

Project Title: PSB Highlight Report	Workstream: Working With Nature
Project Lead: NRW & SEF	Date: 30/01/2023

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 Bwyd Abertawe</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 and implementation of strategic objectives is ongoing
- Public engagement for the county-wide GI strategy is ongoing
- CRF funded training packages for businesses (SMEs) and community groups are being delivered to 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 has been completed
- Support to development and delivery of Penderi Masterplan GI project is ongoing, with a number of successes to date
- The on-street GI outside the EC that continues to develop

Nature Recovery:

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

Green spaces:

- This work has been continuing with dozens of projects across Swansea being supported

Transport and Active / Sustainable Travel:

- The Swansea Bay Healthy Travel Charter now has 14 signed-up partners and all are making progress – some have already submitted three monitoring reports and there have been two quarterly meetings of the Sustainable Travel Planning group since the HTC launch
- The Community-led Sustainable Transport Solutions project has been completed with nine pilot projects supported and an extensive toolkit published on the SCVS website with 16 'how to' guides, 5 project case studies and videos, and a routemap for future work. An initial meeting has also taken place with key partners to discuss the next steps to follow up on the project recommendations.

Carbon Reduction and Climate Adaptation:

- The climate change and nature recovery charter signatories group has met for the first time to explore opportunities for collaborative work

Food

- A third regional food conference, led by 4theRegion, took place in January with a focus on: marketing of local food / collaborating on a "buy local" campaign to put local food on everyone's agenda; connecting schools and farms - getting more local produce into school meals - and connecting kids with farming and local food; access to land - how we can unlock access to underused land for growing; and, hospitality and local food - how we can encourage more connections between local growers/producers and local cafes, restaurants etc. Around 60 participants made up of individuals and diverse groups on both days.
- Bwyd Abertawe recruited a coordinator in October and has since secured £97k from Food Poverty Alleviation Fund. Will launch a small grants scheme in April.

Key Updates this period

Overview of key risks

KPI Results

KPI description	Result	Target	Comment

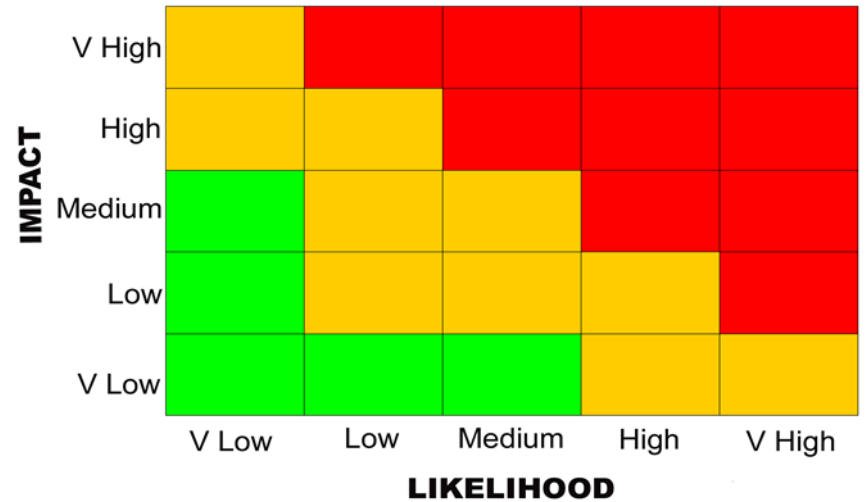
Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes

- Healthy Travel Charter signatories increased to 14

Challenges/ Barriers

- Integration of well-being topics (ref emerging 2023 Well-being Plan) 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

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

Priorities for next period

Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken

- 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 Planning and actions / Annual Plan

Any Actions for PSB: (Please tick as appropriate)

Note

Action

Decision

N/A at this time

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