

<b>Project Title: PSB Highlight Report</b>	<b>Workstream: Working With Nature</b>
<b>Project Lead: NRW &amp; SEF</b>	<b>Date: 10/06/2022</b>

<b>Project Overview &amp; Key Success Measures</b>	<b>Links to other workstreams or partners</b>
<p><b><u>Description</u></b> To improve health, enhance biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint.</p> <p><b><u>Qualitative KPI's associated with the project</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Green Infrastructure (GI):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- produce county-wide strategy and ensure implementation, and SPG guidance for city centre developments.</li> <li>- support the Penderi GI project</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Nature Recovery:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- develop Local Nature Recovery action plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Tree planting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- identify suitable/useable land</li> <li>- support community schemes</li> <li>- develop and promote good practice guidance for tree planting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Green Spaces:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enhance and support community use of and involvement with green spaces for multiple benefits including food growing, health, and community cohesion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Transport and Active / Sustainable Travel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- develop Healthy Travel Charter for Swansea Bay (Swansea &amp; NPT)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Partners / Stakeholders involved:</u></b>  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):**

- Swansea Centre GI Strategy (Swansea Central Area: Regenerating our City for Wellbeing and Wildlife) published in Feb 2021.
- Action Plan for the Swansea Central Area has been drafted
- Implementation of strategic objectives is ongoing
- Public engagement for the county-wide GI strategy is underway with the first event contributing to the Swansea City Conference in the new Arena, and will also engage with attendees at the Green Recovery Conference.
- CRF funded training packages for businesses (SMEs) and community groups have developed for delivery by end Dec 2022

- NRW has submitted a bid for a 3-year extension to the GI Officer post 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:**

- Ecological connectivity mapping for the whole county has been completed
- Biodiversity and new Local Nature Partnership officers have been recruited
- £1.2m grant aid secured for 22/23

**Tree planting:**

- Guidance for tree planting activities has now been produced, awaiting translation prior to publishing
- Mapping opportunity areas and useable land for planting is progressing
- A Tree Strategy for Swansea is being prepared
- A need has been identified to build tree nursery capacity

**Green spaces:**

- The project officer is continuing to support local groups albeit with reduced funding
- Will now look to work with partners and stakeholders to plan future activities with a view to a new funding bid being developed

**Transport and Active / Sustainable Travel:**

- The launch of the Swansea Bay Healthy Travel Charter on 25<sup>th</sup> May at Bay Campus was very well-received and

included a short video of support from Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Lee Waters. Numerous attendees from partner organisations joined together to celebrate the launch, including the Chief Executive of Swansea Bay University Health Board and the Vice-Chancellor of Swansea University. Through 17 ambitious actions, the charter promotes walking, cycling, public transport and ultra-low emission vehicle use; the actions include establishing a network of sustainable travel champions within each organisation, developing targeted communications campaigns for staff, offering and promoting the cycle to work scheme and promoting public transport discounts.

- The CRF-funded Community-led Sustainable Transport Solutions, headed up by Swansea CVS, SEF and 4theRegion has already undertaken a significant amount of consultation with potential beneficiaries and other stakeholders, including an online survey and several community events. Eols have been invited from communities interested in piloting innovative community-led transport projects, for which funding and other support is available through the project.

**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.

**Community Engagement:**

- SEF, EC, LCSB and other partners have continued to deliver engagement activities linked to our priority topics. Including a webinar from NHS Wales and Swansea Bay Health Board about their Decarbonisation Plans. Those attending were inspired by the passion, commitment and ingenuity of health board colleagues working hard to reduce their carbon footprint and support nature recovery.

**Key Updates this period**

**Overview of key risks**

**KPI Results**

KPI description	Result	Target	Comment

**Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes**

- Healthy Travel Charter for Swansea Bay launched
- £1.2m secured for nature recovery and new staff recruited
- CRF funding secured for Community-led Sustainable Transport Solutions

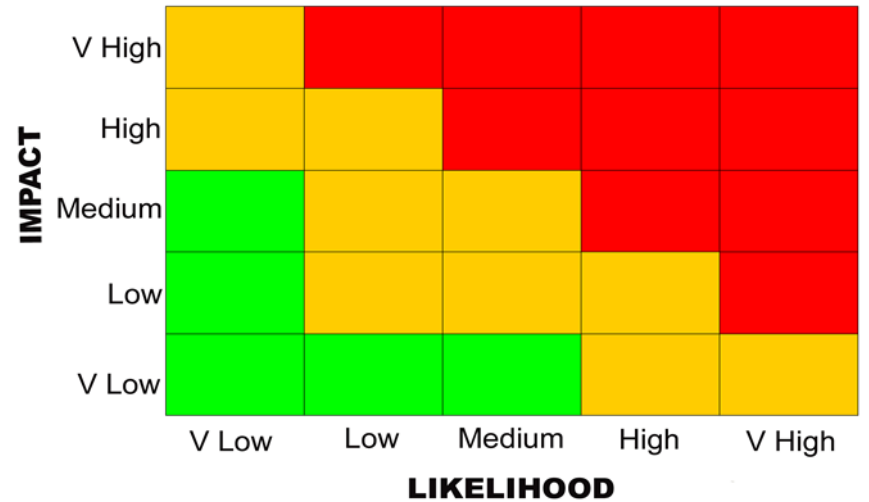
**Challenges/ Barriers**

- 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
- Lack of data evidence in some areas
- Opportunity for more regional working S’sea / NPT and / or SW region

**Priorities for next period**

- Continue developing and delivering against the projects listed above, including securing funds for longer-term delivery
- Start the process of Well-being Plan priority setting:

**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

**Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken**

- Identify priority WWN objectives
- Work with PSB partners to identify cross-cutting objectives and collaborative working opportunities

**Any Actions for PSB: (Please tick as appropriate)      Note      Action      Decision**

- **Action 1:** Discussion / workshop on cross-cutting priorities for well-being plan, particularly climate and nature emergencies to include local challenges / opportunities to transform food, energy, transport systems (ref; SoNaRR report)
- **Action 3:** PSB Partnership Forum event based on wellbeing and wildlife (as was planned for Jan '21)
- **Action 4:** Update and discussion on the WWN priorities

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