

Report of the Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Strategy

Council – 27 July 2017

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA – POLICY COMMITMENTS STATEMENT

Summary

Purpose:	To adopt an outline of Council Policy Commitments for the City and County of Swansea for the next 5 years.
Policy Framework:	None.
Consultation:	N/A.
Recommendation:	It is recommended that: 1) The City and County of Swansea Policy Commitments are adopted.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Authority wishes to establish a number of Policy Commitments. To that end it has developed a Policy Commitments Statement setting out its values. This is attached as **Appendix A**.

2. Council's Priorities and Corporate Plan

- 2.1 Council are asked to adopt this Policy Commitments Statement which in turn will be used to inform the Council's priorities and corporate plan for 2017-22. Over time the themes identified in the Policy Commitments Statement will be built into the Authority's Local Plans.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Whilst there are no immediate financial implications arising directly from this report, acceptance of this statement could result in additional expenditure at a future time. Acceptance of this statement does not mean that additional resources will be made available and it should be assumed for now that future spending needs will need to be contained within existing budget provision.

- 3.2 That assumption regarding overall revenue spending will be dependent upon the level of future local government finance settlements and decisions to be made by Council on levels of future Council Tax as part of the annual budget cycle and medium term planning. Overall real terms revenue resources are likely to remain significantly constrained in the medium term.
- 3.3 Capital investment decisions and the associated funding requirement will be primarily a function of decisions by Council regarding the broad level of capital versus revenue spending, including the amount that Council decides to budget for capital financing (borrowing), capital receipts from ongoing asset disposals, continued successful access to large scale capital funding programmes (e.g. 21st Century Schools, City Region Deal), and future funding flexibilities that may flow to Welsh Government, and ultimately to local authorities, again predominantly, but not exclusively, through the City Region Deal.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Some of the policy commitments will need legal advice and assistance.

5. Equality Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct equality implications although plans to implement policy commitments may be subject to an EIA.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: Appendix A – Policy Commitments Statement

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TOGETHER FOR SWANSEA

1. The Council's Vision for Swansea

- 1.1 Swansea is a very special place with distinctive communities and rich in its culture, history, arts, and sporting achievements. We are very proud to live in such a beautiful place with its wonderful range of natural habitats, parks and open spaces. No other city can match Swansea with its miles of glorious beaches, the Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and local and national nature reserves.
- 1.2 Swansea Council will continue to work in partnership and develop the well-being of all our citizens and every community. We will work closely with other bodies/organisations and put the well-being of our citizens and communities and our seven well-being goals at the heart of everything we do, aiming to create;
- a prosperous Swansea,
 - a globally responsible Swansea,
 - a resilient Swansea,
 - a Swansea of cohesive communities,
 - a more equal Swansea,
 - a healthier Swansea,
 - a Swansea of vibrant culture.
- 1.3 Swansea Council's draft well-being objectives will form the basis of our corporate plan in 2017-22 and are focused on;
- Economy and Infrastructure
 - Education and Skills
 - Tackling Poverty
 - Safeguarding
 - Transformation and Future Council
- 1.4 We will establish a Strategic Delivery Unit to embed effective delivery and cross- departmental co-ordination.

2. A PROSPEROUS SWANSEA

Standing Up For Education Learning and Skills

- 2.1 Swansea Council will strive to make our city one of the best places for children and young people to be educated in Wales and the UK.

- 2.2 We will continue to work with our local universities and continue to innovate, learn from the best, share best practice with all schools and run an ambitious, supportive and effective performance framework for our teachers and schools.

Investing in Education

- 2.3 Swansea Council will commit to spending nearly £1bn on schools, teaching and learning in the next 5 years and invest over £100 million in extensive improvements to school buildings across Swansea.
- 2.4 We will continue to invest in facilities for those who have additional learning needs or require additional wellbeing and mobility support in our schools and in our special schools, ensuring that all children and young people have the opportunity to realise their potential.
- 2.5 Working in partnership with schools, colleges and employers, we will support pupils to choose the best career path. This will include alternatives to traditional exams and assist those who want to progress through to college and university education, ensuring that all young people have the opportunity to build a career and access well paid jobs.
- 2.6 Working with our regional partners, we will align our education system to ensure we create the right people with the right skills to supply the new economy, and to fill jobs offering routes to well-paid careers. As part of the Swansea Bay City Deal, and working closely with the Regional Skills & Learning Partnership, we will help all people to attain the skills they need to find a job.

High Performing Community Schools

- 2.7 Swansea Council will continue to work in partnership with head teachers and governing bodies to help ensure that schools are accessible and available for community activities and that children, young people, their families and the wider community can all benefit from these new arrangements.
- 2.8 We will promote school buildings as a resource for the whole community, not just children and young people. We will assist schools to develop and promote Family Learning, Wellbeing, Healthy Eating and Exercise, Recreation and Sports.

The Best Start in Life for all our Children: Happy, Healthy and Safe

- 2.9 Swansea Council will work with partners locally and internationally to seek to continue to participate in the World Health Organisation's 'Healthy City' initiative and encourage schools to provide school breakfast clubs and provide a safe and supportive environment before and after the school day.
- 2.10 Working with the Welsh Government, we will work in partnership with schools to encourage participation in the Welsh Government's plan to provide 30 hours a week for 48 weeks a year, free to 3 and 4 year old children, to ensure that all young children have the best start in life.

- 2.11 Swansea Council will aim to provide the right number of places, in both English and Welsh medium education to meet the wishes of children and families who want to be educated in the two languages of Wales.

A City of Life Long Learning

- 2.12 Working with our regional partners, Swansea Council will lead in creating an intelligent knowledge regional network, based on a new dynamic relationship with schools, the further education colleges, our two universities and employers. We will aim to create a seamless education and skills 'pipeline' through all levels education collaborating closely with partners we will create the workforce for the new technology skills and knowledge economy we will need to compete and succeed in the 21st century.
- 2.13 Building upon our membership of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities, the Council will build on our international links through our membership to share ideas and best practice, learning from each other and building strong economic and cultural ties.

The Swansea Bay City Deal

- 2.14 Swansea Council will continue to work with our regional partners and the business community to deliver the City Deal, the 35,000 associated regional jobs, and promote the Swansea Bay City region.
- 2.15 We will establish a dedicated investment and growth team. By increasing wider economic and social prosperity and the well-being of all our communities in Swansea, we will create better jobs closer to home.
- 2.16 Swansea Council will regenerate the Kingsway area and develop a digital employment district. We will improve the Highways and public realm in order to support the transformation of the area.
- 2.17 Swansea Council will deliver the Swansea Central and Swansea Waterfront regeneration schemes on the old St David's and Civic Centre sites, creating new shopping, dining and leisure attractions. This will include a multipurpose digital arena, digital aquarium and gallery, new hotels, offices and public squares.
- 2.18 We will make the city more attractive and accessible all year round for pedestrians and shoppers, by encouraging the development of more homes with a mix of tenures, exploring the provision of continuous covered walkways to guarantee weather proof shopping in the city centre's main streets, creating new outside dining areas and performance spaces in Wind Street and encouraging independent businesses to set up in Swansea.

3. A GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE SWANSEA

- 3.1 Swansea Council will establish new bilateral trade and economic agreements with cities and regions around the world.
- 3.2 We will develop international links, our special links with China and our twinned Cities around the world. We will build strong economic and cultural ties thereby growing Swansea's wealth and reputation.

4. A GREENER MORE RESILIENT SWANSEA

Standing Up for a Greener Swansea

- 4.1 Swansea Council will continue to put sustainable development at the heart of all our policies and value and seek to protect Swansea's unique natural and built environment.

Delivering Green Energy

- 4.2 We will strive to make Swansea Bay one of the greenest regions in the UK and seek to create a low carbon economy which promotes renewable energy developments like the Tidal Bay Lagoon. We will promote renewable green energy and aim for all developments to have as low a carbon footprint as possible. We will not promote fracking and other contentious gas extraction methods.
- 4.3 Working with Swansea University and other local partners, Swansea Council will create a greener, smart and sustainable city by encouraging the development of 5th Generation network technologies to promote the development of 'low carbon' approaches and innovations in energy capture, storage, and distribution.
- 4.4 Swansea Council will explore establishing an energy company to manage the new energy generating facilities across the authority and to ensure the taxpayers of Swansea receive the benefits of income from energy generated in Swansea.

Lighting Our Communities

- 4.5 Swansea Council will convert all remaining street lights to low energy LED in the next 5 years.

Delivering Better & Smarter Transport

- 4.6 Working with our regional partners, Swansea Council will work towards developing an efficient and integrated transport system which develops the built and natural environment and encourages higher levels of physical activity.

Smart, Sustainable Transport

- 4.7 We will work with the Welsh Government, regional local authorities, the health service and other major employers and transport users, to develop a sustainable transport plan that works for everyone in whichever community they live.
- 4.8 Swansea Council will develop an integrated smart transport infrastructure that supports growth and makes commuting easier for all, whichever mode of transport local people choose to use.
- 4.9 We will develop new relationships with bus and rail operators to ensure connectivity and coverage exists for the entire city, county and the region.
- 4.10 We will pursue ways to improve our City's public transport services with simplified services using modern clean efficient vehicles, improved bus service frequencies, especially to our poorer communities, plus a simplified fares system. We will explore the benefits of introducing a more demanding customer focused Quality Bus Partnership and/or Quality Bus Contract between the Council and bus operators.

Greener, More Sustainable Transport

- 4.11 We will look to expand the transport network to ensure better coverage in the west of the city, in the east around the growing university campuses, and in the north as part of planning with the Swans and Ospreys for match day parking.
- 4.12 Working with the Welsh Government, we will explore the roll out of an 'Oyster card' style cashless card system as part of the integrated smarter transport system.
- 4.13 We will continue to lobby the UK Government to confirm a date for completion of the electrification of the main line from London to Swansea so that the cleanest energy and most efficient trains run in and out of Swansea.
- 4.14 Working in partnership with Sport Wales, our local universities and many other partners, we will make Swansea an 'Active City' by encouraging greater physical activity and improving people's health and wellbeing. We will seek to follow NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence) Guidance on Physical Activity and the Environment.
- 4.15 Swansea Council will continue to invest in our road, walkway and cycle path network. We will continue to focus resources to deal with road and highway repairs in 48 hours.
- 4.16 We will explore and bid for infrastructure funding to invest in better road and cycle links to the city, so that those travelling from the west, north or east of the county can commute more easily.

- 4.17 Swansea Council is committed to increasing the numbers of electric and hydrogen vehicles in Swansea. We will seek to secure investment to create a network of charging stations and hydrogen filling stations to promote the use of electric vehicles and hydrogen vehicles for public transport.
- 4.18 Working with global partners to develop the technologies to support the development of new green technologies we will aim to attract inward investment in R&D and production facilities for these technologies in the city and region.

A Bike and Cyclist Friendly Swansea

- 4.19 Swansea Council will support the 'Wheelrights Manifesto', aiming to increase access to safe, quicker and more cost effective cycle and walking routes through many different parts of the city.
- 4.20 We will continue to encourage quality cycle training in schools for adults and will support the establishment of a bike hire scheme in Swansea and explore the introduction of electric bikes in Swansea.

Fairer Parking

- 4.21 Swansea Council will examine the feasibility of introducing a comprehensive city centre parking system, adopting more flexible and fairer car park charges in local authority controlled car parks. We will also expand parking provision across the city and commit to freezing car parking charges across Swansea for at least two years.

Valuing Our Parks, Open Spaces and Natural Environment

- 4.22 Swansea has an outstanding collection of beautiful parks and open spaces across the city, many recognised by the prestigious 'Green Flag' accreditation. We will enhance and sustain our parks and natural habitats for the present and future generations by re-greening our communities and investing in wildflower displays across Swansea.
- 4.23 Working with 'friends of parks' organisations Swansea Council will encourage greater community ownership of parks and public spaces to ensure long-term sustainability and control of these assets.
- 4.24 We will seek to protect Swansea's natural and built environment by ensuring that any development and major event within the city complies with sustainable development principles.
- 4.25 Working in partnership with our public and private sector partners Swansea Council will seek to develop 'Green Infrastructure' in our buildings and estates.
- 4.26 We will modernise the planning system and ensure the city is a place where appropriate sustainable development can take place efficiently and ensure

Swansea is open for business and an attractive place for investment and development.

- 4.27 Swansea Council will encourage the greater use of public access land such as our commons and forests for informal recreation.

Growing Local

- 4.28 We will seek to promote the greater use of allotment and garden sharing particularly where publicly owned land is available and appropriate for such use.
- 4.29 Swansea Council will support and expand community enterprises that help people gain growing and cooking skills and to help people escape food poverty.

5. A CITY OF COHESIVE COMMUNITIES

Standing Up for Stronger and Safer Communities

- 5.1 Swansea Council will make imaginative use of digital technologies and put this at the heart of all its policies.

Community Action

- 5.2 We will continue to follow the co-operative 'one council' model and ensure that the whole council - elected Members and Staff - work together to empower local communities to do more, to achieve more and to be involved in more of the decisions that affect them.

Cleaner Communities

- 5.3 Swansea Council will create a task force to tackle fly tipping and ensure our streets are cleaned regularly. We will support recycling and ensure we will continue to be the leading urban authority in Wales for recycling. We will increase the recycling options, but not reduce the 3 black bag limit.

Community Resilience

- 5.4 We will continue to support community budgets so that local people have the funds to address their local priorities.

Libraries and Community Buildings

- 5.5 Swansea Council will invest in Libraries and Community buildings to make them sustainable and ensure people have local access to services across Swansea.

Celebrating Diversity

- 5.6 Swansea Council will continue to stand up for the rights of all people in Swansea to live their lives, freely without fear, hatred, discrimination, or

repression regardless of race, colour, religion and beliefs, sexual orientation, gender or age.

Promoting Community Safety

- 5.7 By developing and sustaining a strong partnership between the community, the police and other agencies, we will focus on cutting crime by promoting local ownership of community safety.
- 5.8 Swansea Council will support people to live independently by developing a network of local area coordinators to cover the whole of Swansea. This network will work with voluntary organisations and others to ensure people get the information, advice and support they need in their community.
- 5.9 Swansea Council will not tolerate anti-social behaviour and neighbour nuisance and working with Police and our partners we will adopt a zero tolerance approach towards those who seek to disrupt the lives of people in Swansea.
- 5.10 We will continue to work with our partners and support a zero tolerance approach to tackling domestic abuse.
- 5.11 Swansea Council will implement 'public space protection orders' where required to prevent on street drinking and the sale and distribution of so called 'legal highs' in order to protect local communities from fear and intimidation.
- 5.12 We will continue to work with residents and community groups to consider further traffic calming measures or community safety measures to ensure our communities are as safe as they can be.
- 5.13 We will establish and enforce 'no cold calling zones'.

Strong Council Finances

- 5.14 Swansea Council will continue to modernise Council services; protect jobs, improve performance and bring services back in-house.
- 5.15 We will robustly manage the Council's finances to ensure money is used wisely and Council finances remain on a sound long-term sustainable basis.
- 5.16 We will explore innovative funding and investment strategies and borrow prudently to support the City Deal delivery and only when it is right to do so.
- 5.17 Working with the Welsh Government, we will strike a new fairer deal to retain business rates in Swansea for the re-investment in the local economy.
- 5.18 Swansea Council will implement a joined up approach to all public expenditure and the use of buildings and resources to ensure we can continue to do more with less and can seek the wider and more imaginative community use of public assets, such as Council-owned buildings.

- 5.19 Working in partnership, we will continue to explore collaborative and innovative ways in which local services can be financed and delivered most efficiently, and how the value of council assets can be maximised.
- 5.20 Swansea Council will aim to maximise the value of the 'Swansea Pound' - the considerable expenditure the council and other local public bodies make on the procurement of goods and services - for the benefit of the local economy, jobs and training.

Standing Up For Council Democracy

- 5.21 Swansea Council will continue to modernise the scrutiny process within the Council and ensure the Council is subject to greater accountability, transparency and scrutiny. We will increase the engagement of the public in participation in the Council's decision making process.
- 5.22 Swansea Council will establish Policy Development and Delivery Committees to ensure all elected members and the public can influence how policies are written and services are delivered.
- 5.23 We will modernise how public engagement is embedded in council decision making and ensure that all meetings, unless legally constrained, will be conducted in public with time allocated for public participation guaranteed.
- 5.24 Swansea Council will introduce web broadcasting of key council meetings, and introduce electronic voting. It will publish a full list of elected member votes and decisions and make this freely accessible online. We will also change the constitution to allow consultations to recognise and accept e-petitions to encourage even wider engagement and consultation with the people of Swansea.
- 5.25 Swansea Council is committed to the highest standards in public life and supports the Nolan Principles of: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

Standing Up for Council Employees

- 5.26 Swansea Council will continue with its 'Sustainable Swansea Fit for the Future' service modernisation program and will continue to invest in services to ensure that we have best possible local services.
- 5.27 We will continue our co-operative relationship with Council staff and Unions. We will actively engage with the workforce and Unions to identify ways in which Council services can be re-designed and delivered most efficiently for the people and communities of Swansea.
- 5.28 We will look at ways to prevent companies which exploit their workforce or fail to recognise Trade Unions from gaining contracts from the council and continue to convert roles from Agency to permanent status where there is strong evidence that the role is not temporary.

- 5.29 Swansea Council will work towards eliminating the use of exclusivity in zero hour contracts within the Authority, to give certainty to employees about their hours of work. We will also sign up to Unison's care standard in order to protect and support workers.

More Jobs and Opportunities

- 5.30 We will deliver and build on the £1.3bn City Deal, creating up to 35,000 jobs in the region and providing people from all parts of Swansea with the opportunity to find well paid and secure jobs.

- 5.31 We will work towards reducing poverty and increasing prosperity.

6. A MORE EQUAL SWANSEA

Food Banks

- 6.1 Swansea Council will encourage business to reduce food waste by supplying goods to local food banks. We will also explore tax relief and support for food banks locations.

Building Better, Affordable and Energy Efficient Homes

- 6.2 We will continue to build the first pioneer homes and these will be available to people on the Swansea housing list or for sale in the future as affordable homes.

- 6.3 These will be a mix of affordable, social and commercial housing. They will be highly energy efficient and reduce energy bills and will help lift people out of fuel poverty. We will also support cost effective energy schemes for all existing homes across Swansea so that everyone can benefit.

- 6.4 Swansea Council will explore the setting up of a construction and development company, with a view to building 1000s of new homes in the next 5 years through a combination of delivery models.

- 6.5 We will support independent living; provide improved options for older people; increase funding for housing co-operatives and mutual housing, and prioritise those in housing need, especially the homeless.

- 6.6 Working with the Welsh Government, housing associations and the private sector we will increase the supply of affordable housing so people can get on the housing ladder. We will make public land available from the considerable landholdings of Swansea council and, using the planning system and partnership with others, develop innovative ways of raising the funds to deliver an increased supply of high quality affordable housing.

- 6.7 Together with our City Deal partners, we will also develop the technology of 'homes as power stations' and where possible work with partners

to commercialise this technology to enable it to be retro- fitted to existing homes. This will people from across Swansea to benefit from these technologies and generate an income for those properties and the taxpayer by selling any excess power to the National Grid.

- 6.8 Swansea Council will look at creating its own energy venture to provide free energy to homes.

Improving Housing Quality

- 6.9 Swansea Council will invest a further £260m to ensure every council property in Swansea meets the Welsh Quality Housing Standard by 2022.
- 6.10 We will work with the Welsh Government and tenants to explore innovative ways in which to improve the quality of social housing in our city and also target HMOs for improved standards of management and maintenance.

Tough Controls On HMOs

- 6.11 Swansea Council will support tough controls on the level of HMOs in communities and support a new 10% saturation limit on HMOs in communities not covered by any proposed HMO management areas.
- 6.12 We will take a tough approach to dealing with rogue landlords who run poor quality HMOs and who adversely impact communities.

Empty Properties

- 6.13 We will work with the Welsh Government and its proposed 'Empty Property Loan Fund' and will bring more empty properties back into use over the next 5 years.

7. A HEALTHIER SWANSEA

- 7.1 Building on our work with the World Health Organisation 'Healthy City' initiative, Swansea Council will work with the local health service and others to make sure all our children have the best start in life, improving lives and helping to reduce health and educational inequalities.

Swansea - a Child-Friendly City

- 7.2 We will ensure that children and young people are engaged and consulted on council policy and decision making to ensure their voices and opinions are heard. We will promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in order to give children a voice.

Independence Dignity and respect

- 7.3 Swansea Council will promote independent living, providing people with the support to live in their own home with dignity and respect for as long as they want.

Prevention and Health Promotion

- 7.4 Working together with our partners, we will deliver integrated services to ensure a continued focus on prevention and early intervention - investing in the conditions which maintain independence and support families, rather than dealing with the consequences of family breakdown and ill health.
- 7.5 We will continue to review the effectiveness of social service provision and reinvesting and redesigning services to make them sustainable for the long term.
- 7.6 Swansea Council will work with other partners to identify investment opportunities for new facilities to create sheltered accommodation, and extra care facilities to deliver next generation elderly care services.
- 7.7 We will help people stay healthy and age well.

Better Services

- 7.8 Swansea Council will adopt the new Welsh Community Care Information System and work with regional and health service partners and re-design services to ensure greater integration and collaboration between health and social care systems to improve patient services.

Helping people recover

- 7.9 Swansea Council will invest in services to help people re-able and recover so that they are able to return to living an active and productive life.

Focusing on those most in need

- 7.10 We will focus resources for residential care on those with the most complex needs so that they are properly supported.

Older People

- 7.11 Swansea Council will work with older people and the Older People's Commissioner for Wales to establish a Charter for Older People to ensure that our commitment is delivered.

Swansea – a Dementia Friendly City

- 7.12 Working with partner organisations, local employers and the third sector,

Swansea Council will develop Swansea's status as the first Dementia Friendly City in Wales.

Public Interest above Private Profit

- 7.13 Swansea Council will intervene in the social care provider market and explore how it can expand the provision of council run services. Specifically we will work in social and residential care to ensure, where provision is of last resort, that there is a diverse range of suppliers, including not-for-profit, cooperative and social enterprise providers.

Investing in Our People

- 7.14 We will continue to invest in our staff at all levels in social services and build stronger links with Swansea's universities and others, so that providers of these vital services keep abreast of best practice and new innovations in research, treatment and delivery.

8. A CULTURAL CAPITAL

Standing Up for the Best in Arts, Culture and Sport

- 8.1 Our city can fairly lay claim to being the cultural and sporting capital of Wales and has always recognised that the arts, culture and sport are as important to our individual and community sense of worth and well-being as our policies on health and education.
- 8.2 We will bid for Swansea to be the UK City of culture in 2021.
- 8.3 We will work towards the Glynn Vivian forming part of the Tate network and will regularly bring world class exhibitions to Swansea.

A New Arena, Conference and Exhibition Centre

- 8.4 Swansea Council intend to create a 3500-seater digital arena bringing world class entertainments and the best cultural offerings to Swansea on a regular basis.

A New Gallery and Aquarium

- 8.5 Swansea Council will work with the Oriel and other operators to create a facility which will contain an interactive Gallery and cutting edge technology digital aquarium on the civic site. This will complement a new promenade and public square and be the focus of a new cultural hub set against the backdrop of the world class Swansea Bay.

Regular National events in our City

- 8.6 Swansea Council is committed to retaining the Wales National Air show in Swansea. We will explore options for hosting the Wales National Super Prix, stages of the Tour of Britain, and a full programme of national cultural and sporting events in the city.

Team Swansea in Sport

- 8.7 Swansea Council will work towards making Swansea a premier, healthy, Sports City. We will support improving the Liberty Stadium and the Swans and Ospreys to be successful.

An International Sports Village and Academy

- 8.8 Swansea Council will work with partners in the University and Sports clubs to look at the feasibility of creating an International Sports Academy and National Athletes' village in Swansea.

Community all-Weather pitches

- 8.9 Swansea Council will invest in more 3G pitches for communities across Swansea, ensuring people can play sports and live a healthy lifestyle all year round.
- 8.10 Swansea Council will promote informal recreation, ageing well and a healthy lifestyle. We will support public access to public land such as our commons, foreshore and waterways. This will help encourage more people to participate in walking, cycling, swimming and other activities.

Bringing our Heritage to Life

- 8.11 Swansea Council has secured agreement from Penderyn Whisky to establish a working distillery and tourist centre as part of the project and will seek to deliver this in the coming years. We will also give consideration to compulsory purchase of landmark buildings across the authority, if owners do not properly maintain or restore these historic buildings.

A River Renaissance

- 8.12 Swansea Council will reopen the Tawe River corridor walkway to the public and invest in a new walkway and additional safety barriers along the Tawe River. We will explore establishing a new hotel and leisure development near the Liberty Stadium to complement and support the cultural developments and encourage the establishment of River Taxis to take visitors from the Tidal Lagoon (when constructed) and the Marina to the Liberty Stadium and Copperopolis areas.

Recognising Local heroes

8.13 We will continue to support the Lord Mayor's Awards and will make this an annual event to celebrate the best Swansea has to offer.

Discounts for all Swansea Residents

8.14 Swansea Council will introduce a citizen discount offer available to all residents of the City and County of Swansea to get discounts on a range of services in Swansea.