

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS & PERFORMANCE MANAGER

SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL - DECEMBER 2012

Introduction

This performance report presents the progress during the quarter 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**

Appendices 1 and 2 to this Report have been reproduced directly from the Ffynnon Performance Reporting System and show the progress reports for the actions and measures in these outcomes. Actions relating to the Strategic Grant Letter are marked with SGL.

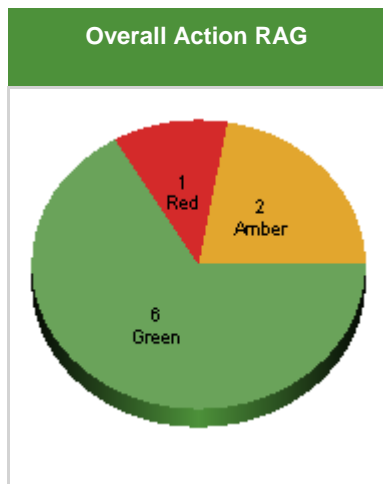
The risk register relevant to this area of the Authority's work appears in Appendix 3.

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

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Appendix 1 - Performance Report up to December 2012

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

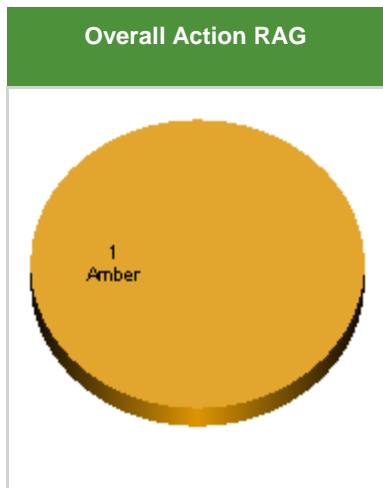


Action	Previous Period September 2012		Current Period December 2012		
	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Comment
a Manage NPA sites	30	Amber	65	Amber	Work generally proceeding as per programme. Backlog of work on woodland sites due to lack of time and poor weather.
b Assist with agri-environment schemes	50	Green	70	Green	On target
c Identify new areas for conservation	50	Green	100	Green	Ahead of target
d Map invasive species	50	Green	70	Green	A Rogers (PCC) is pulling information together from all - JH is collating PCNPA information. Money is available for remote sensor data to be spend by end of this financial year EA has gifted Lidar data worth £20,000. Mapping – GJ & Tony
e Implement Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations(SGL)		Red		Red	Letter July 2012 regarding The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1927) advised the nature of these new duties is closely aligned to our current

					functions. The guidance has yet to be published. Workshops are planned in Feb 2013 to help prepare the guidance.
f Implement LDP policies;	50	Green	75	Green	On going, SPG on low impact development being consulted on. LDP Monitoring report shows 26 measures being met, 5 with poor performance, but no immediate concerns and one policy being withdrawn
g Implement principles outlined in the Strategic Policy Statement		Amber		Amber	Draft policy statement expected from WG in February
h Integrate biodiversity mitigation, etc into new developments through the planning system (SGL)	50	Green	75	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)	50	Green	70	Green	December 2012 • Damaged Bronze Age standing stone Bedd Morris (SAM) conserved and re-erected. The project attracted a great deal of national media coverage. • Article on archaeological heritage written for Coast to Coast. • Prehistoric worked flint recognition course held at Oriell y Parc in partnership with Dyfed Archaeological Trust and NMW/AC. • Various meetings/watching briefs: Carew Castle walled garden development, Trinity St David board of study, Landscape art project, Castell Llwyd • Origins: Briefing provided for Dyfed Archaeological Trust, Arfordir community training.

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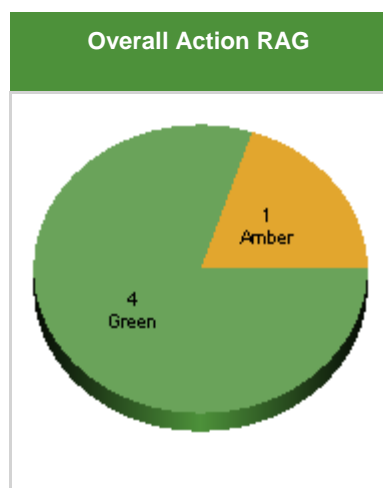
Outcome 3 - Residents and visitors use opportunities provided to adopt more sustainable lifestyles



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	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Comment
g Identify the risks posed by climate change(SGL)	50	Green	50	Amber	Workshop between WG and 3 Parks delayed until March 2013. Although the NPA is addressing this issue, our actions will need to be formalised into the particular format of the document outlined by WG in its guidance, and any additional recommendations that may emerge in the workshop.

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

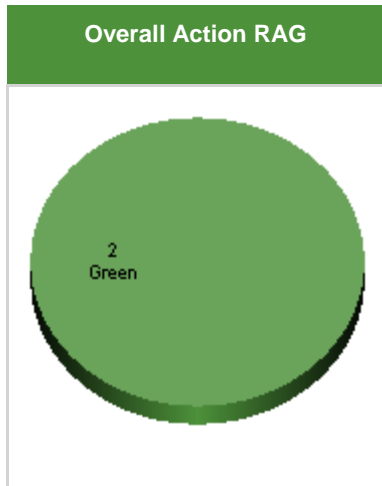


Action	Previous Period September 2012		Current Period December 2012		
	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Comment
a Use Section 106 agreements and planning conditions to ensure delivery	50	Green	75	Green	5 S106 agreements/conditions in place to date worth £56,590 as contributions towards affordable housing
b Contact owners of land allocated in the Local Development Plan to monitor progress	80	Green	85	Green	On target. Draft consultants report due in January 2013.
c Enable affordable housing and work with local housing authorities on delivery(SGL)	50	Green	60	Green	Liassing with Cantref Housing Association on affordable housing provision at Moylegrove, Glanrhyd and Crymych. Planning application for 18 units at Crymych anticipated by Christmas. Liassing with Pembrokeshire Housing Association on exceptional release of land for affordable housing at Marloes. Also regular meetings with Pembrokeshire County Council
d Investigate selling surplus NPA land that is suitable for affordable housing development	100	Green	100	Green	Complete
e Monitor supply of affordable	50	Amber	60	Amber	See comment for September 2012. Further to this the Authority

housing					<p>is anticipating an application for 18 affordable dwellings at Crymych by Christmas 2012 and an application for 8 affordable dwellings on an exceptions site at Marloes by March 2013. Land owners of large housing allocations, including affordable housing provision, have made early pre-application contact with the Authority with a view to bringing forward development at St Ishmaels and Broad Haven.</p>
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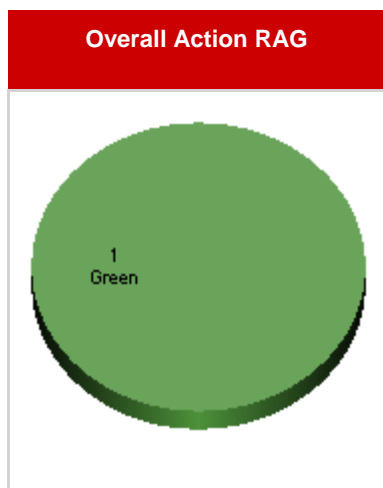
Outcome 5 - A thriving local economy exists based on the sustainable use of the National Park



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	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Comment
c Provide evidence to WG on the economic and social importance of the coast, etc.(SGL);	10	Green	20	Green	Contract commenced - case studies being identified and interviews arranged
e To report on how plans and programmes support the social and economic well-being of t communities (SGL)	10	Green	25	Green	Consultants working on project

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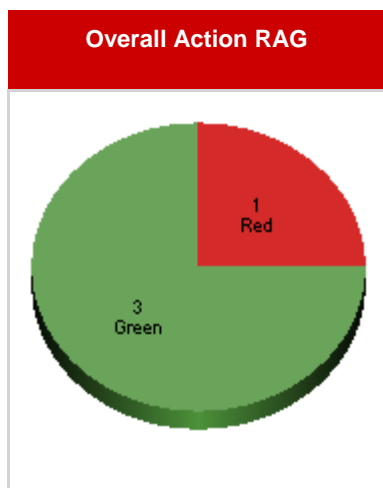
Outcome 7 - Residents and visitors recognise the distinct Pembrokeshire cultures within the National Park



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	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Comment
c Promote traditional land management & building techniques	50	Green	75	Green	Provide advice, assistance and grants as opportunities arise

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



Action	Previous Period September 2012		Current Period December 2012		
	% Complete	RAG	% Complete	RAG	Comment
a Improve the response times for both pre-application enquiries and planning applications (SGL)	50	Red	75	Green	71% applications determined overall for last 2 months - 66% overall year to date. Over 80% of pre-apps received so far this year have been completed, 65% within 30 days, and an average of 31 days.
b Continue to engage with the Welsh Government's Planning Division in relation to the Planning Review of Protected Areas (SGL)	20	Green	40	Green	LUC report published - WG to consider findings and include in Planning Bill later in 2013
i Report on the health of Park ecosystems using methodology for state of the park reporting (SGL)	50	Green	70	Green	Recent external changes of relevance include the Living Wales programme and creation in 2013 of NRW, and the publication in 2011 of the National Ecosystems Assessment.
j Implement principles outlined in the Strategic Policy Statement for Protected Areas in place by the end of 2012. (SGL)		Amber		Red	Draft policy statement expected from WG in February - no new action possible at present

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	Negotiations are underway on a number of sites and the target of 5% should be achieved.
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.
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	66 enforcement cases were outstanding for more than 12 weeks as at 31 st December, compared to 80 at the end of the previous quarter. 38 of these cases are from 2011 or earlier (65 last quarter) and may have been closed but not recorded.
j. At least 65% of enforcement matters are closed within 12 weeks	103 enforcement cases have been received since April, with 73 closed, with most (93%) closed within 12 weeks. Only 16 of those received this year have not been closed after 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 with the Welsh average.	No new data since last quarter when compared with Wales overall the Authority averages 12% affordable housing out of all new build housing just above mid table.

Success Measure	Progress
b) Total # of new housing units approved	Planning permission has been granted for 51 affordable units out of a total of 148 units (35%). Pre-application discussions indicate a possible further 50 affordable units.
c) % of new housing units which are affordable	See above.

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	330 up to 31/12/2012 (380 for same period in 2011)
b) The percentage of planning applications determined during the year that were approved.	85% of all applications were approved
c) % planning appeals supporting the NPA decision	Of the 14 appeals determined this year 7 have been dismissed (50%)

Appendix 3 - Risk Register Conservation & Planning

Period: January 2013

PCNPA RISK REGISTER

Risk	Probability	Impact	RAG	Mitigation/Actions	Owner	Manager	Member
20. Risk of flawed decision on planning application	Unlikely	Severe	Amber	Codes of practice & protocols including professional institute membership, Members Charter Member & staff training	Jane Gibson	Vicki hirst	Cllr Bob Kilmister
32. Risk of staff shortages in Direction due to special event or significant sickness etc	Unlikely	Moderate	Green	Monitor sickness, etc	Jane Gibson	Jane Gibson	Cllr Alison Lee
35. Risk of lack of capacity/skills of Direction staff for key work	Unlikely	Moderate	Green	Monitor skills requirements, assess training needs	Jane Gibson	Jane Gibson	Cllr Alison Lee
39. Risk of poor decision making based on inaccurate	Possible	Moderate	Amber	Task group formed & preparing standards,	Martina Dunne	Philip barlow	Cllr Peter Morgan

GIS data				guidance, training etc.			
41. Failure to provide affordable housing opportunities in accord with target	Likely	Moderate	Red	Scrutiny committee considering this topic. Current economic climate limiting residential development which funds affordable housing	Jane Gibson	Martina Dunne	Gwyneth Hayward
42. Risk of unpopular planning decision on high profile development	Possible	Moderate	Amber	Work closely with developers & stakeholders, communicate with community interest groups	Jane Gibson	Vicki hirst	Cllr Bob Kilmister
43. Failure to improve performance on speed of determining applications & provide quality service	Possible	Moderate	Amber	Three Parks Review of potential of joint working underway. New planning bill being drafted by WG.	Jane Gibson	Vicki hirst	Cllr Mike Williams