**Report No. 26/26**

**Audit and Corporate Services Review Committee**

## Report of the Performance and Compliance Officer

# Subject: Well-being Objectives Performance Report – Progress against Priority Indicators and Projects/ Corporate Areas of Change Actions/ Annual Governance Statement Improvement Actions For the Period Ending 30 September 2026/27

## 1. Introduction

Performance report 1 sets out the Authority's performance against its four Well-being Objectives (Conservation, Climate, Connection and Communities) within its Corporate and Resources Plan 2023/24 – 2026/27. Outlining progress against priority indicators (including Welsh Government indicators), projects and activities identified in the Authority's Delivery Plans. It acts as part of control monitoring for Risk 1- 4 in the Authority's risk register.

Performance report 2 sets out the Authority's performance against corporate area of change deliverables within the Delivery Plan, governance elements of Welsh Government reporting and improvement actions from Annual Governance Statement. It acts as part of control monitoring for Risk Area 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11 in risk register.

The following reports presents the financial year performance for 2026/27. Please note

- Some statistics are captured annually and these are reported via our Annual Report on Meeting Well-being Objectives.
- Partnerships contributing to Objectives are captured through Partnership Framework Monitoring with update report provided annually to NPA.
- A separate Risk Assurance Performance Report for Second Line Assurance with Key Indicators and Control Metrics will now be provided with risk register documents.
- An explanation of RAG status has been added to the end of this introduction report.

Following recommendation from internal Audit, where there has been a change in intra year data reported following review and updates to source data, previously reported figures for the year are placed in [ ] underneath any updated figures.

## 2. Conservation

Work on the 30x30 report for the Park is complete. The follow on development of 10 year Nature Recovery Strategy is currently in Amber as other priorities have

had to take precedent. Officers currently considering a more limited and practical piece of work which will focus initially on 3 key hotspot areas.

57 grant agreements have been prepared and issued as part of the Ffermio Bro Scheme.

Two new actions have been added to the report due to in year developments:

- Strategic Nature Based Water Quality Improvement Assessment for Lower Western Cleddau project, which has been made possible via grant from Esteé Lauder Companies UK & Ireland via the UK National Parks Foundation.
- Pembrokeshire Landscape Connection Project development with National Trust

Volunteers have been playing important role in dormouse, chough, seal and moth monitoring over Q1 and Q2. A case impact study relating to Reptiles on the Range and adder monitoring has been included in the report.

Number of Public Rights of way pollinator/ habitat improvement work tasks completed have decreased compared to last year in part due to wider decrease in cutting activities needed due to the dry weather and its impact on vegetation growth. The Countryside Team have noticed some differences in how pollinator related jobs are being recorded within the work order system and will be working towards ensuring a consistent approach across the teams is developed.

Development and implementation of management plans linked to our asset management strategy is in Amber, Head of Decarbonisation and Head of Nature Recovery are working on progressing this activity.

**3. Climate**

Data has been included on Authority emissions trends linked to 2025/26 WGES net zero submission. Data indicates a decrease in emissions of 12% (-185.66 tCO2e) compared to 2024/25.

Following Members request to enable us to track in year trends around emissions, this report includes consumption information on electricity and gas usage and mileage use patterns. This data and its presentation will be further developed as the year goes on. As part of this an increase in gas consumption at OYP was identified up to August and investigated and is being monitored by relevant Officers, for September have seen decrease compared to 2025/26 in the sites gas use.

Procurement process for solar canopies at Llanion is complete, with contractor appointed and planning application approved, work due to commence on site late

October. Installation of low carbon heating at OYP is in Amber and behind, design work has commenced, programme of work agreed and tenders being prepared with anticipated completion date of February 2027.

Early in Q1 the three hybrid pool cars were replaced with four electric battery cars. The Authority has replaced 6 leased diesel 4x4 with six new hybrid diesel 4x4 for Countryside and Ranger Teams. Work has commenced on installing new (additional) double EV charger at the back of Llanion.

Four SDF funded community decarbonisation projects have been completed ytd, with next round of funding being open to applicants in Q3, for assessment and approval in Q4.

We continue to see growth in use of EV charging points at PCNPA car parks. August was the month with highest monthly use across all years at 3,731 sessions.

In terms of carbon sequestration indicators, we would expect most activity to occur in Q3/Q4 as this is when tree / hedgerow planting due to seasonality is normally carried out. A number of Ffermio Bro 2026/27 projects have been approved that will contribute to Hedgerow and Tree Planting indicators.

Work on climate risk management for Authority Asset portfolio is in Amber, a number of actions were undertaken in July, however by September further development had stalled due to officer capacity.

**4. Connection**

There have been 4,353 participants ytd in NPA run/supported activities focused on inclusion, outreach and increasing access for underrepresented groups, a decrease of -33.02% compared to same period last year. Figure can be impacted by project funding and nature/ scale of activities and events within projects and outreach activities.

The decrease in beach wheelchair/ mobility bookings reflects there are less hosts available this year and reduced staffing has meant that there has been a slower turnover of equipment in need of servicing and alternative pick up arrangements. This is linked to wider Get Outdoors project which is also in Amber. Get Outdoors is currently without staff with responsibility falling on Health and Wellbeing Officer. Wellbeing walks have been reviewed and volunteers have been required to update walk leader and first aid training. A skeleton offer of accessible walks has been offered. It has been identified that current model of wellbeing walks is not sustainable and not necessarily the right target audience for the Authority. Health and Wellbeing Officer is working with partner agencies

to review a more sustainable model for these types of low level walks. Funding has been received for Sing and Stroll for dementia. However, we are now behind on delivery of this and yet to advertise recruitment. Vacancy in terms of PCNPA funding officer will also impact the Get Outdoors Partnership Scheme.

There has been a decrease in volunteer hours ytd compared to 2025/26 from 8,376 to 7,198.5. Factors that may have contributed to this include community programme and inclusion programme practical volunteering sessions being impacted by hot weather /cancelations and reduction in volunteer hours available linked to Get Outdoors and Around the Park Activities. Performance and Compliance officer to liaise with Volunteer Development Officer to review and investigate wider trends in terms of decreases in particular volunteering activities and to see if any additional interventions are needed. Review of volunteering offer remains in Amber. People services are continuing to collaborate and work with other stakeholders to explore opportunities for volunteers including micro-volunteering, volunteering remotely.

Traeth Mawr Capital enhancement project is complete. Toilets handed over to PCC for future management. Final snagging of project, project budget reconciliation and management plans for components of site to be completed. Officers continue to meet with PCC to discuss wider joint working and capital upgrades in terms of Public Toilets.

Two work placements were provided in September through DWP and PCC Future Works. Graduate Trainee in Practical Land Management started in July.

Year to date we have seen a decrease in participants in learning programme from schools outside of Pembrokeshire and Pembrokeshire schools. Potential factors include financial pressures on schools which can impact on traveling further afield for school trips due to transport and other costs.

We have seen an increase in the number of Coast Path and Inland Rights of Way Concerns ytd compared to 2025/26.

The Capital projects for Castell Henllys improvement programme, Carew Causeway and Carew Castle visitor access/ enhancement and interpretation are in Amber. Additional investigations requested by Cadw for the Carew Castle visitor access project have been completed and an architect has been instructed to submit plans for formal SAM consent.

## 5. Communities

Draft regenerative tourism indicators for the centres have been developed and shared with CEO and Director of Nature and Tourism. Initial testing applied for

some carbon emission related measures using data collected as part of WG net zero reporting.

Strategic Policy team have been undertaking monitoring of campsites linked to Camping and Caravanning Article 4 direction.

The preparation of the LDP is on track with the timetable in the Delivery Agreement for Preferred Strategy consultation commencing in January. Workshops have been held with Members and Officers have attended meetings with Saundersfoot, Tenby, Newport and St Davids Community Councils.

Next Generation and Youth Rangers have taken part in a series of creative workshops with artists in response to the Helen Chadwick Exhibition at Oriel Y Parc through EcoTone Project.

The centres have seen a mixed picture in terms of visitor numbers ytd compared to 2025/26. Oriel y Parc has seen a 1.3% increase, 71,296 ytd compared to 70,353 for same period in 2025/26. Carew has seen a 2.7% decrease, 41,069 ytd compared to 42,210 for same period in 2025/26. Castell Henllys has seen a 10.47% decrease, 13,616 ytd compared to 15,208 for same period in 2025/26. We are seeing a trend where over the last three years we have seen year on year decrease in visitor numbers at Castell Henllys.

Provision of community place name workshops continued and Authority staff had opportunity to engage with Members of the public in Welsh through Eisteddfod stand. We have seen a decrease in participants in Welsh Language promotion activities, however this is likely to have been affected by decrease in visitor number at Castell Henllys.

## 6. Corporate Areas of Change / Annual Governance Statement Improvement Actions

### Governance

44% of Members have attended or viewed all 4 Welsh Government online training sessions. As new Members join the Authority, consideration will be given as to whether the sessions are re-run. Member evaluation process agreed at NPA in September. To be trialled with current Members in January before implementation with new cohort of Members in May. Study tour for mentoring scheme as part of public appointments scheme arranged for October and final session is planned for January.

Work on values and associated Employee Code of Conduct is on hold for the moment until the Public Office (Accountability) Bill progresses through relevant

stages. This is so that we can align this work with potential changes linked to Duty of Candour, need to reference Nolan principles and requirements around code of ethics.

Forward work programme tracker is still in development, completion has been delayed due to other work priorities. However new staff handbook interface on the Authority Staff intranet has been launched. Officers have been working on new Drone Policy and Internal Use of Welsh Policy.

Workshops on Integrated Assessment for staff is in Amber with plan to deliver session later in 2026/27, capacity allowing.

**Workforce and People**

A number of Workforce actions are in Amber, however Resourcing Officer is now in place and this should provide extra capacity to progress a number of actions.

In terms of training, a training plan has now been completed based on the requirements of the job description and person specification or task description in the case of volunteers. Work will begin to prioritise non-mandatory training and identify most cost-effective training intervention.

**Financial and Resource Resilience**

Authority has published its Payment Compliance Notice on Sell to Wales for 1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026 notice. During this time period the

- average number of days taken to pay invoices - 13 days
- proportion of invoices paid in accordance with the term in section 68(2) of the PA 2023 during the reporting period - 93.1%

Ongoing work is being carried out across teams on procurement including work on frameworks.

Interim arrangements for fundraising/ Trust will be in place from September following both members of the fundraising team leaving the Authority.

**Digital Resilience**

Work is ongoing in terms of record management activities. However, progress is impacted by scale of task and limited Officer capacity. In terms of Records of Processing, technical review has commenced, however not all departments have provided information and further follow up is expected to be needed due to gaps in information provided by some other departments. The technical review has been delayed by Officer capacity having to be focused on other priority areas with deadlines. Actions have been progressed in terms of photo/ video storage as a result of needing to address new risks linked to AI and updating consent forms.

Procurement activities undertaken for new planning system, with paper presented to September NPA.

**Explanation of RAG Status**

| RAG | What it means |
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| Red | The project/ activity is significantly off track. Major delays, unresolved issues, or critical risks are impacting scope, schedule, or cost. Key milestones have been missed or are at serious risk. Without substantial change or support, the project/ activity is unlikely to meet its intended objectives. Immediate intervention or escalation is required to realign the activity/ project.<br><br>**Member/ Management Response:** Close monitoring and/ or significant action required. |
| Amber | The activity/ project is experiencing minor delays, emerging issues, or moderate risks. Budget or timeline may be slightly off track, and some deliverables may be delayed but are still recoverable. Attention is needed to prevent escalation, and mitigation actions may be underway. The project/activities may still meet its intended objectives, but proactive adjustments are needed.<br><br>**Member/ Management Response:** Light touch monitoring required and/or some action should be carried out to prevent movement to Red status or to ensure progress to Green status. |
| Green | The activity/ project is progressing according to plan. Milestones and deliverables are being met, budget and timeline are within acceptable limits, and no significant risks or issues have been identified. Stakeholders are aligned and no corrective action is required. The project is expected to meet its intended objectives without requiring corrective action.<br><br>**Member/ Management Response:** No action required. |

**Performance Measures: Measures are based on across year benchmarking and trend considerations, performance columns on previous year performance should be used to assess performance in these areas.**

**Close monitoring and/or significant action required:** Trend patterns against previous years – significant decreases/ increases or no change against previous years that cause significant concern in terms of impact on our ability to meet well-being objective or are not expected (some increases/ decreases may be expected due to changes caused by project funding.)

**Light touch monitoring required and/or some action should be carried out to address/ clarify changes in trend:** Trend patterns against previous years – decreases/ increases or no change against previous years that indicate changes in

performance and delivery outputs and outcomes against Well-being Objectives but do not currently cause significant concern.

**No action required:** Positive or as expected trend patterns against previous years. Some increases/ decreases may be expected due to changes caused by project funding.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Members are requested to RECEIVE and COMMENT on the Performance Report.**

*(For further information contact Mair Thomas, Performance and Compliance Officer)*

# Well-being Objectives: Performance Report – Progress against Priority Indicators/ Projects/ Work Programmes and Welsh Government Indicators (April – September 2026/27)

- Please note additional supplementary performance data is captured on an annual basis.
- Partnership activities contributing to Objectives and Welsh Government reporting are captured through Partnership Framework Monitoring. A limited number of partnership projects are referenced in this report.
- Indicators and RAG actions reflect deliverables from delivery plans and Welsh Government Reporting requirements.

## Well-being Objective Conservation

Control Monitoring for Risk Area 1 in risk register: A failure to deliver nature recovery and connectivity at scale, so nature is flourishing in the Park, contributing to the protection of 30% of our land and seas for nature by 2030.

### Strategy and Evidence - 30x30 [Section 6 Duty]

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| NR/ WG EN3 **#3695** | Project: Commission 30x30 report for the Park. Assessing current progress against the 30x30 target and providing recommendations and action plan to achieve target. (NNF4) | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / Complete** A mapping workshop was held on 20th May and the final additions to the report were agreed. This project has now been completed. |
| NR/ WG EN3 **#3958** | Commission mapped 10 year Nature Recovery Connectivity Strategy (SLSP) [Note follow on from the NNF4 30x30 report for the Park] | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: Not Started/ Behind** Other priorities have taken precedent and this has not yet been started. Currently considering a more limited and practical piece of work which will focus initially on 3 key hotspot areas. |
| NR/ WG EN3 **#3696** | Project: Habitat Monitoring Pilot - Identification of methodologies / Increasing engagement with landowners and volunteers (NNF4) | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** As of 31st September, the landowner moth monitoring was being wrapped up, with the traps being returned to the office for checks. A feedback form sent out to participants to assess success. We collaborated with Volunteering staff and the Communications team to |

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| | | | | advertise upcoming waxcap workshops to a wider audience. |
| NR/ WG / **#4019 [NEW]** | Strategic Nature Based Water Quality Improvement Assessment - Lower Western Cleddau (Funded by Esteé Lauder Companies UK & Ireland via the UK National Parks Foundation) | N/A - New project from September | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>Grant received from Esteé Lauder Companies UK & Ireland via the UK National Parks Foundation. £38K invitation to tender on Sell2Wales closes 12th October to identify and prioritise nature-based intervention opportunities that could contribute to improving water quality in the lower Western Cleddau (and possibly other relevant catchments if feasible within the budget). A transparent, weighted multi-criteria approach will assess water quality benefit, source / pathway / receptor linkages, hydrological connectivity, intervention potential and implementation feasibility. GIS analysis will identify and map pollution sources, pathways, receptors and priority reaches using available datasets. Stakeholder and landowner engagement will support fieldwork access, inform feasibility and foster future implementation support. Targeted walkovers will ground-truth and refine the assessment, identifying opportunities and constraints not evident from desk-based information. Outputs will include an updateable GIS opportunity and prioritisation database, mapbook, narrative report and selected case studies / scenarios. The assessment should distinguish between strategic priorities and actionable opportunities and briefly consider future nutrient mitigation / credit potential of interventions (and how this might influence take-up). |

## Land Management Schemes – 30x30 [Section 6 Duty]

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Q2 figure for 2025/26 | Q2 figure for 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NR **#3701** | Total area (hectares) land managed for biodiversity through conservation land management activity | 6,607.01 (Q4 2025/26 Baseline Figure) | 6,652.08 (Q2 Figure) | +0.68%↑ | Note: 2,944.5 ha was also supported via Ffermio Bro in 2025/26, and 478.27 is the target area for 2026/27 Ffermio Bro approved projects. |
| NR/ WG EN3 **#3702** | Total area (hectares) land owned or leased by the Authority managed for biodiversity | 503.25 (Q4 2025/26 Baseline Figure) | 503.25 (Q2 Figure) | 0% → | |
| NR/ WG EN3 **#3703** | Total area (hectares) land managed for biodiversity in partnership with private landowners | 4,889.89 (Q4 2025/26 Baseline Figure) | 4,934.96 (Q2 Figure) | +0.92%↑ | |
| NR/ WG EN3 **#3704** | Area (hectares) land managed for biodiversity in partnership with private landowners (existing/ long term – sites falling within management plans/ monitoring arrangements) | 4,848.59 (Q4 2025/26 Baseline Figure) | 4849.45 (Q2 Figure) | +0.02%↑ | One Management Agreement sites have been noted as inactive on system since data was returned for Q1 from QGIS layer. We have seen slight increase in conservation type from Q1 increasing from 4031.41 to 4044.07 in Q2. Taking account of above we have seen a -2.05 hectares (0.04%) decrease compared to Q1 from 4851.50 to 4849.45 in Q2. However total area remains above the Q4 2025/26 baseline figure. |
| NR/ WG EN3 **#3705** | Active Project: Area (hectares) land managed for biodiversity in partnership with private landowners (NNF4) | 41.30 (Q4 2025/26 Baseline Figure) | 85.51 (Q2 Figure) | +107.05%↑ | Additional sites added in Q1. 2 sites not included as included under Commons sites. |

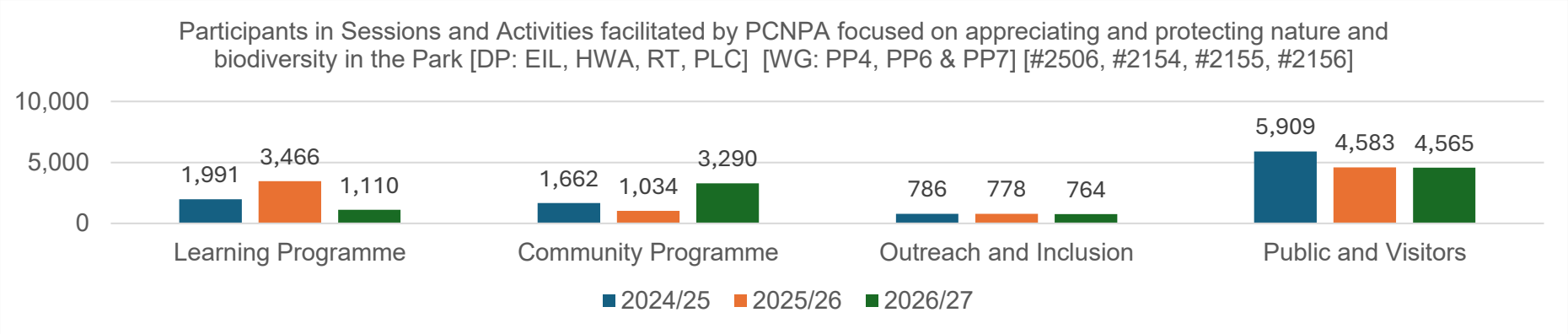
| DP / WG Ref | Category | Q2 figure for 2025/26 | Q2 figure for 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| NR/ WG EN3 **#3707** | Area (Hectares) Commons sites being managed for biodiversity | 1,213.87 (Q4 2025/26 Baseline Figure) | 1,213.87 (Q2 Figure) | 0% ➔ | Includes two sites via NNF4 management agreements re commons. |
| NR/ WG EN3 **#3706** | Active Project: Area (hectares) where activity in support of biodiversity has been carried out in partnership with private landowners through Ffermio Bro Scheme | 2,944.5 (Q4 2025/26 Baseline Figure) | 0 | N/A | 2,944.5 ha was also supported via Ffermio Bro in 2025/26, and 478.27 is the target area for 2026/27 Ffermio Bro approved projects. |
| NR/ WG PP1 **#3699** | Ffermio Bro - Number of farm holdings supported | 36 | 57 | N/A | |
| NR/ WG PP1 **#3700** | Ffermio Bro - Farmer groups supported (existing or new groups or collaborations) | 33 | 57 | N/A | |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| NR/ WG EN3 & PP1 **#3697** | Project: Ffermio Bro Scheme | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** September marked a significant step forward in the delivery of Ffermio Bro, with 57 grant agreements prepared and issued by the beginning of the month. This represented the culmination of considerable officer time spent developing, assessing and progressing applications through the contracting process during July and August. By the end of September, a number of projects involving summer works were approaching completion, demonstrating the programme's progression from project development into practical delivery. However, the exceptionally dry conditions experienced throughout the summer presented challenges for some grant-funded planting activities. In particular, a number of herbal ley options could not be established before the extended |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| | | | | planting deadline of 15 September, despite the additional time allowed. Welsh Government also indicated that further capital funding would be made available to the programme, providing an opportunity to support additional projects and environmental improvements. Officers and Local Assessment Panel members remained ready to assess, prioritise and allocate any additional funding promptly, ensuring that further capital works could be progressed within the required delivery timescales. |
| NR/ WG EN3 **#3698** | Project: Naturally Connected - Management Agreements (NNF4) | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>One management Agreement signed and returned in May. |

## Nature Recovery Projects and Engagement – 30x30 [Section 6 Duty]

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd (Q2): 2024/25 | Current Year (Q2): 2025/26 | Difference | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NR & EIL/ WG PP7 **#2611** | Taking action for the environment: volunteer and social action time (hours) spent in conservation/ nature recovery activities | 4,806.86 | 4,621.43 | -3.86% ↓ | Indicator reworded to align more closely with DEFRA indicator. Volunteers have been playing important role in dormouse, chough, seal and moth monitoring. |




| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| NR/ WG EN4 **#869** | Project: Stitch in Time/ Invasive Non-native species control (Mixed funding) | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>Main tasks during September: Japanese Knotweed treatment continues focussing on re treating sites started last season across the Gwaun. North Ranger reported an outbreak of Himalayan balsam at a PROW near a farm on the Afon Cwmau tributary of the Cwm Gwaun catchment. This became a high priority task as Himalayan balsam has never been present at this location before. Project officer and Conservation Assistant had the area controlled within a couple of days of the report. We surveyed the entire Afon Cwmau tributary to the confluence with the Afon Gwaun. The new outbreak has been mapped on GIS and mapped locations of rogue stems leading away from the main outbreak along the tributary which was in the 10's of stems. This outbreak has been caught in time. Winter work will reduce willow and other vegetation to make control efforts more effective next season. The whole tributary will require survey next season. It would appear the balsam arrived with contractor machinery from outside the catchment. |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| **#4023 [NEW]** | Partnership Project: Pembrokeshire Landscape Connection Project Development with National Trust | N/A - New project from September | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** The associated NPA paper was agreed unanimously at the committee meeting on the 23rd Sept and PCNPA staff are working closely with the National Trust team to submit the bid to the NLHF in time for the next panel meeting in November 2026. |
| NR/ WG EN3, EN4, GC3 **#3729** | Partnership Project: SLSP Designated Landscapes Dark Skies Partnership Project – "Dark Ecological Networks" supporting reducing light pollution affecting NRW's Priority Ecological Networks | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Approx £13k remaining for retrofits in PCNP in Year 2. The fire station in St Davids has been identified as one possible project; Oriel y Parc is another. |
| CS **#3921** | Communications Activity: Promote the positive work and contribution of the Authority to nature recovery and decarbonisation. Promote opportunities for people to participate in this work | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Ongoing PR coverage relating to decarbonisation and nature recovery projects continues, along with social media content promoting the Authority's work in these areas. Coast to Coast editorial is being planned for the 2027 edition which will feature editorial on relevant decarbonisation, nature recovery projects and biodiversity successes. The Communications team are working with Conservation colleagues to produce a nature recovery newsletter that is disseminated to landowners. |

## Connection – PNCPA Impact Case Study

### Reptiles on the Range

**What issue did you address:** 'There is growing concern that even our widespread amphibian and reptile species are in national decline' - Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC) Trust website. In 2021 ARC installed 15 refugia (small pieces of corrugated sheeting) across Castlemartin Range to assist in the monitoring of reptiles. Unfortunately, these were abandoned once that particular member of staff left.

**What did you achieve:** In 2024 Castlemartin Ranger and Castlemartin seasonal ranger located 10 of the original sheets and started our Reptile monitoring project. That year we recorded 2 female adders and 2 slow worms. In 2025 we recorded 1 male adder, 1 female adder and 4 slow worms and in 2026 we recorded 8 slow worms and 2 grass snakes. Having recently added 6 more refugia we now have 16 across the Range. With permission from the Major, we have recently built a purpose-made 'compost heap' which we are hoping will be used by grass snakes for nesting in. The site was chosen as it is close to water (the overflow from where the military tanks are washed after training), it is in partial sun, there is mown grassland plus un-mown grassland and a hedgerow for cover. We found 3 disused pallets to create a square against a fence then added layers of grass cuttings, hedge trimmings, straw, woodchip and hay. A huge thank you to 'South Pembrokeshire Woodlands Ltd' for supplying the hay and woodchip. We will continue to add vegetation to the nest site, avoiding November to March (hibernation) and June to September (egg-laying), to provide an actively decomposing and humid heap

**Timescales:** From 2024 to present day. Still ongoing

**Those Involved**: Castlemartin Ranger, Castlemartin Seasonal Ranger, DIO and Landmarc (Range Manager)

**Feedback/ Long Term Impact:** Ongoing monitoring of the sheets each spring. 'Compost heap' monitoring will start next year for any evidence of use





## Our Contribution (Section 6) – 30x30 [Section 6 Duty]

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| NR/ WG PP4 **#3709** | Number of Public Rights of Way pollinator/ habitat improvement work tasks completed | 227 | 140 | -38.33% ↓ | North - 76. South - 11. West - 12. Factors Countryside Team have identified that have contributed to decrease: With the prolonged periods of hot, dry weather this year, vegetation growth along the Coast Path has been significantly reduced in many areas. As a result, the teams haven't needed to undertake as much cutting work as in previous years this is the probably the biggest factor identified. The Countryside Team have noticed some differences in how jobs are being recorded within the work order system. The approach to recording and categorising tasks appears to vary between teams, which may be affecting the data. As a result the team are looking into undertaking an audit of the pollinator work this winter. The aim will be to ensure that all pollinator related tasks are being recorded consistently and that the associated information is present, mapped correctly, and captured in the same way across all three areas. |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| NR/ WG EN3 **#3710** | Activity: Develop oversite process for sites and develop/ implement management plans for prioritised sites [Asset Management Strategy] | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** Work continues between Head of Decarbonisation and Head of Nature Recovery to begin reviewing management plans for sites across the NP estate. |
| NR/ WG PP4 **#870** | Activity: Manage the coast path/ IROW in support of nature and connectivity | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** The rights of way network, including the coast path, is managed and maintained for nature recovery as part of the ongoing maintenance work. This maintenance programme includes specific tasks |

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| | | | | which contribute towards pollinator and other habitat improvements. Further work to identify wider opportunities for nature recovery in the management of the coast path and inland rights of way network is planned over the winter season. |
| NR **#2151** | Activity: Deliver interventions on archaeology/ heritage sites that also support nature | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** During September, the Community Archaeologist worked in partnership with the Friends of the Pembrokeshire Coast volunteer work party to carry out scrub clearance at the scheduled fort near Fishguard. The Community Archaeologist has been working with the National Trust and an Authority Conservation Officer to clear dense scrub from a promontory fort called Fishpond Camp, Bosherston. An approach was agreed that would have benefits for the historic and natural environment. In early September, a contractor was commissioned to undertake scrub clearance. The site currently lacks sufficient archaeological understanding, as such the clearance will allow the RCAHMW to undertake geophysical survey of the site. Both monuments are examples of partnership working and the work will result in monuments that are in an improved condition and enhance visitor experience. In terms of nature conservation, improved vegetation management will lead to better outcomes for nature. |
| NR/ WG GC6 **#3711** | Strategic Response: Responding to Planning Policy Wales requirements on Green Infrastructure, resilient ecological networks and stepwise approach. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** The Partnership Forum in June provided presentations for key stakeholders with a presentation from Environment Systems on 30x30. A workshop was held for Members in September and officers presented information on the Green Infrastructure Assessment and background paper for LDP 3. |

## Well-being Objective Climate

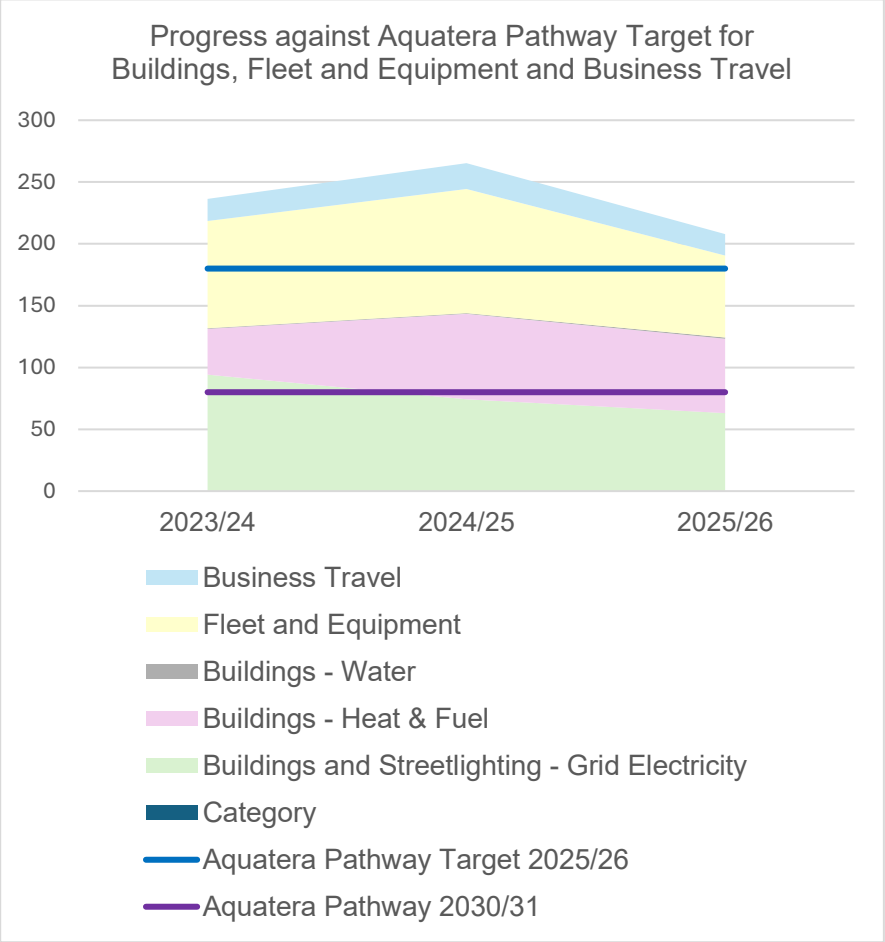
Control Monitoring for Risk Area 2 in risk register: A failure to respond to the impacts of climate change

### Authority Emissions Trends [WG: EN1]

Provisional data linked to 2025/26 WGES Net Zero Submission.

| Category | 2024/25 $tCO_2e$ | 2025/26 $tCO_2e$ | Difference $tCO_2e$ | % of our emissions |
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| Buildings and Streetlighting - Grid Electricity | 74.37 | 63.06 | -11.30 (-15% ↓) | 4.8 |
| Buildings - Heat & Fuel | 68.94 | 60.17 | -8.77 (-13% ↓) | 4.58 |
| Buildings - Water | 0.70 | 1.02 | 0.32 (+45% ↑) | 0.08 |
| Fleet and Equipment | 100.31 | 66.29 | -34.02 (-34% ↓) | 5.04 |
| Business Travel | 20.96 | 17.42 | -3.54 (-17% ↓) | 1.32 |
| Commuting | 135.61 | 121.53 | -14.08 (-10% ↓) | 9.24 |
| Homeworking | 24.81 | 25.16 | 0.35 (+1% ↑) | 1.91 |
| Waste | 11.70 | 9.41 | -2.28 (-20% ↓) | 0.72 |
| Supply Chain (Spend Based Calculation) | 1,063.03 | 950.70 | - 112.33 (-11% ↓) | 72.31 |
| **Total Emissions** | 1,500.43 | 1,314.77 | -185.66 (-12% ↓) | |

| Category | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | Difference |
|---|---|---|---|
| Onsite renewables – electricity kWh | 16,496 | 18,436 | 1,940 (+12% ↑) |
| Onsite renewables - heat kWh | 183,149 | 166,827 | -16,322 (-9% ↓) |

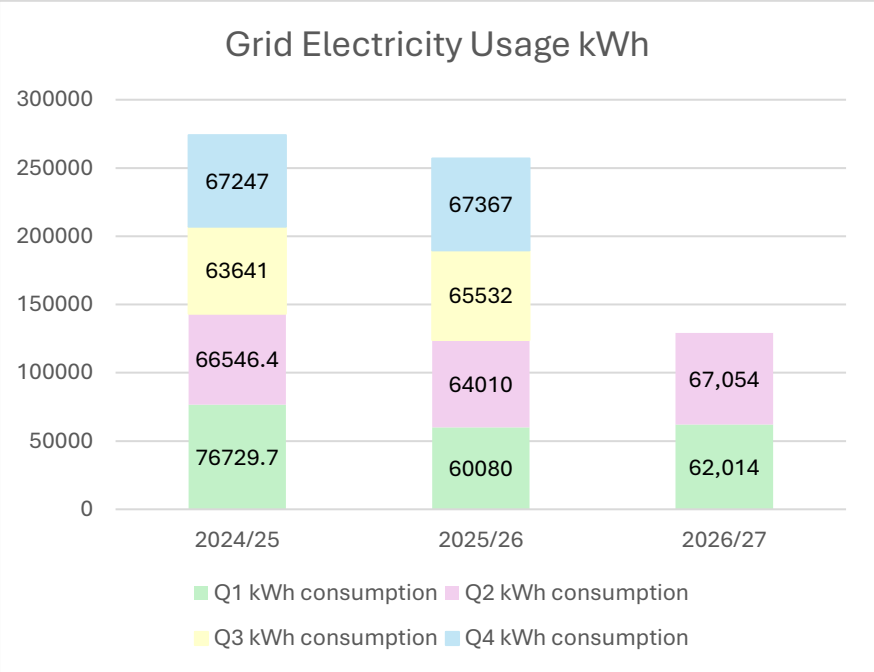


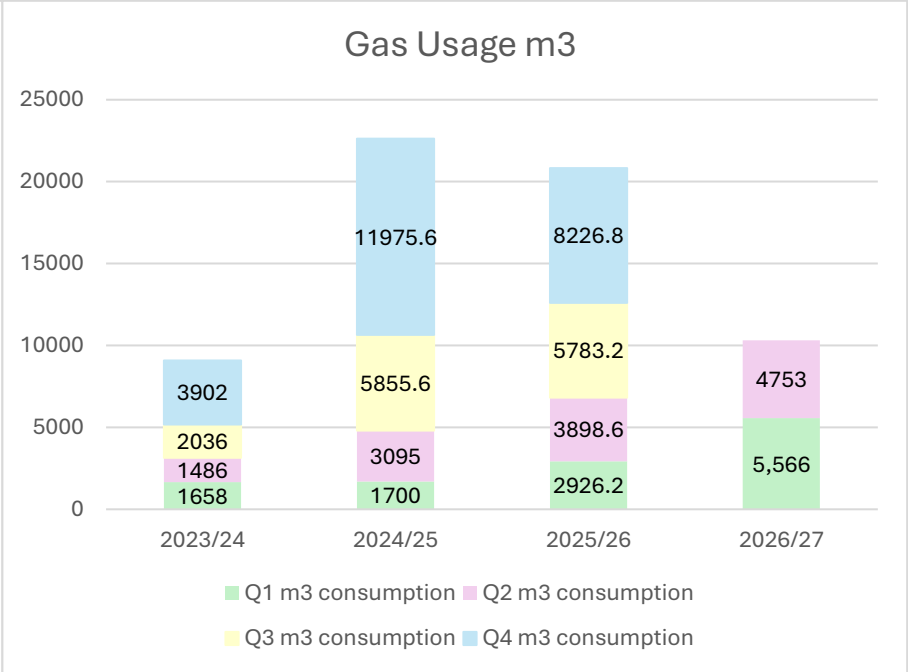
Land removal and emissions are treated as outside scope within the Welsh Government reporting.

| Category | 2024/25 t $CO_2e$ | 2025/26 t$CO_2e$ | Difference t$CO_2e$ |
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| Land based removals | -1,286.37 | -1286.37 | 0 (0 ➔) |
| Land based emissions | 4.28 | 4.28 | 0 (0 ➔) |

## Authority Emissions Reduction Pathway - Buildings

### Consumption Data – Grid Electricity Usage kWh and Gas Usage $M^3$




Note: Increase gas consumption at OYP identified up to August and investigated and being monitored by relevant Officers, for September have seen decrease compared to 2025/26 in the sites gas use.

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| D/ WG EN1&4 **#3712** | Project: Solar Canopies Llanion [Note: Estimated year 1 reduction in emissions: 5,000 $kgCO_2e$] | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Procurement process completed, Contractor appointed, planning application approved. Work to commence on site late October 2026. |
| D/ WG EN1&4 **#3714** | Project: Install low carbon heating OYP (SLSP funded) | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** Design work by consultants commenced, programme of work agreed, tenders being prepared, work to be completed Feb 2027. |
| D/ WG EN1&4 **#3716** | Project: Small scale interventions at National Park buildings (SLSP funded) | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Various small scale interventions in progress |

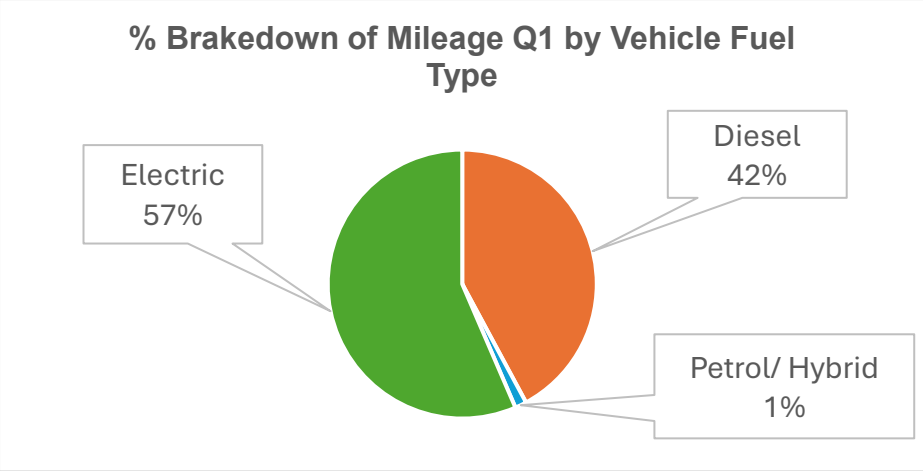
## Authority Emissions Reduction Pathway - Fleet and Business Travel

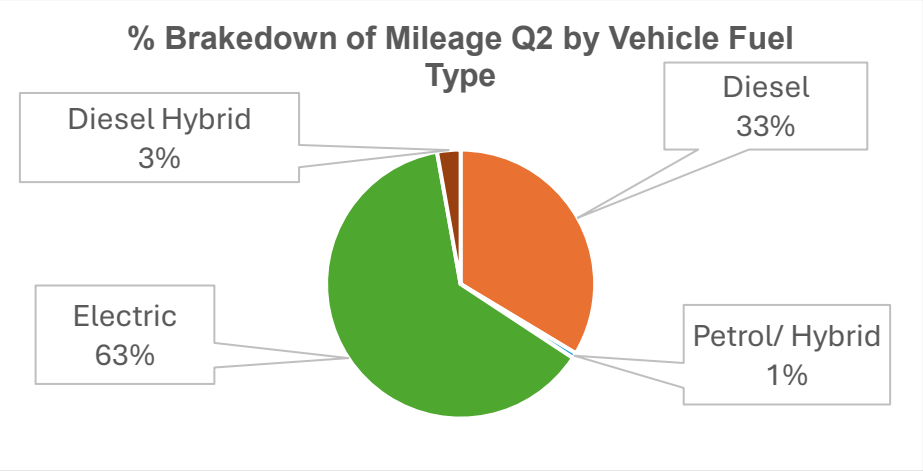
### Consumption Data – Mileage Usage Patterns

Note: In year data based on miles, net zero reporting will normally be based on fuel/ electricity usage. Data below is baseline data based on mileage from telematics.

| Type of Vehicle | Team | 2026/27 Q1 Miles Travelled | 2026/27 Q2 Miles Travelled | 2026/27 ytd Miles Travelled | ytd -% of Total Mileage | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Battery Electric | Car Park/ Estates | 9,008.31 | 13,556.21 | 22,563.52 | 20.28% | 2 vehicles at end of Q2. |
| Battery Electric | Carew Castle | 402.59 | 564.1 | 966.69 | 0.87% | 2 vehicles at end of Q2. |
| Battery Electric | Communications | 3,999.40 | 3880.85 | 7,880.25 | 7.08% | 1 vehicle, used for Coast to Coast deliveries. |
| Battery Electric | Engagement and Inclusion | 4,587.04 | 6481.67 | 11,068.71 | 9.95% | 6 vehicles at end of Q2 |
| Battery Electric | Nature Recovery | 1,880.76 | 1,745.41 | 3626.17 | 3.26% | 3 vehicles at end of Q2. |
| Battery Electric | Pool Car / Pool Van | 8,087.42 | 12934.07 | 21,021.49 | 18.89% | 4 pool cars and 1 pool van at end of Q2. Expect increase in mileage in this category as part of minimising grey fleet usage. Will contain pool car usage by Tirweddau Cymru, this is not included in Authority's Net Zero |

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| | | | | | | reporting. Need to ensure that staff are following travel policy, particularly for out of county travel. |
| Battery Electric | Pool Minibus | 1,435 | 1434.43 | 2,869 | 2.58% | 1 Minibus. |
| Diesel | Engagement and Inclusion | 5,734.35 | 3814.41 | 9,548.76 | 8.58% | 3 vehicles at end of Q2. |
| Diesel | Nature Recovery | 16,203.96 | 11645.24 | 27,849.20 | 25.03% | 10 vehicles at end of Q2. |
| Diesel Hybrid | Engagement and Inclusion | 0 | 1109 | 1109 | 1.00% | Replacement of leased diesel vehicles with 2 new Diesel Hybrids. |
| Diesel Hybrid | Nature Recovery | 0 | 2024 | 2024 | 1.82% | Replacement of leased diesel vehicles with 4 new Diesel Hybrids. |
| Petrol/ Hybrid | Pool Car | 727.11 | 0 | 0 | 0.65% | 3 pool cars, mileage relates to April only as no longer in active use following delivery of new electric pool cars. Will contain pool car usage by Tirweddau Cymru, this is not included in Authority's Net Zero reporting. |



| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| D/ WG EN1&5 **#986** | % of Authority Vehicles that are hybrid/ electric (Owned/ Leased/ Rented) | 40.00% | 62.00% | 55.00% ↑ | Replacement of six leased diesel 4x4 with six new Toyota Hybrid diesel 4x4s for the Countryside Team and Ranger Team. |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| D/ WG EN1&5 **#3718** | Project: Replacement of Pool cars with BEVs | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / Complete** As of 13/04/26 we have replaced all three hybrid pool cars with four BEVS (one to be kept in Cilrhedyn for staff based in the north of the County to use). |
| D/ WG EN1&4 **#3719** | Project: Increase EV charging available for fleet (SLSP funded) | Amber | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Work has commenced on installing new (additional) double EV charger at the back of Llanion. As part of the WG Energy Service review of fleet, they will provide recommendations on locations for additional chargers. Castel Henllys has also been requested for additional EV charger. |
| D/ WG EN1 **#3720** | Project: Implementation of Telematics and analysis of data | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Green/ carbon reporting shared with Asset Management Group monthly. Meeting held with Wales Government Energy Service, who will be providing a full review and analysis from 12 months of telematics data |

## Authority Emissions Reduction Pathway - Supply Chain and Waste [Section 6 Duty]

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| D/ WG EN1&8 **#3722** | Activity: Implementation of decarbonisation elements within socially responsible procurement strategy | Amber | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Decarbonisation, sustainability questions included in framework for decarbonisation team. |

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| D/ WG EN1&8 **#3723** | Activity: Improve data collection and develop emission reduction plan for waste | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Sustainability Officer now has 3 quarters of waste data. |

## Authority Emissions Reduction Pathway - Behaviour Change

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| D1/ WG EN5 **#926** | Activity: Delivery of Carbon Literacy Training and behaviour change communication for staff, volunteers and Members | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress/ On Track** First cohort of staff (5-6) confirmed for 1 full day (2 x 3.5 hour sessions and 1 hour follow up session across different days) in Jan 2027. |

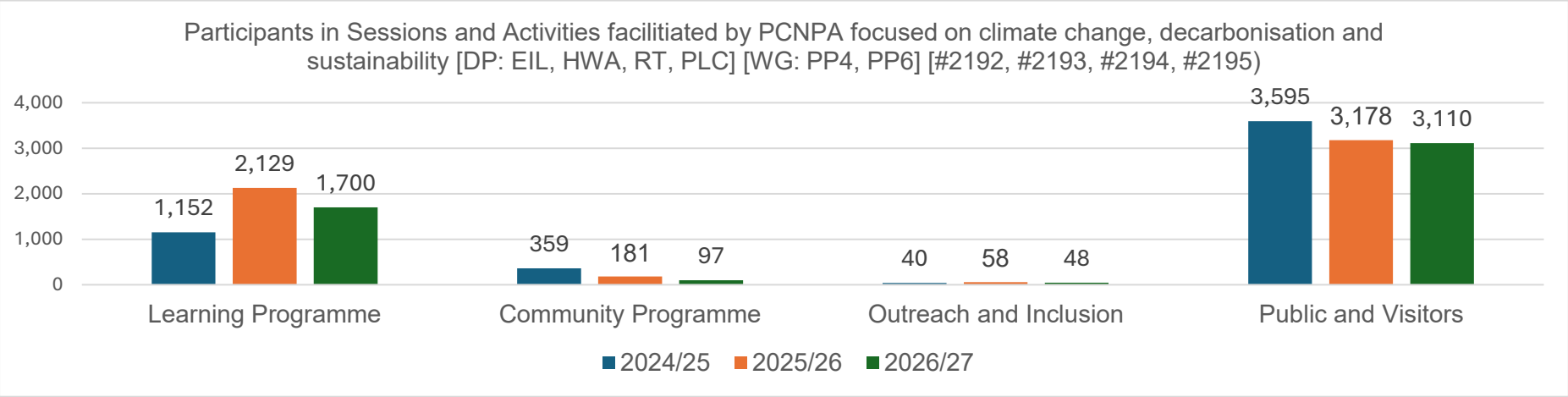
## Park Emissions Reduction Pathway – Community/ Visitors

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| D2/ WG EN1,5 **#3733** **#3734** | £ invested in community decarbonisation projects. Note: This is based on our Sustainable Development Fund Grants, funded through SLSP | SDF 2025/26 claimed (actual spend): £32,237.55<br><br>SDF 2025/26 committed: £0 | SDF 2026/27 claimed (actual spend): £15,231<br><br>SDF 2026/27 committed: £0 | N/A | Decarbonisation Team propose to open the next funding round in October/ November for assessment in December and January 2027 grants committee. |
| D2/ WG EN1 **#3735** **#3736** | Number of completed Community Decarbonisation Projects funded by Sustainable Development Fund | 10 | 4 | N/A | 1. Transition Bro Gwaun, Community Hub Retrofit Project<br>2. St Davids City Hall, installation of solar PV with battery storage<br>3. Angle Village Hall, installation of solar PV panels and battery |

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| | | | | | 4. The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales: More efficient use of electricity generated by solar panels and back-up generator. |
| D / WG EN5 & PP3 **#807** | Legacy Impact Indicator: Total EV charging sessions from PCNPA Car Parks | 12,281 | 13,869 | +12.93% ↑ | We continue to see growth in use of EV charging points at PCNPA car parks. August was the month with highest monthly use across all years at 3,731 sessions. |
| D & EIL/ WG PP7 **#2614** | Volunteering and Social Action hours contributing to our Climate Objective | 981.75 | 1,353.00 | +37.82% ↑ | Tree planting volunteering activity normally takes place Q3/Q4. |

| DP/ WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | Legacy Impact |
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| D / WG EN1 **#3917** | Legacy Impact Indicator: Commentary on Estimated Carbon Emission Reductions from Sustainable Development Fund Projects– taken from end of project reports completed this quarter/ or further follow up work | 4/5 of the SDF projects from the 2025/26 round have been completed ytd.<br>The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales finished their project in Q2 and replaced 84 old batteries with 2 modern sealed cells, replaced and upgraded the electrics and invertor system associated with the batteries and solar power usage in the building. The impact of the project efficient use of electricity generated by solar panels and back-up generator:<br>• Total capacity of your renewable energy system - Victron multiplus 8kva 48v (6500w) inverter and 2 x Fogstar 16KWHr batteries.<br>• Total amount of energy generated from scheme in reporting period – Installation only completed in May 2026.<br>• Any financial benefits i.e. income generated for local use - All fuel purchased during the year will be recorded by our financial accounting system and generator usage can also be measured in run hours and thus litres of diesel consumed. With the cost of fuel (in particular diesel) currently very high, the financial savings over a course of the year are anticipated to be significant., allowing WTSWW to divert funds to nature conservation objectives. WTSWW's 2020-2030 strategy has a |

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| | | Key Goal of Action on Climate to achieve Net Zero by 2030. WTSWW first calculated its carbon footprint in 2021 and developed a carbon reduction strategy as a result which is reviewed annually. These measures on Skokholm will be quantified and reported to our Board, members and The Wildlife Trust central team in our annual carbon report at the end of 2026/2027.<br>Further work is under way to collate emissions data for SDF funded renewable projects from 2020 onwards. A bilingual form has been sent out to renewable energy projects. Sustainability officer is hopeful projects engage. |




## Park Emissions Reduction Pathway – Carbon Sequestration [Section 6 Duty]

| DP/ WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NR/ WG EN2 **#3746** | Total Woodland creation delivered (hectares) | 0 | 0 | N/A | |
| NR/ WG EN2 **#3747** | Woodland restoration delivered (hectares) | 0 | 0 | N/A | |
| NR/ WG EN2 **#3748** | Peatland restoration delivered through NPAP or other work (hectars) | 0 | 0 | N/A | Note on Area of Peat present in the Park: Pembrokeshire National Park has 8,612 ha of Peat, 298 ha of deep Peat. This is |

| DP/ WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| | | | | | significantly lower than the other National Parks in Wales. The Authority doesn't currently have any active Peatland Action Programme, following the end of the previous project in March 2025. |
| NR/ WG EN2 **#3749** | Length of hedgerow planted (meters) | 0 | 550 | N/A | 1043 meters of hedgerow planting - target length for approved 2026/27 Ffermio Bro projects. |
| NR/ WG EN2 **#3750** | Number of trees planted (Note: standard/in-field trees, excludes trees planted in hedgerow or woodland) | 0 | 26 | N/A | Sapling grown from original Sycamore Gap tree planted at Carew Castle and 25 other saplings planted by volunteers at Carew. Target of 1,730 trees to be planted by 2026/27 approved Ffermio Bro projects. Most volunteer or social action related tree planting will occur in Q3/Q4. |
| NR/ WG EN2 **#3751** | Area (hectares) of meadows planted [e.g. new sites in carbon friendly management agreements – supporting meadow creation/ recreation) | 5.4 | 5.4 | 0%➔ | 5.4 hectares, Management Agreement at Angle. Have also introduced new form of management across 2 churchyards. |

| DP/ WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2025/26 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NR/ WG EN6 **#3752** | Collaborative Project/ Activity: Blue Carbon work through SAC engagement (Oysters etc) | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** The Pembs Marine SAC Officer aided two applications for additional funding from the Coastal Capacity Building Fund (Welsh Government administered by WCVA via the Local Nature Partnerships) to further progress native oyster restoration and add value to Natur am Byth! Môr. A Bangor University partnership application was successful and will enable another rearing of 200,000 Milford Haven Waterway native oyster spat on shell. Native oyster broodstock were collected from the |

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| | | | | shore during extreme low water, kept in the hotels, and transferred to the Bangor University hatchery by the SAC Officer in March 2026. Deployment of the resulting spat on shell is planned for 2027. |

## Climate Change – Managing Risks

| DP/ WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2025/26 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| AC **#3753** | Activity: Creation of risk register for Authority Asset portfolio, that takes account of climate change risks for each asset (Asset Management Strategy) | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** In July agreed site risk assessments (RA) will sit on sharepoint with other RA so that they can be accessed across the Authority. Work had begun to move active and archive management plans and identify gaps. Draft Management plan template has been shared. Management plans to be shared via site managers teams channel. Work had begun to move active and archive management plans and identify gaps. In September project has stalled due to capacity. |
| AC/ WG PP4 **#52** | Activity: Practical work and adapting of approaches for PROW to build resilience including realignment activities and responding to impact of weather and erosion events. Responding to recommendations from the Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaptation Strategy for the Pembrokeshire Coast Path National Trail. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Creation Agreement for the realignment at the Vomit was signed on the 2nd September, and compensation has been paid to the landowner. Practical work on this realignment started in late September and is due to be completed in October. Work continues on other existing issues. Abutments on bridges in East Pickard and Broad Haven identified as becoming washed out. Planned realignment of bridges is due to take place in October or early November. |
| AC/ WG PP9 **#3754** | Activity: Review evidence base and undertake community consultation as part of LDP3 on Flooding and Coastal Inundation related policies. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** In June two members of the Strategic Policy Team attended a Climate Adaptation Community Event, organised by Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum (PCF) and Saundersfoot Community Council (SCC). The |

| DP/ WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2025/26 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| | | | | event featured drop-in stands and open conversations on coastal management, flooding, nature recovery and planning. Representatives from Natural Resources Wales, Pembrokeshire County Council, the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, and other key organisations were on hand to answer questions and share information with local residents. |

## Well-being Objective Connection

Control Monitoring for Risk Area 4 in risk register: A failure to create a Park that supports people to be healthier, happier and more connected to the landscape, nature and heritage.

### 5 ways to well-being and equitable access

| DP/ WG Ref | Measure | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| HWA/ /WG PP6 **#3757** | Number of active funded projects that support 5 ways to well-being and equitable access to the Park for beneficiaries | 6 ● | 6 ● | Target: 2 | Routes to Discovery/ 1st 1000 Days/ Get Outdoors/ Pathways/ Next Generation/ Traeth Mawr Phase 1 and 2.<br><br>Funding update: Awards for All funding (£20k) secured for 1st 1000 Days - covering current levels of delivery from Sep 26 – Mar 27. The project will continue to provide inclusive outdoor play and nature-based wellbeing sessions for families with children aged 0–4 across Pembrokeshire. Get Outdoors has secured funding for sing and stroll program for dementia however need to look at staffing in terms of delivery. |

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| HWA / WG PP6 & GC3 **#3758** | Number of active funded projects that support 5 ways to well-being and equitable access to the Park for beneficiaries (through Tirweddau Cymru or Health Partnerships) | 2 ● | 3 ● | Target: 1 | Engagement across DL Young People / RNIB Cymru - Hiraeth - See Cymru Differently. Tirweddau Cymru Landscapes Wales have been awarded £99,750 through the Volunteering Wales Strategic Grant, funded by Welsh Government and administered by WCVA. The funding will support an 18-month project to develop a National Volunteering Framework for Wales' Designated Landscapes. The project will help create a more coordinated, inclusive and accessible approach to volunteering across Wales' eight Designated Landscapes. |
| HWA /WG PP6 **#3759** | Number of participants in NPA run/supported activities focused on inclusion, outreach and increasing access for underrepresented groups | 6,499 | 4,353 | -33.02% ↓ | Outreach and Increasing Access: 2397 (2025/26 ytd: 3951). Supported Volunteering: 879 (Q1 2025/26: 730). Supported Walking: 1077 (Q1 2025/26: 1818). Get Outdoors running reduced programme of walks compared to 2025/26. Figure can be impacted by project funding and nature/ scale of activities and events within projects and outreach activities. |
| HWA/ WG PP6 **#872** | Number of bookings for beach wheelchairs/ mobility equipment | 778 | 730 | -6.17% ↓ | This year sees a financial income of £1023.50 to date compared to £613 in 2025 via online donations. There are less hosts available this year and reduced staffing has meant that there has been a slower turnover of equipment in need of servicing and alternative pick up arrangements. A post has been agreed but is yet to be advertised. The electric beach wheelchair has been returned to address snag list. |

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| HWA & EIL/ WG PP7 **#2615** | Number of Volunteer Hours contributed | 8,376 | 7,198.5 | -14.05% ↓ [Target set in delivery plan of maintaining a contribution above 12,000 hours per annum across volunteering and social action hours] | Please note the data reported here may vary from data reported in HR report from volunteer database as figures in this report includes data from the volunteer database and other sources, data from these sources are cross referenced, cleaned and inputted into Activities Records List for final volunteer numbers. Performance and Compliance officer to liaise with Volunteer Development Officer to review and investigate wider trends in terms of decreases in particular volunteering activities and to see if any additional interventions are needed. |

| DP/ WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| HWA / WG PP6 **#3756** | Project: Routes to Discovery – Delivered in Partnership with MIND Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire (The National Lottery Community Fund) | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Litter pick Hakin and Humberston and Newgale. Apple pressing at St Brides. Arts and crafts at Oriel y Parc as part of ecotone project. Archery day at Cleddau Reach. |
| HWA / WG PP6 **#2181** | Project: Get Outdoors: Supported Walking, Beach Wheelchair and Mobility Equipment, engagement with service users (location audits/ information) | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** Get Outdoors are without staff with responsibility falling on Health and Wellbeing Officer on top of their workload, last year there were 1 1/2 FTE compared to 0 this year. Wellbeing walks have been reviewed and volunteers have been required to update walk leader and first aid training. A skeleton offer of accessible walks has been offered. The current model of Wellbeing walks is not sustainable and not necessarily the right target audience for PCNPA. Health and Wellbeing Officer is working with partner agencies to review a more sustainable model for these types of low level walks. Funding has been received for sing and stroll |

| DP/ WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| | | | | for dementia, 10K for year's delivery - we are now behind on delivery of this and yet to advertise recruitment. The loss of PCNPA funding officer will impact the Get Outdoors Partnership Scheme. |
| HWA / WG PP6 **#495** | Project: Pathways – Supported Volunteering | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Pathways project continues to deliver supported volunteering including: Frainslake, Castlemartin beach clean. Cutting and raking St Brides orchard to manage as a hay meadow. Bracken management on archaeological sites. Footpath maintenance in Cwm Gwaun. Scrub management at conservation site. Fungi training day at Minwear. |
| HWA / WG PP6 **#486** | Project: 1st 1000 Days | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** The project team resumed delivery of regular sessions at Scolton Manor for parents, other carers and pre-school. The sessions are open access and bookable for all interested, with a maximum number of 15 attendees at each session. Sessions are popular with clear engagement via social media posts and promotion. A series of Apple themed sessions were delivered at St Brides Orchard - Early years and year 1 from Fenton School, ASD after school club, 1st 1000 days parents and toddlers group. Funding from The National Lottery's Awards for All secured, funding provision until March 27. |
| **#3927** | Public Toilets and Progress on Capital Upgrades/ Joint Working with PCC. Note: This is an additional indicator added following request from Members at October NPA. | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress/ Behind** Officers met with PCC to discuss joint working and capital upgrades. Traeth Mawr public toilets and changing places opened and handed back to PCC. Agreed to review income from payment and costs for Traeth Mawr quarterly. Issues with Manorbier toilet roof. |
| HWA / WG PP6 | Project: Traeth Mawr Access Improvement Work (Phase 1 and | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Capital enhancement project complete. Official launch and celebration of the project. Toilets handed over to PCC for |

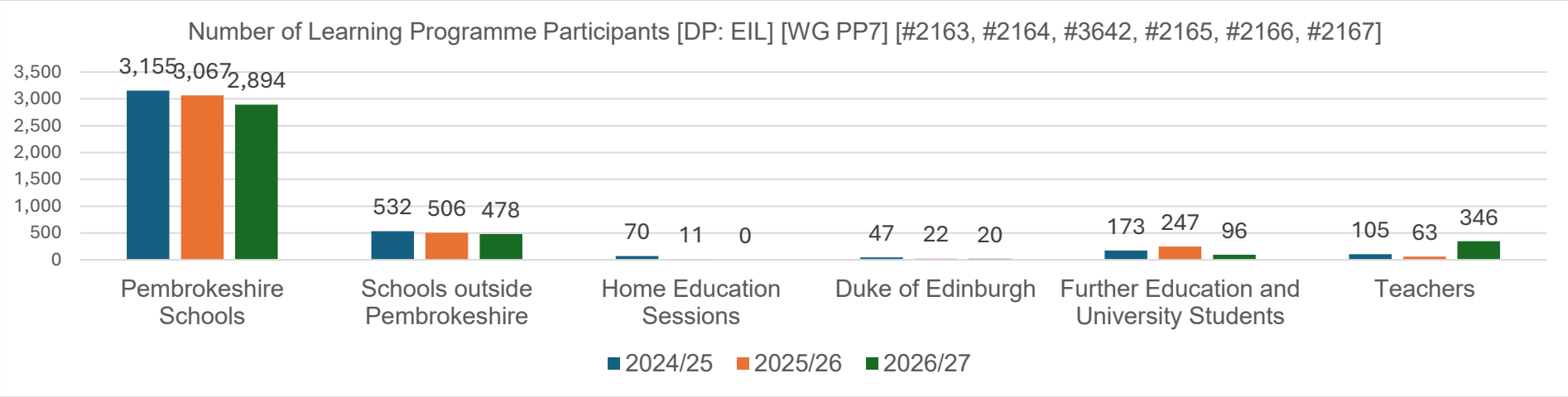
| DP/ WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| **#2172** | Phase 2) (SLSP and Brilliant Basics) | | | future management. Final snagging of project, project budget reconciliation and management plans for components of site to be completed. |
| HWA / WG PP6 & GC3 **#3761** | Strategic Engagement: Work with Tirweddau Cymru, Strategic Advisor on Governance, Inclusion and Diversity Excellence to develop and deliver collaborative projects that are supporting designated landscapes to be landscapes for everyone. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** See Cymru Differently - Castell Henllys interpretation work ongoing with interpretation officer. See Cymru Differently project officer visited to see what has been achieved to date (funding needed for full recommendations.) Catch up meeting, promotion, advertising and networking for book promo and training planning. Book launch at Castell Henllys and Oriel y Parc. A successful 1 day guided walk training for staff and external partners held. YHA walking festival walk cancelled due to low take up and weather. Access report sent to SMT from RNIB. |
| HWA/ WG PP10 **#3763** | Strategic Engagement: Explore opportunities with health partnerships to contribute to their delivery (social prescribing, public health) through exploring sustainable sources of funding for initiatives. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Network day attended with partner agencies exploring collaborative approaches, including PCC and charitable sector. Attendance at Age friendly strategy board & age friendly community meeting, 50+ forum. EYST network meeting attended. Investors in carers submitted. Launched Pembs walk register which will later be managed by Activate and PAVS. Represented at Visit Pembs AGM. Networking with Sport Wales wider team. Presented at Pembrokeshire Coast Partnership forum. Outdoor partnership EGM/AGM participation. Access support for Global Majority project. |
| EIL/ WG PP7 **#3764** | Activity: Review our Volunteering and Social Action offer including opportunities provided and support required for volunteers (including facilities for rainy day activities). [Equality Plan] | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** Continuing to collaborate and work with other stakeholders to explore opportunities for volunteers including micro-volunteering, volunteering remotely. Attended Future Works event and engaged directly with members of the public as part of a 5 Ways to Wellbeing event. Gained further insight |

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| | | | | into challenges that hinder volunteering including transport, accessibility. |
| EIL/ WG PP6 **#2185** | Activity: Annual Participant Survey to target regular participants in our volunteering and other activities and analysis of results. [Equality Plan/ Audit Wales Report] | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / Complete** The participant survey was open during April and May. 42 responses were received and an overall satisfaction rating of 4.4/5 was achieved. 4 respondents gave low scores because their volunteering had been impacted by the decision to discontinue the Activities and Events programme and two people were concerned about payment of travel expenses which will be followed up. The majority of respondents expressed high satisfaction with their participation with most people mentioning the social element of their activity and the chance to discover the National Park as highlights of their activity. Many people praised the way that their activities are led and organised by PCNPA staff. |
| CS/ WG PP6 **#3922** | Activity: Review the accessibility and inclusivity of our communication and interpretation resources to increase representation, diversity and raise awareness of opportunities to experience the Park | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** We are collaborating with other UK NPAs on use of the Silktide software, to support the evaluation and development of website accessibility improvements. An accessibility audit of the website is being undertaken by partners from RNIB to support ongoing website improvements, and work is underway to update the website. |
| CS/ WG PP6 **#3923** | Activity: Develop a targeted main season campaign to raise awareness of easy access opportunities across the Park, including promotion of the beach wheelchair and mobility equipment scheme | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** We are working on final preparations to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the beach wheelchair scheme in October at an event at Carew Castle. Work is also underway on the 2027 edition of Coast to Coast and editorial will feature easy access opportunities across the Park. |

**Note:** Updates for Next Generation and Youth Committee are captured under reporting for Communities Well-being Objective.

## Learning and Skills Development [Section 6 Duty]

| DP/ WG Ref | Measure | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| EIL/ WG PP7 **#3767** | Number of training opportunities provided | 3 | 2 | -33% ↓ (caution re % difference due to small numbers involved) | Planning Related MSC due to complete December 2026. Graduate Trainee in Practical Land Management started in July. |
| EIL/ WG PP7 **#3768** | Number of apprenticeships provided | 4 | 4 | 0% → (caution re % difference due to small numbers involved) | Figure relates to substantive employees undertaking apprenticeship upskilling: 3 Officers in Countryside Team are doing ILM Level 2 Diploma (with some Level 3 units) in Team Leading and 1 Officer is doing Level 4 Team Leading. |
| EIL/ WG PP7 **#3769** | Number of work placements completed | 0 | 2 | N/A | Two work placements in September, one through DWP and one through PCC Future Works. |
| MaiEIL/ WG PP7 **#2616** | Number of Social Action Hours Contributed | 1,347.5 | 791.5 | -41.26% ↓ | Decrease impacted by same period in 2025/26 having some social action sessions with larger school groups, more sessions with Pembrokeshire college and previous Roots to Discovery Gardening group sessions. |




**Trend Note:** Data shows a downward trend in terms of participants in learning programme from schools outside of Pembrokeshire, we have also seen a decrease in terms of Pembrokeshire Schools. Potential factor is the financial pressures on schools which can impact on traveling further afield for school trips due to transport and other costs. Note figures for Teachers includes engagement via Tirlun Project as part of Education Roadshow.

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| EIL/ WG PP7 & GC3 **#3771** | Project: Delivery of Phase 2 of SLSP Tirlun Project | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** PLCs resumed in term time, teachers assisting the development and review of resources. Monthly meetings between production contractors held. 2 Tirlun Webinars - introducing the resources to teachers (20 Welsh, 60 English) Preparation for National Education show Cardiff and Teacher training events in Bangor University and University of South Wales and Cardiff Met underway. |
| EIL/ WG PP7 **#3772** | Activity: Work Placement Activities – Pembrokeshire College and other Further/ Higher education providers | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Two work placements in September, one through DWP and one through PCC Future Works. Engaging internally and externally to establish a robust |

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| | | | | procedure, identifying risk especially in relation to IT. Working with all staff to identify potential opportunities. Exploring funded opportunities through Wales Training Subsidy Scheme and Youth Jobs Grant. |
| EIL/ WG PP7 **#3774** | Project: Deliver 2 one year paid Traineeships as part of NNF4 funded project - providing practical conservation skills and career pathways in biodiversity management. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** The line management has transferred to the Resourcing Officer. A whole suite of reports has been created to document, monitor and report on the key learnings, opportunities, skills development and improved employability through the course of the 1 year appointment. The Resourcing Officer is supporting the Trainee to ensure that potential benefits to all the key stakeholders are maximised and that the Authority has a blueprint for future graduate traineeships or similar. Preliminary discussions are planned to develop the Traineeship in Conservation with a view to advertising the post in early January 2027 |

## Safeguarding Heritage and Public Rights of Way in the Park

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| PLC/ WG PP4 **#589** | % of Rights of Way Open and Accessible and Meeting Quality Standards. | 87.28 | 87.17 | - 0.13% ↓ | |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#3775** | Km of Rights of way enhanced or created ytd | 2 Km | 0 Km | N/A | AIG work programme to be reviewed to ensure projects reflect what is achievable in the staff time available while coinciding with the winter work programme. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#50** | Number of people using footpath from fixed counters ytd – 4 inland rights of way counters only. | 9,131 | 8,142 | 10.83% ↓ | Q1 data. Awaiting Q2 data from contractor. Due to an issue with Coast Path counter data that officers are liaising |

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| | | (Q1 – 4 Inland Rights of Way Counters only) | (Q1 – 4 Inland Rights of Way Counters only) | | with external company to resolve, the following numbers reflect 4 Inland Rights of Way counters only. Combined reporting via this indicator of 7 Coast Path/ 4 Inland Rights of Way data will resume once issue has been resolved. The 4 Inland Rights of Way Counters are located: Garn Fechan access path, Minwear forest footbridge, Pilgrims, Pandy footbridge. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#583** | Number Coast Path and Inland Rights of Way Concerns ytd | 162 | 196 | 20.99% ↑ | 74% of the complaints relate to Inland Rights of Way. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#3663** | % of Coast Path Surveyed year to date<br><br>[Note: Progress against 100% survey of Coast Path over two years with a minimum survey of 75% of the route on an annual basis.] | 1.22% ● | Q2 Data currently not available.<br><br>3% at end of Q1. | N/A | Due to unforeseen circumstances Q2 data is not currently available. Expect low % Q1 as most survey work carried out in Q2 and Q3 and may be a time lag between survey being carried out and it being logged. Work programme has been agreed with NRW to ensure that the whole survey will be completed within their 2 year timeframe, this is following 28.08% being surveyed in 2025/26. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#3664** | % critical priority jobs completed within 2 weeks.<br><br>[Note: Number of critical jobs normally low this can distort %] | Q2: 57% ● | Q1: 100% ● | Target: 100% | 6 out of 6 assessable Q2 critical jobs were completed within two weeks. No jobs were completed late. One critical jobs remain open, the job carried over from the previous quarter. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#3665** | % of high priority jobs completed within 12 months | Q1: 77.5% ● | Q1: 90.2% ● | Target: 100% | 83 out of 92 high priority jobs were completed within 12 months. There are currently 181 high priority jobs outstanding on the system. |

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| PLC/ WG PP4 **#3676** | Number of Public Rights of Way cutting programme tasks completed ytd | 1,155 | 930 | -19.48↓ | Impact of weather is key factor in terms of this decrease. With the prolonged periods of hot, dry weather this year, vegetation growth along the Coast Path has been significantly reduced in many areas. As a result, the teams haven't needed to undertake as much cutting work as in previous years. |
| PLC/ WG PP4, PP7 **#2625** | Number volunteer and social action hours supporting access work in the Park | 1,107.4 | 770.29 | - 30.44% ↓ | Potentially impacted by less group access volunteering/ social action sessions being delivered. |
| PLC/ WG PP4, PP7 **#2622** | Number volunteer and social action hours supporting heritage assets in the Park | 1,295 | 806.59 | - 37.72% ↓ | |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| PLC/ WG PP4 **#3779** | Activity: Work to enhance/ create PROW - Maintenance and continuous improvement of PROW/ Coast Path National Trail | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status**: **In Progress / Behind** The dry weather finally broke at the beginning of September prompting rapid late season growth, so the wardens have remained cutting throughout the period. However, some of the winter maintenance programme has already begun, with the wardens taking advantage of the good conditions in the West to carry out gate and drainage work, and reduced firing activity on the Castlemartin range has allowed the South to maintain a number of gates running through this area. In mid-September the Rights of Way Officer attended the Ramblers Conference on behalf of PCNPA, and the National Trail Officer attended guide walk leader training |

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| | | | | to gain a better understanding of the walking experience for people with visual impairments. |
| EIL/ WG PP4 **#3925** | Activity: Preparation activity in support of development of next Coast Path User Survey. Survey to be undertaken by 2030**.** | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** The NRW Wales Coast Path Survey is due to present findings on October 19th, which RoW and Nature Recovery staff will be attending. This will be used to inform our own survey. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#703** | Project: Safeguarding Monuments Scheme – working with volunteers to monitor, develop and deliver conservation work programme focused on the Park's publicly accessible monuments. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** During September, 14 visits were undertaken by heritage volunteers. Scrub clearance took place by the Community Archaeologist with the support of the Friends of the Pembrokeshire Coast volunteer work party at Fishguard Fort. In addition, a contractor commenced work to clear dense scrub from Fishpond Camp, Bosherston. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#2227** | Partnership: Heritage Watch Scheme (working with partners to respond to the issue of heritage crime in the Park.) | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** During the second quarter of 2026, heritage crime incidents were identified at seven scheduled monuments across the National Park. This included, rearranging features, stone stacking, anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, graffiti, ground disturbance, and arson. The National Park Authority carried out repair work where possible, such as dismantling stone stacks at St Davids Head Camp with the National Trust. The National Park Authority also hosted and chaired the quarterly Heritage Watch online meeting in July, bringing police and local authorities for Dyfed-Powys together to discuss issues. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#3776** | Capital Project: Carew Causeway visitor access improvement. | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** Repairs on hold until Feb 2027 (due to various constraints and approval of consents) Reservoirs Engineer S10 inspection completed in July 2026 and S12 inspection October 2026, awaiting Res Act Engineer comments following July inspection prior to scheduling planned repairs |
| PLC/ WG PP4 | Capital Project: Castell Henllys improvement programme. | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** |

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| **#3777** | | | | New store shed complete, new ramp and draining improvements delayed until Spring 2027. New pellet store building following completion of this work in 2027/28. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#391** | Capital Projects: Carew Castle Visitor Access/ Enhancement and Interpretation | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** We have final architects plans for driveway/access improvements, agreed by the Carew Castle Manager, Buildings Projects Officer and the Building Conservation Officer. Additional investigations requested by Cadw have been completed. An architect has been instructed to submit plans for formal SAM consent. We have instructed a structural engineer to write an options report for repairs to key stonework. |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#3778** | Activity: Supporting historic environment through Conservation Areas and their monitoring. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** No specific areas of work at present. |

## Well-being Objective Communities

Control Monitoring for Risk Area 4 in risk register: Failing to create vibrant, sustainable and prosperous communities in the Park that are places people can live, work and enjoy.

### Regenerative Tourism – Vision and Principles: The Authority [Section 6 Duty]

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| RT/ WG EN1, EN8, PP4, PP5, PP6 **#3995** | Audit / Baseline Review – Creation of set of indicators across Authority Regenerative Tourism Principles (Four C's) for each centre alongside financial sustainability indicators. This will inform future development plans for each centre and their journey towards being regenerative tourism exemplars | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Draft indicators developed and shared with CEO and Director Nature and Tourism. Feedback received from CEO, this will be incorporated into the draft indicators, with test data applied for 2025/26 and Q2 data where feasible prior to draft indicators being circulated more widely for comment. Initial testing applied for some carbon |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| | | | | emission related measures using data collected as part of WG net zero reporting. |

## Regenerative Tourism – Vision and Principles: The Park [Section 6 Duty]

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| RT/ WG EN1, EN8, PP4, PP5, PP6 **#3996** | Activity: Creation of Regenerative Tourism Position Paper for Authority. Identifying areas of influence in the Park, current roles, risks and opportunities. This paper will help inform development of next Corporate and Resources Plan. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Scoping and developing structure of paper. Visit Pembrokeshire are undertaking - Community Engagement Survey 2026. Paper will take account of this work and its outputs. |
| RT/ WG PP3 **#2553** | Activity: Follow up work as a result of Member decision on Camping and Caravanning – Article 4(1) Direction and it coming into effect on 1 January 2026. Collaborative work with WG and other statutory bodies to develop working protocol for Exemption Organisations | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Monitoring of campsites being undertaken |
| CS/ WG PP3 **#3924** | Communications Activity: Promote campaigns of Partners that support delivery of Partnership Plan actions e.g. Water Safety and Sustainable Transport in the Park. Support regenerative tourism messaging across the Park | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Coast to Coast editorial is being planned for 2027 to carry enhanced water safety features and advice, and this will be used for ongoing social media messaging during the 2027 season, along with promotion of the Fflecsi bus and wider sustainable transport options across the Park, linking with RNLI and other partners for appropriate messaging. Work is ongoing to support wider sustainable transport marketing initiatives with partners where relevant. |

## Placemaking, Partnerships and Engagement [Section 6 Duty]

| DP/ WG Ref | Priority Indicator | Trend - Summary Information based on LDP Annual Monitoring report 2025/26. |
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| PLC/ WG PP2 #904 | Net affordable housing built | Local Development Plan 2 policy 48 sets a target to deliver 362 affordable dwellings over the plan period 2016 to 2031. This equates to an annual target of 23 affordable dwellings. The data from the latest Annual Monitoring Report for the Local Development Plan shows: There were 51 affordable housing completions in 2025/26. Since 2015/16 (Year 1) 283 affordable homes have been completed, which is above the target of 230 (29_26-LDP-AMR.pdf) |

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| PLC & RT & EIL **#3793** | # Participants in community engagement sessions, activities and events<br><br>Note: Includes community and inclusion focused events from Centres | 30,764 | 32,445 | 5% ↑ | Community Engagement 1020. Community Event (includes centre events) 25,740. Community Group Activity/ Session 1,244. Community Volunteering/ Social Action 1,731. Community Festival/ Show: 2,710 (includes engagement as part of Eisteddfod stand) |

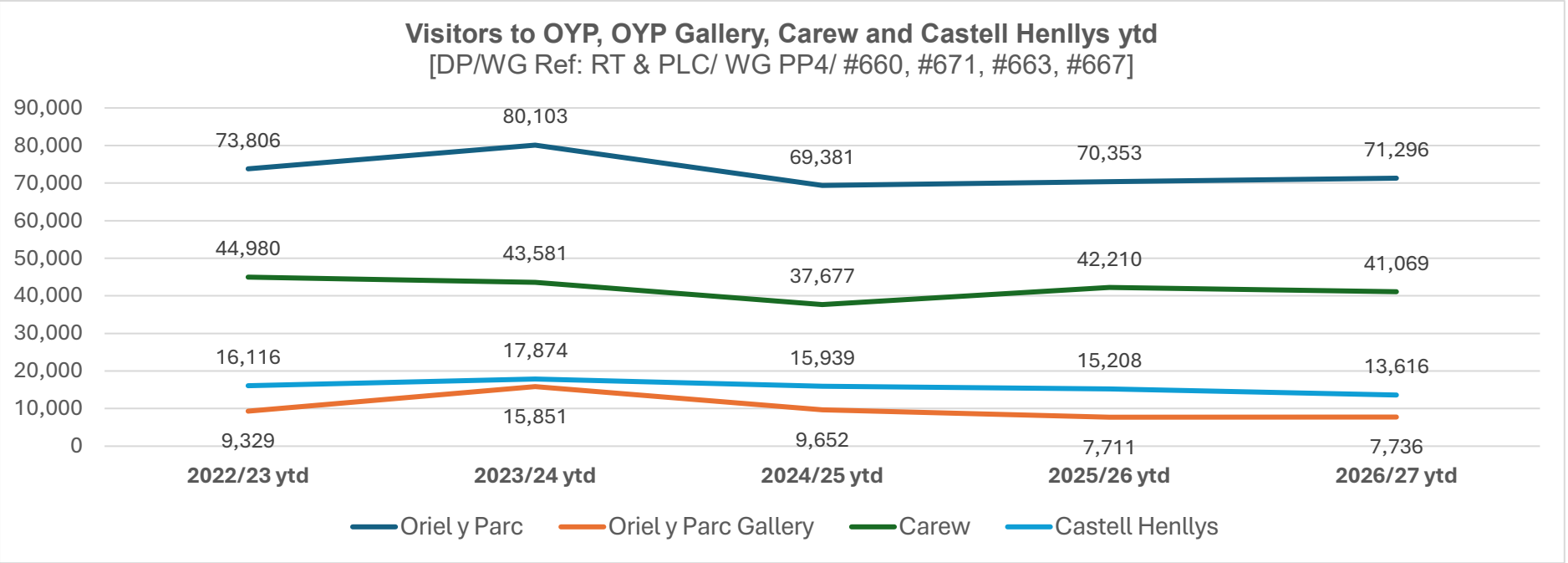
**Wider Trend Data:** A view of poverty - Data Cymru (Select under area Pembrokeshire)

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| PLC **#3790** | Activity: Development of Partnership Plan Forum and mechanisms to capture impact of partners and wider partnership activities in support of Plan. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Forum (Cultural heritage and Connection) took place 24th September with presentations from the National Trust, RCAHMW, Heneb and PCNPA. Next Forum 10th December (Climate and natural resources). |
| PLC **#3791** | Activity: Review of Partnership Framework and | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| | Monitoring Report to take account of approval of Partnership Plan and resource considerations for the Authority. | | | Annual Partnership Framework monitoring presented to July NPA. Partnership Stakeholder survey carried out to feed into monitoring report. Partnership Plan Forum in place and meeting held in June. Meeting held to look at how partnership feedback provided to the forum can be fed into future annual Partnership Framework monitoring reports. |
| PLC/ WG PP2, GC6, EN7 **#3792** | Activity: Preparation and Approval of Delivery Agreement for LDP3 and its implementation once approved | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Engagement has been undertaken in September in accordance with the Delivery Agreement. Officers held a workshop with key stakeholders on the growth and spatial strategy options for LDP 3. A workshop was held with Members on a range of LDP topics including the growth strategy, Welsh language, Green Infrastructure and affordable housing viability and impacts of policy requirements. Officers have also attended meetings with Saundersfoot, Tenby, Newport and St Davids Community Councils. A further workshop will be held online in early November for Town and Community Councils and Councillors. The preparation of the LDP is on track with the timetable in the Delivery Agreement for Preferred Strategy consultation commencing in January. |
| EIL/ WG PP6, GC2 **#381** | Delivery of Next Generation and Youth Committee programmes including promotion of the PCNPA Youth Manifesto. [Equality Plan] | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** EcoTone Project - Next Generation and Youth Rangers have taken part in a series of creative workshops with artists in response to the Helen Chadwick Exhibition at Oriel Y Parc. The collaboration between different youth groups and organisations as well as working in digital media and music has been very engaging. |
| EIL/ WG GC2, PP7 **#1121** | Delivery of Volunteer Forum reflecting the diversity of volunteers [Equality Plan] | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** A date for the next meeting of the Volunteer Forum has still to be finalised |
| EIL/ WG GC6 | Planning Service engagement with Community | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| **#348** | Councils and annual training sessions for them | | | Community Councils who have raised issues with the planning process have been referred to the need to attend the annual training session. There are several CC's that need a targeted approach. We are sending out early engagement this year with provisional dates for a session in November currently being agreed. |

## Supporting Culture and Welsh Language in the Park




Trend Note: The centres have seen a mixed picture in terms of visitor numbers ytd compared to 2025/26. Oriel y Parc has seen a 1.3% increase, 71,296 ytd compared to 70,353 for same period in 2025/26. Carew has seen a -2.7% decrease, 41,069 ytd compared to 42,210 for

same period in 2025/26. Castell Henllys has seen a -10.47% decrease, 13,616 ytd compared to 15,208 for same period in 2025/26. We are seeing a trend where over the last three years we have seen year on year decrease in visitor numbers at Castell Henllys.

**Welsh Government Tourism Barometer:** https://www.gov.wales/tourism-barometer

| DP / WG Ref | Category | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Difference | Comment |
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| PLC & RT/ WG PP4 **#3794** | # participants in public and visitor programme activities and events | 40,654 | 38,859 | - 4.42% ↓ | |
| PLC/ WG PP5 **#3799** | # participants in Welsh Language promotion activities – Welsh and Bilingual Offer (Planned/ Active Offer): Community/ Inclusion/ Events Programme | 23,392 | 19,568 | - 16% ↓ | Facilitated Bilingually (Welsh Active Offer: 14,551 – likely to be affected by decrease in visitors re Castell Henllys. Facilitated Completely Bilingually (English and Welsh): 1,372. Facilitated Completely in Welsh: 1,443 – Includes engagement as part of the Eisteddfod stand. Self Directed Bilingual Delivery: 2,202. |
| PLC/ WG PP5 **#3798** | # participants in Welsh Language promotion activities – Welsh and Bilingual Offer (Planned/ Active Offer): Learning Programme | 908 | 747 | - 17.73% ↓ | |

| DP / WG Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG Aug 2026/27 | RAG Sept 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| PLC/ WG PP4 **#321** | Event Delivery: Delivery of Annual Archaeology Day | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** During September, a planning meeting took place and volunteers were recruited to help support delivery on the day of the event. The event programme was finalised, including receiving presentation titles from speakers. Over 75 general attendee bookings had been received by mid- |

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| | | | | September and community groups and organisations continued to book stalls at the event |
| PLC/ WG PP4 **#318** | Activity: Collaborating with others on Community Archaeology excavations and projects in the Park. Secure additional funding where required for joint projects. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** During September, the Authority delivered a guided archaeology walk of Skomer Island in partnership with the RCAHMW and the Wildlife Trust. The event was fully booked and well received by all those that attended. The Authority hosted lidar processing training delivered by PTS Consultancy. Authority staff were joined by staff from Eryri, Bannau Brycheiniog and RCAHMW. PTS Consultancy also delivered a presentation to senior management and members of the Authority on the potential use and benefits of lidar. |
| PLC/ WG PP5 **#3795** | Activity: Explore new ways to proactively integrate Welsh language promotion with National Park Authority activities. Including opportunities across our centres, events, outreach and partnership work. [Welsh Language Promotion Strategy] | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Will be taken forward as part of the Welsh Language Champions network which will meet in October. Poor attendance at meeting but further presentation to Team Leaders in December. |
| PLC/ WG PP5 **#3796** | Activity: Enhance our Welsh Language promotion activities through engaging with activities in support of Eisteddfod y Garreg Las due to be held in Pembrokeshire in 2026. [Welsh Language Promotion Strategy] | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / Complete** Successful event held in August with numerous activities and engagements. Action now complete. |
| PLC/ WG PP5 **#3936** | Project: Community Place Names Workshop Project. [Welsh Language Promotion Strategy] | | | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** During September, a place name workshop was hosted by the National Park Authority and RCAHMW in St Ishmaels. A number of community members and groups attended to provide place name information. In total, 357 names were collected and added to the list managed by the RCAHMW. The RCAHMW also reported that 634 |

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| | | | | names were collected during the Carew workshop in July 2026. Planning was underway during the month to prepare for the final workshop of 2026 in Tenby in October. |
| WG PP5 / WLRA **#4012** | Welsh Language Report Action: Preparation of a background paper on Welsh language, considering the geographical designation of Welsh Language Sensitive Areas within Local Development Plan 3. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Welsh language background paper has been prepared and will be available for comment alongside the Preferred Strategy consultation in January. A workshop for Members was held in September and the data from the paper was presented, together with options for Welsh Language Sensitive Areas. |

## Performance Report 2: Corporate Areas of Change Actions/ Annual Governance Statement Improvement Actions/ Welsh Government Governance Reporting (April – March 2025/26)

Control Monitoring for Risk Area 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11 in risk register.

- Please note Indicators and RAG actions reflect deliverables from delivery plans, Welsh Government Reporting requirements and improvement actions from Annual Governance Statement.

### Governance

| Ref | Measure | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Comment |
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| CS/ WG GC4 **#3825** | % of members who have attended all four Governance online training sessions or watched the recordings | 5% | 44% | As new Members join the Authority, consideration will be given as to whether the sessions are re-run |

| Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG August 2025/26 | RAG September 2025/26 | Progress Commentary |
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| CS **#2344** | **Values:** Finalise set of revised values for the Authority. Update Employee Code of Conduct/ Manager Behaviour Framework to reflect revised set of Values. | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Hold** The values work and updating of Employee Code of Conduct and Manager Behaviour Framework is on hold for the moment until the Public Office (Accountability) Bill progresses through relevant stages. We will then update the documents to align with the new potential Duty of Candour, Nolan Principles, requirements around code of ethics. This would also offer us a good opportunity to raise awareness of the code of conduct (qualifying local government employees) (Wales) Order 2001 (subject to any changes as a result of Public Office Accountability Bill) and to integrate the Academi Wales One Welsh Public Sector into these documents. Template has been set up ready for the review process. Officer attending online Geldards event in October about the Bill. |

| Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG August 2025/26 | RAG September 2025/26 | Progress Commentary |
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| CS/ AGS **#66** | **Policies:** Progress review of policies, standards and procedures in line with new Tracker/ Forward Work Programme document. Staff handbook interface for staff intranet implemented. | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** Forward Work Programme Tracker document in development - to support mop up work and development of forward work programme. Includes tracking in support of publication scheme (staff intranet and website) Delay in final completion and sharing with Management Team due to other work priorities. New interface for staff handbook demo with Management Team held in July and item produced for staff newsletter on the interface. New drone policy and internal use of Welsh Language policy in development, CCTV policy being updated. |
| CS/ WG GC2 **#3826** | **Assessments:** Deliver workshops and support for staff on Committee report writings and integrated assessments. | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** Session for Officers on completion of trigger document to be arranged for later in 2026/27. Note tracker and guidance document to be reviewed in advance, due to wider policy changes - health impact assessments, implications of the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) and any implications in terms of Armed Forces Covenant Duty and Rural Proofing requirements. |
| CS **#3827** | **Assessments**: Develop project level integrated assessment checklists | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Initial drafting underway. |
| CS **#3828** | **Reporting:** Update Section 6 Biodiversity Signposting document and submit 3 year reporting documents. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** The signposting document for compliance with Section 6 duty is being reviewed and updated. Engagement with staff and members is planned. |
| CS **#3830** | **Reporting:** Meet first year reporting requirements for Social Partnership and Procurement Act – Annual Socially Responsible Procurement Report | Green | Green | **Progress Status: Not Started / On Hold** First annual report will need to cover 2026/27. |
| WG GC1 & GC2 & GC3 | **Governance Review:** Feed into Governance review of protected | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Report due to be presented in November |

| Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG August 2025/26 | RAG September 2025/26 | Progress Commentary |
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| **#3831** | landscapes being initiated by Tirweddau Cymru | | | |
| AGS/ WG GC1 **#3832** | **Governance:** Implement the recommendations of the Welsh Government Review of Member Evaluation | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Member evaluation process agreed at NPA in September. To be trialled with current Members in January before implementation with new cohort of Members in May. |
| CWG GC2 **#3835** | **Mentoring:** Participation in Mentoring Scheme as part of public appointment scheme | Green | Green | **Progress Status: Not Started / On Track** 4 Attendees at October sessions which considered planning issues in Tenby. Final session organised for January 2027. |
| CS **#4003** | **Strategic:** Review of Authority Well-being Objectives and development of Corporate and Resources Plan 2027/28 – 2031/32 and associated delivery plans. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Authority will need to develop revised Corporate and Resources Plan during 2026/27, impact of Senedd election on remit letter priorities and PSB revised Well-being Assessment to be considered. Still awaiting remit letter - may need to develop interim plan for 2027/28. Welsh Government have released their programme of Government. Initial exploration into potential of Adaptive planning cycle and how this can support flexible and agile delivery plans in support of longer term objectives/ vision set out within Corporate Plan. Wider work carried out such as 30x30 report and Capital projects list development will influence plan review and development. |
| CS /AGS **#4004** | **Risk:** Implementation of key actions identified as part of Risk Register Deep Dives | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Deep Dives reported to the Authority and actions implemented. Undertaking a process to identify a priority list of capital projects. |
| AGS **#4006** | **New Legislation:** Consider and implement any new regulations and requirements from the Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Act | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** We continue to monitor the enactment of provisions of the act |

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| AGS **#4007** | **Welsh Government Remit Letter:** Respond to any priorities identified by the Welsh Government | Green | Green | **Progress Status: Not Started / On Track**<br>No action by Welsh Government |
| WLP **#4009** | **Welsh Language Annual Report Action:** Review policy on Internal Use of Welsh | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>1st draft policy circulated for comment before consultation with staff |

## Workforce and People

| Ref | Measure | Previous Year ytd: 2025/26 | Current Year ytd: 2026/27 | Comment |
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| CS/ WG GC4 / WLP **#3912** | % of staff at intermediate Welsh Language level or above | 27% | 26.77% | |

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| CS/ AGS **#3836** | **Strategic:** Development of Establishment and Workforce Plan | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Hold**<br>This is part of the Resourcing Officer's work schedule and included in a 3-month work plan |
| CS/ EP **#3837** | **Strategic**: Implement actions within Equality Plan that support delivery of equality objectives that sit under long term aim: Our workforce is diverse, we are an employer of choice and staff feel supported within an inclusive and fair work environment. | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind**<br>Through various networking opportunities including PAVS, Schools, Careers and DWP and Pembrokeshire County Council progress is being made in engaging with disadvantaged and under represented groups in the workplace. We are promoting volunteering opportunities and putting in place a work placement/work experience process. |
| CS / AGS **#2377** | **Knowledge:** Induction process updated to reflect Well-being Objectives and Corporate compliance | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind**<br>Awaiting final content |

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| | areas (Staff, Volunteers and Members induction.) | | | |
| CS/ WG GC1 & GC4 **#3839** | **Knowledge:** Embed resources created during the NPA Governance Assistance programme (Members' Governance Handbook, training recordings and associated toolkits) in Member induction and development arrangements | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>Resources shared with new Members as part of induction. Will look to include in Induction for new Members in May 2027. |
| CS/ AGS **#2379** | **Knowledge:** Annual Appraisal/ Work and Well-being process carried out to identify skills gaps and development opportunities for all staff | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind**<br>A small number of Staff Representatives including the Trade Union have agreed to be involved in reviewing the annual appraisal and wellbeing review process. Due to annual leave the September meeting has been postponed until October |
| CS/ AGS/ EP/ SRPS/ WLP **#2380** | **Knowledge:** Development and delivery of training plan/ programme) for staff and volunteers. Covering:<br>• mandatory compliance related training<br>• skills and development opportunities in support of staff delivering against our Well-being Objectives.<br>Note: Member Development Plan agreed July 2025. | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind**<br>The training plan has now been completed based on the requirements of the job description and person specification or task description in the case of volunteers. Work will begin to prioritise non-mandatory training and identify most cost-effective training intervention. |
| CS/ WLP/ WG PP5 **#3919** | **Knowledge:** Welsh Language Staff Training and Engagement Activities | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>First draft policy on the internal use of Welsh circulated for comment. To go to Staff Reps in December. |
| WLP **#4010** | **Knowledge – Welsh Language Annual Report Action:**<br>Provide training on using the Welsh language effectively in meetings, | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>Online courses are available in October/November and January/February. Exploring options for attendance. |

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| | interviews, and complaints and disciplinary procedures | | | |
| WLP **#4013** | **Welsh Language Annual Report Action – Culture:** Creation of a network of Welsh language Champions to promote and encourage the use of Welsh both within the workforce and in activities and events undertaken by staff across the Authority. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Meeting arranged for 8 October. Poor attendance at meeting, however further presentation to be given to Team Leaders in December. Also raise at Staff meeting in November. Event held for Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae 14/10/26. |

## Financial and Resource Resilience

During October 2026 Welsh Government provided further clarification on what they are looking to be included in terms of indicator on Financial investment in Nature & Carbon initiatives. As a result we are reviewing data for this indicator to meet their revised expectations and guidance on this indicator.

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| New Indicator as a result of Payment Compliance Notice Requirements | Average number of days taken to pay invoices | N/A – Updated Indicator | 13 (1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026) | Indicator updated to reflect Payment Compliance Notice. Note – 1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026 notice has been uploaded to Sell2Wales |
| New Indicator as a result of Payment Compliance Notice Requirements | Proportion of invoices paid in accordance with the term in section 68(2) of the PA 2023 during the reporting period | N/A – Updated Indicator | 93.1% (1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026) | Invoices paid – 4894.<br>Within 30 days – 93.1%.<br>Between 31 and 60 days – 6.8%.<br>On or after day 61 – 0.1%.<br>Indicator updated to reflect Payment Compliance Notice. Note – 1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026 notice has been uploaded to Sell2Wales |

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| CS/ AGS/ **#3862** | **New Finance System:** Review financial standards & processes as a result of new finance system. Ensure revised and/or new reports in place for effective financial monitoring. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: Complete / On Track**<br>Reports in place for financial monitoring. Financial Standards approved at May NPA and revised procedures presented. Revised standards and procedures published to staff on Staff intranet. |
| CS/ **#3863** | **Fundraising:** Deliver Authority Fundraising Strategy in support of prioritised projects and activities. Maintain a portfolio and pipeline of prioritised projects for seeking funding opportunities. | Green | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind**<br>Interim arrangements for fundraising/ Trust will be in place from September following both members of the fundraising team leaving the Authority. Three new local organisations joined the Get Outdoors Partnership - The Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust is welcomed Ateb Trust, Port of Milford Haven Community Fund and Coastal Cottages Community Fund as new partners, contributing a combined £8,500. First 1000 Days via the Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust has been awarded £19,800 from The National Lottery Community Fund, enabling the early years outdoor play programme to continue supporting families in Pembrokeshire from September 2026 through to the end of March 2027. Grant received from Esteé Lauder Companies UK & Ireland via the UK National Parks Foundation for Strategic Nature Based Water Quality Improvement Assessment - Lower Western Cleddau.<br>Paper went to NPA in terms of Heritage Lottery Fund Bid – Pembrokeshire Landscape Connections Project. |
| CS/ SRPS **#3865** | **Procurement:** Implementation of Authority's Socially Responsible Procurement Strategy. Secure additional funding where required. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>Implementation of strategy underway. Cross department team meeting. Ongoing work on frameworks for nature recovery and decarbonisation team with Barcud. Contracts register and tender register shared on Parcnet for updating and review by staff. Standard Terms and conditions added to PO's, Privacy notice for contractors underway. |

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| CS/ AMS **#3866** | **Asset Management:** Creation and implementation of Action Plan in support of delivery of Asset Management Strategy. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>Asset Management Strategy implementation plan to be reviewed by AMG in November. Working through current actions for 2026: Review of current assets Review of depot's collaborative working with decarbonisation team and nature recovery on estate management , Property decarbonisation plan underway, Review of car parking season ticket income. |

## Digital Resilience

| Ref | Priority Project/ Activity | RAG August 2026/27 | RAG September 2026/27 | Progress Commentary |
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| CS/ AGS **#3855** | **IT Infrastructure and Systems:** Implement the IT Strategy to strengthen actions to mitigate cyber security risks and ensure Authority is upgrading its IT infrastructure. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>IT have run a couple of simulations targeting those not previously tested / new staff. Audit want an export of all user results for each simulation as well as the previous list of failed users, which has been implemented. |
| CS/ AGS **#3853** | **Digital Skills:** Implement Communication plan for Cyber Security, Digital Skills and Data Protection. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>14/09/26 - Authority Teams post on Updated Information and Data Security Policy. Reminder at Managers Meetings 15.09.26 For staff to complete Cyber security and data protection training. Reminder of the IT drop in sessions for IT queries and support. 17/9/26 Spotting a Suspicious Login Attempt - Authority Teams post 18.9.26 Cyber risks and Supply chain all staff notice. 21/09/26 - Changes to MFA/ 2FA settings |
| CS/ AGS **#3854** | **Digital Skills:** Deliver training programme for staff to increase confidence in use of Microsoft 365/ Team, Sharepoint | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track**<br>Due to schedule and staff being on leave no sessions run in September however future sessions arranged for October. |
| CS/ AGS **#3855** | **Record Management:** Further progress restructure of F/Drive and movement of digital files where appropriate to Teams/ Sharepoint | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind**<br>Work is ongoing as capacity allows - focus currently is on reviewing the Activities and Events Folder in Regenerative Tourism in F/ Drive following changes in terms of responsibilities |

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| | | | | for related activities and need to review documentation for retention and for information retained identification of best location for it to be stored. Other area of focus is Archive V Drive data. |
| CS/ AGS **#3856** | **Record Management: Update** Records of Processing | Amber | Amber | **Progress Status: In Progress / Behind** Technical review has commenced, however not all departments have provided information and further follow up is expected to be needed due to gaps in information provided by some other departments. Technical review has been delayed by Officer capacity having to be focused on other priority areas with deadlines. |
| CS **#3859** | **Record Management:** Identify solution to photo/ video storage management risks. | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress / On Track** Officer has drafted revised consent form, to ensure those providing consent are aware of AI implications of when image is posted online. Photo, Video and Audio (Media) Record Management Procedure has been drafted and a media summary sheet to go in folder containing media and was circulated to Record Management Group and DPO for initial comment. The draft documentation has now been circulated with relevant admin and technical staff for them to review from practical administrative purpose (a online consent form has been developed following their response and some further internal team discussions relating to approach for some evidence linked documentation), Head of Communications and Marketing and Head of Engagement and Inclusion (re safeguarding considerations). The procedure and documentation aims to address some of the ongoing record management risks and issues relating to media storage. |
| CS **#3858** | **Managing IT Resource:** Pilot and implement new IT/ Systems Project request form (2 stage management team approval process.) | Green | Green | **Progress Status: Complete / On Track** Complete. Form is in active use, with staff submitting form as part of 2 stage management team approval process. Requirement to complete DPIA is picked up where required as part of this process, with revised DPIA form in place aligned with the project process. |

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| AGS **#4005** | **IT Systems:** Procurement of new Planning System | Green | Green | **Progress Status: In Progress/ On Track**<br>Authority undertook an exploration of the market by contacting 3 providers on an existing Government framework in April of this year with a pre engagement consultation to assess likely costs and provision. This process included consideration of the current provider, to assess whether an updated contract could address current issues. Following on from the pre-engagement process we have undertaken a more extensive direct assessment of potential provision with two providers and identified a preferred option. Under procurement rules the Authority is able to use the UK Government framework for a direct award for a contract of this type. Paper went to NPA in September asking Members to approve the acquisition of a new planning database. |