 21)

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Exploring opportunities to create and use our own green sustainable energy such as micro hydro-electric schemes which utilise natural river and water course features					
Develop and deliver a large Renewable Energy Project Plan for major project sites	Develop a suite of large-scale renewable energy projects in line with Net Zero working to support the delivery of a carbon neutral authority	Mar-22 & Ongoing	Anthony Roberts	On Target	Project timelines and outline budgets for both development and construction stages under review with WGES
	Deliver viable large-scale renewable energy projects	Mar-22 & Ongoing	Jon Arroyo	On Target	Projects under feasibility review and to be considered by the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG).
Bringing cultural and sports events to our parks, such as the National Eisteddfod for Wales in 2024, and Glamorgan County Cricket to Ynysangharad Park to play T20 competitions, investing in the parks infrastructure to hold such significant events					
Develop and deliver the priorities of the Valleys Regional Park (VRP) in RCT	Improve the visitor facilities and offer in Destination Gateway Sites – Dare Valley Country Park and Ynysangharad Park	Ongoing	Derek James	On Target	All VRP financial support has been drawn down. Works in both Dare Valley and YWMP are nearing completion. Additional external funding secured via WG's Brilliant Basics and NRaW programmes which will allow for additional interpretation across Dare Valley Country Park. Improvements to existing footpaths will also be undertaken.
	Improve Discovery Gateway site cross promotion including visitor welcome and onsite information to support the development of Destination Gateway sites and promotion of the wider Valleys Regional Park	Ongoing	Peter Mortimer/Ian Christopher	On Target	RCT Tourism are members of the 'Southern Wales Tourism' partnership who have recently filmed a promotional video at Dare Valley Country Park. This video will be used to promote this Discovery Gateway Site as well as all its offerings. Communication with Valleys Regional Park colleagues continues and further promotional filming planned is planned in the near future. https://youtu.be/W-fnlbq9vGw