

Project Title: PSB Highlight Report	Workstream: Working With Nature
Project Lead: NRW & SEF	Date: 29/07/2022

Project Overview & Key Success Measures	Links to other workstreams or partners
<p><u>Description</u> To improve health, enhance biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint.</p> <p><u>Qualitative KPI's associated with the project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Infrastructure (GI): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - produce county-wide strategy and ensure implementation, and SPG guidance for city centre developments. - support the Penderi GI project • Nature Recovery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop Local Nature Recovery action plan • Tree planting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify suitable/useable land - support community schemes - develop and promote good practice guidance for tree planting • Green Spaces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance and support community use of and involvement with green spaces for multiple benefits including food growing, health, and community cohesion • Transport and Active / Sustainable Travel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop Healthy Travel Charter for Swansea Bay (Swansea & NPT) 	<p><u>Partners / Stakeholders involved:</u> Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Swansea Environmental Forum Swansea Council Swansea University Swansea Local Nature Partnership Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Swansea Bay University Health Board Low Carbon Swansea Bay network The Environment Centre Swansea Community Green Spaces Project Swansea Community Growing Network Welsh Government Green Infrastructure Consultancy Pobl 4theRegion University of Wales Trinity St David's Swansea Climate Action Network</p>

- deliver a SW regional conference and follow-up activities / actions
- **Carbon Reduction and Climate Adaptation:**
 - develop and promote Climate and Nature Charter for Swansea
 - support climate / net zero plans
- **Deliver a SW regional food conference**
- **Community Engagement:** deliver a programme of events run by SEF, Environment Centre, LCSB, etc.

Quantitative KPIs associated with the project

Quantitative KPIs will be developed in line with the new Well-being Plan.

Project Outcomes/ Milestones

Green Infrastructure (GI):

- Action Plan for the Swansea Central Area has been completed
- Implementation of strategic objectives is ongoing
- Public engagement for the county-wide GI strategy is ongoing, with engagement at the Green Recovery Conference.
- CRF funded training packages for businesses (SMEs) and community groups are being delivered by end Dec 2022
- NRW bid for a 3-year extension to the GI Senior Officer post was successful and will be dedicated to developing and supporting GI across Swansea & NPT, and SW Wales
- GI Supplementary Planning Guidance in development

- Support to development and delivery of Penderi Masterplan GI project is ongoing

Nature Recovery:

- First section of Local Nature Recovery Action Plan has been drafted and out to consultation with the LNP
- £1.2m grant aid secured for 22/23

Tree planting:

- Work is continuing on mapping tree planting opportunities and a strategy for Swansea.
- Tree planting guidance is with translation and will be published soon.

Green spaces:

- The project officer is continuing to support local groups and is working with stakeholders to plan future activities with a view to a new funding bid being developed

Transport and Active / Sustainable Travel:

- Partner organisations have started to work together and share lessons and good practice towards achieving the 17 ambitious actions they have signed-up to in the Swansea Bay Health Travel Charter. The partners are working to support and create improvements within their own organisations as well as collaboratively through the Swansea Bay Sustainable Travel Planning group.
- A draft HTC Communications Toolkit has been prepared and shared with partners for feedback.
- The CRF-funded Community-led Sustainable Transport Project held a successful event in the Grand Theatre with around 50 participants from a broad range of stakeholders.

Several Eols were submitted for pilot projects and the core partners are working with community groups to develop these ideas.”

Carbon Reduction and Climate Adaptation:

- Climate and Nature Charter launched in November 2021 with all PSB partners signed-up.
- SEF continuing to support Swansea Council’s net zero programme and recently appointed Carbon Reduction officer.
- Discussions are ongoing with Swansea Council re climate change related policies concerning energy, transport, food and nature, linked to the findings of the NRW SoNaRR report.
- The local food forum, Bwyd Abertawe, has met to progress the development of a Food Charter for Swansea and also to submit a bid at the end of June for Sustainable Food Places to support work towards the Sustainable Food Places accreditation.

Food

- Bwyd Abertawe has been successful in securing a £10,000 grant to employ a p/t project manager to help progress the initiative and work Sustainable Food Places accreditation

Community Engagement:

- Partners continue to organise and/or promote events, training and other activities that help raise awareness and understanding of climate and nature issues e.g. SEF and Bwyd Abertawe recently arranged a webinar with presentations on soil and nutrition.

Key Updates this period

KPI Results

KPI description	Result	Target	Comment

Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes

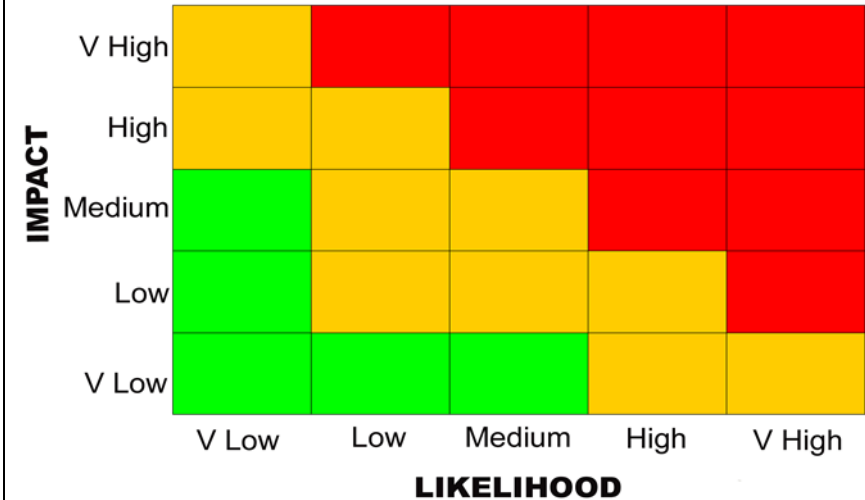
- Healthy Travel Charter for Swansea Bay launched and work towards achieving the 17 agreed actions is underway
- £1.2m secured for nature recovery and new staff recruited
- CRF funding secured for Community-led Sustainable Transport Solutions
- NRW launched its Resilient Communities grant scheme, which has a focus on helping individuals and organisations increase community participation with nature to build resilient communities. It requires applicants to address one or more of the opportunities or priorities described in Area Statements and PSB Well-being Plans.

Challenges/ Barriers

- Integration of well-being topics (ref emerging 2022 well-being assessment) and collaborative working / delivery across task groups e.g. preventative health and equality of access to green / blue space
- Resourcing / funding of project delivery / activities

Overview of key risks

Risk Matrix (RAG Status)



1. Insufficient cross-sectoral engagement with this project
2. Uncertainty of longer-term funding for SEF and other priority projects

Both above are medium likelihood and high impact = RED

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of data evidence in some areas • Opportunity for more regional working S'sea / NPT and / or SW region 	
<p>Priorities for next period</p>	<p>Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue developing and delivering against the projects listed above, including identifying and securing funds for longer-term delivery. • Continue with the process of Well-being Plan priority setting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree draft WWN objectives - Work with PSB partners to identify cross-cutting objectives and collaborative working opportunities 	
<p>Any Actions for PSB: (Please tick as appropriate) Note Action Decision</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 1: Discussion / workshop on cross-cutting priority/ies for well-being plan, particularly climate and nature emergencies to include local challenges / opportunities to transform food, energy, transport systems • Action 2: PSB Partnership Forum event based on wellbeing and wildlife (as was planned for Jan '21) • Action 3: Update and discussion on the WWN priorities 	
<p>Report Prepared by: Helen Grey</p>	