

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS & PERFORMANCE MANAGER

SUBJECT:
PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2013

Introduction

This performance report presents the progress during the year for the key actions and success measures set out in the Corporate Strategy outcomes 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

- 1 The National Park is conserved for current and future generations**
- 3 Residents and visitors use opportunities provided to adopt more sustainable lifestyles**
- 4 Opportunities are provided for local people to live within the National Park**
- 5 A thriving local economy exists based on the sustainable use of the National Park.**
- 7 Residents and visitors recognise the distinct Pembrokeshire cultures within the National Park**
- 8 The Authority is recognised as meeting good practice standards in terms of governance**

Appendix 1 to this Report have been reproduced directly from the Ffynnon Performance Reporting System and show the progress reports for the actions in these outcomes. Actions relating to the Strategic Grant Letter are marked with SGL.

There were 22 key actions relevant to this review committee, with 19 reaching a satisfactory target or performance (shown in green). The remaining 3 are delayed waiting for further guidance or policy documents from Welsh Government.

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

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Outcome 1 - The National Park is conserved for current and future generations

Action	Previous Period December 2012		Current Period March 2013			
	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Trend	Comment
a Manage NPA sites	65	Amber	100	Green	↑	Work completed
b Assist with agri-environment schemes	70	Green	100	Green	→	On target
c Identify new areas for conservation	100	Green	100	Green	→	Ahead of target
d Map invasive species	70	Green	70	Green	→	Project led by LBAP - continuing
e Implement Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations(SGL)		Red		Red	→	Guidance from WG still outstanding
f Implement LDP policies;	75	Green	100	Green	→	Continuous
g Implement principles outlined in the Strategic Policy Statement		Amber		Amber	→	Waiting for Policy Statement
h Integrate biodiversity mitigation, etc into new developments through the planning system (SGL)	75	Green	100	Green	→	Conditions applied to all consents according to LDP policies
i To report on priorities and activities to promote and safeguard the cultural heritage of the Parks.(SGL)	70	Green	100	Green	→	All work completed Carew Castle Lesser Hall completed Several events organised for the public

Outcome 3 - Residents and visitors use opportunities provided to adopt more sustainable lifestyles

Action	Previous Period December 2012		Current Period March 2013			
	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Trend	Comment
g Identify the risks posed by climate change(SGL)	50	Amber	100	Green	↑	Draft report to CMT for signoff 26/3/13. Workshop being arranged by WG - late May or June

Outcome 4 - Opportunities are provided for local people to live within the National Park

Action	Previous Period December 2012		Current Period March 2013			
	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Trend	Comment
a Use Section 106 agreements and planning conditions to ensure delivery	75	Green	100	Green	➡	Used when appropriate
b Contact owners of land allocated in the Local Development Plan to monitor progress	85	Green	90	Green	➡	Report being considered in conjunction with recent scrutiny exercise
c Enable affordable housing and work with local housing authorities on delivery(SGL)	60	Green	100	Green	➡	Planning application for 18 dwellings at Crymych to be reported to Planning Committee in April 2013 with recommendation of approval. Replied positively to proposal for 7 units at Glanrhyd. Update meetings held with Tai Centref and Pembs Housing Association and study looking into the implementation of allocated sites completed.
d Investigate selling surplus NPA land that is suitable for affordable housing development	100	Green	100	Green	➡	Complete
e Monitor supply of affordable housing	60	Amber	100	Green	⬆	Information provided to scrutiny exercise

Outcome 5 - A thriving local economy exists based on the sustainable use of the National Park

Action	Previous Period December 2012		Current Period March 2013			
	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Trend	Comment
c Provide evidence to WG on the economic and social importance of the coast, etc.(SGL);	20	Green	60	Green	➡	Interim report recvd. Draft final report due mid April and final publishing in June.
e To report on how plans and programmes support the social and economic well-being of the communities (SGL)	25	Green	60	Green	➡	Interim report recvd. Draft final report due mid April and final publishing in June.

Outcome 7 - Residents and visitors recognise the distinct Pembrokeshire cultures within the National Park

Action	Previous Period December 2012		Current Period March 2013			
	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Trend	Comment
c Promote traditional land management & building techniques	75	Green	100	Green	→	Continuous

Outcome 8 - The Authority is recognised as meeting good practice standards in terms of governance

Action	Previous Period December 2012		Current Period March 2013			
	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Trend	Comment
a Improve the response times for both pre-application enquiries and planning applications (SGL)	75	Green	100	Green	→	72% applications determined within 8 weeks (Only 1 in last 9 months below 65%) YTD figure 67%. 91% of enforcement cases closed within 12 weeks. Backlog down to 61(from 66 previous quarter). 432 pre-application enquiries received with 54% closed within 30 days and an average of 38 days.
b Continue to engage with the Welsh Government's Planning Division in relation to the Planning Review of Protected Areas (SGL)	40	Green	40	Green	→	Waiting for WG to publish planning bill
i Report on the health of Park ecosystems using methodology for state of the park reporting (SGL)	70	Green	100	Green	→	Report to CMT for signoff 26/3/13.
j Implement principles outlined in the Strategic Policy Statement for Protected Areas in place by the end of 2012. (SGL)		Red		Red	→	WG preparing policy statement - consultation to start soon

Appendix 2 – Measures

Outcome 1 - The National Park is conserved for current and future generations

Success Measure	Progress
a. Trends in 'key species' populations are increasing over time;	The analysis of the various surveys is underway, but initial results indicate another disappointing year due to the poor weather during both spring and summer.
b. The area of land managed for conservation in partnership with NPA increases by 5% by March 2013	The area of land managed for conservation is now 1,938 ha – an increase of 10% since 2011.
c. A range of State of the Park indicators shows that the rates of decline in biodiversity and other features are diminishing.	Data being collected from several sources for the NPMP review, new indicators being considered by WG.
d. The percentage of listed buildings at risk remains below 5% (currently 4.1%)	Cadw have recently appointed consultants/inspectors to undertake this survey - to be commenced shortly.
e. Less than 33% of Scheduled Ancient Monuments are in a worsening condition (36% currently).	Undertaken by Cadw – no information available at present
f. At least 33% of housing development and 45% of employment allocation permitted is on previously developed land;	The Local Development Plan Monitoring Report will report on this at formal review period (i.e by the end of the financial year 2014/15). Given the limited supply of land for development in the Plan a longer term analysis is necessary to provide meaningful data.
g. Only greenfield and open space which is allocated for development in the LDP is lost to development each year;	This is a Welsh Government Indicator for Local Development Plan preparation. The trigger used by the Authority is 1 or more inappropriate developments granted permission contrary to recommendation in any one year. Reported annually in LDP Monitoring Report.

Success Measure	Progress
h. % of approvals with conditions to safeguard biodiversity (SGL)	Within the scope of the Local Development Plan effects to biodiversity occur as the result of the loss of connectivity between habitats e.g. loss of hedgerows, or through the outright loss of habitats due to development pressure. All planning applications are tested for accordance with Local Development Plan Policy 11 'Protection of Biodiversity'.
i. Number of enforcement cases outstanding for more than 12 weeks	59 enforcement cases were outstanding for more than 12 weeks as at 31 st March, compared to 66 at the end of the previous quarter. 35 of these cases are from 2011 or earlier (38 last quarter) although a number of the older cases may have been closed but not recorded.
j. At least 65% of enforcement matters are closed within 12 weeks	146 enforcement cases have been received during the year, with 95 closed, with most (89%) closed within 12 weeks.

Outcome 3 - Residents and visitors use opportunities provided to adopt more sustainable lifestyles

Success Measure	Progress
a) Planning approvals include sustainable design proposals (from 2012)	Review of permissions granted since the Code for Sustainable Homes requirements were put in place (1st September 2009) shows that all permissions granted by the NPA complied with the Planning Policy Wales requirements (the Annual Monitoring Report for the LDP was published in October 2011).

Outcome 4 - Opportunities are provided for local people to live within the National Park

Success Measure	Progress
a) The % of planning permissions granted for affordable homes is in line	No new data since last quarter when compared with Wales overall the Authority

Success Measure	Progress
with the Welsh average.	averages 12% affordable housing out of all new build housing just above mid table.
b) Total # of new housing units approved	Planning permission has been granted for 49 units.
c) % of new housing units which are affordable	Planning permission has been granted for 49 residential units. 3 sites were above the threshold for negotiating affordable housing (more than 1 residential unit). 2 of these sites for 21 residential units had proven lawful residential use and therefore no affordable housing could be negotiated. On the remaining site for 12 units due to viability issues raised 2 affordable housing units were negotiated. Of the remaining single unit developments (16) nine affordable housing contributions were secured. The amounts to be paid have been agreed for 6 of the units (£67,254). The remaining 3 applications were outline applications and the commuted sums for these will be calculated at the time of the reserved matters applications as they are based on square meterage of the dwelling. The individual amounts are payable prior to occupation of the units. Two sums, amounting to £19,998 have already been paid.

Outcome 8 - The Authority is recognised as meeting good practice standards in terms of governance, providing value for money and listening to the views of residents, visitors and partners

Success Measure	Progress
a) Number of planning applications registered	438 during the year compared to 500 in 2011/12. 86% of applications were delegated to officers. 67% of decisions were determined within the 8 week target period (65% last year).

Success Measure	Progress
b) The percentage of planning applications determined during the year that were approved.	84% of all applications were approved (87% last year)
c) % planning appeals supporting the NPA decision	Of the 19 appeals determined this year 12 have been upheld (63%) compared to 66% last year.