



Well-being Objective 13

Healthy & Safe Environment - Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity

The following are our commitments and end of year progress comments for this Well-being Objective during 2017/18.

Last Year's Commitments	✓ ✗	Progress Comment
A - Road Maintenance & Infrastructure		
<p>We will continue to invest in strategic transport infrastructure links to support economic development.</p> <p>a. Continuing with the construction of the Carmarthen West Link Road.</p> <p>b. We will continue the development of Phase 2 of the Cross Hands Economic Link Road and secure planning permission for the scheme in 2017/18</p> <p>c. Commencing work on improving the highway infrastructure at Ammanford to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion.</p> <p>d. We will model the transport movement at Llanelli and develop a transport model for the area. <i>(Action ID 12679)</i></p>	✓	<p>We have made further progress in Q4. Site works have continued with two separate elements of the western phase of the Towy Valley Path. Initial site clearance and ground preparation works commenced at Cross Hands Economic Link Road to enable main work to proceed through to Summer 2018. Advanced works are nearing completion at Wind Street / Tirydail Lane Junction to facilitate main roundabout construction in Summer 2018.</p>
<p>We will update Highways Asset Management Plan to provide a strategy for managing and maintaining the county's highways infrastructure. <i>(Action ID 12681)</i></p>	✓	<p>The HAMP policy document has been developed and is currently being reviewed by the management team and Head of Service.</p>
<p>We will develop, maintain and deliver a 3 year capital maintenance programme of Highway Maintenance on a prioritised basis to ensure the most effective use of limited funding. <i>(Action ID 12682)</i></p>	✓	<p>In 2017/18 we surface treated 74 km of our roads, resurfaced 3.8km of roads and repaired 1633 potholes.</p>
<p>We will develop, maintain and deliver a 3 year capital maintenance programme of highway bridge strengthening and replacement schemes. Prioritising delivery of schemes within the confines of resources available. <i>(Action ID 12683)</i></p>	✓	<p>We have continued with our bridge strengthening and replace scheme at Henllan Bridge, Ffarmers; Pontnewydd Relief Bridge, Carway and Ffrwd Farm, Pinged - construction works completed. Doethie Bridge, Rhandirmwyn - scheme has been delayed due to private land owner issues. Design work on two highway support schemes are on-going. Design works on four bridge replacement schemes is on-going. The % complete is based on actual costs invoiced in 17/18 are relative to the allowable budget.</p>
<p>We will improve the notification of our planned and reactive highway maintenance works to facilitate better coordination and communication with the public, businesses and tourists. <i>(Action ID 12684)</i></p>	✓	<p>Throughout the year systems have been configured to enable Streetworks notifications submission by Design teams and updated by Operational teams as work is delivered. Design (client) and operational teams have received training in the use of systems and are able to now to notify new schemes and update with actual start & end dates of roadworks schemes. Major works have been published via the press.</p>

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<p>We will review our Highways defect reporting and repair system to ensure the system is efficient and effective. <i>(Action ID 12685)</i></p>	✓	<p>The review of highways management systems is on-going and continuous improvements are being made. Improvements to defect reporting and recording are a key objective and introducing mobile recording for works teams is key to this review. The pilot is progressing and the interface between highways asset and job management systems has been successfully tested. Subject to agreement a pilot and test phase can be progressed early in 2018/19. A wider departmental review of IT systems is likely to impact on this action.</p>
<p>We will review and align the highway network databases to consolidate our highway records and create a consistent and accurate register of all public highways. <i>(Action ID 12686)</i></p>	✓	<p>The review of records has commenced with a working project team meeting regularly to undertake the review and update records/databases. To date there have been 24 working sessions and 222 individual anomalies corrected. The estimated time to complete the review for the entire network is April 2021. The work being undertaken is considered high value and progress within the year will not complete the entire network, however will be a significant improvement to records. The reported target reflects the in year progress. The working group is now well established and will review high priority anomalies as they arise throughout the year and on an on-going basis. The collaborative approach within the newly formed division is evident on this project.</p>
<p>We will minimise the % of A roads in poor condition <i>(PAM/020)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 4.3% / 2017/18 Target - 4.3%)</i></p>	✓	<p>4.1% of principal (A) roads in Carmarthenshire are in a poor condition. This result shows a steady improvement on 4.3% last year and evidence that targeted investment has delivered results.</p>
<p>We will minimise the % of B roads in poor condition <i>(PAM/021)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 3.5% / 2017/18 Target - 4.3%)</i></p>	✓	<p>3.1% of non-principal (B) roads in Carmarthenshire are in a poor condition. This result shows a steady improvement on 3.5% last year and evidence that targeted investment has delivered results.</p>
<p>We will minimise the % of C roads in poor condition <i>(PAM/022)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 11.6% / 2017/18 Target - 13%)</i></p>	✓	<p>11.9% of non-principal (C) roads in Carmarthenshire are in a poor condition. The target of 13% has been exceeded however unlike A & B roads there has been a slight deterioration over previous year's figure of 11.6%. The result shows 298km of C Class road in a poor (Red) condition. We will consider reduction of A & B road investment in future years to target lower classes of road.</p>
<p>We will minimise the % of principal (A) roads, non-principal (B) roads and non-principal (C) roads that are in overall poor condition <i>(THS/012)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 9.2%/2017/18 Target – 10.3%)</i></p>	✓	<p>9.3% of A, B & C roads in Carmarthenshire are in a poor condition. Whilst the target has been exceeded there is a slight decline in the overall combined condition due to the deterioration in C Class roads.</p>

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B - Passenger Transport		
We will continue to manage the "Trawscymru" Carmarthen - Aberystwyth service on behalf of the Welsh Government and aim to secure funding to allow the continued provision of the service in 2017/18. <i>(Action ID 12687)</i>	✓	We have continued to manage the Trawscymru services on behalf of Welsh Government, including the free weekend travel initiative
We will work with the community, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire county councils to help sustain the delivery of the Bwcabus integrated transport services & Key strategic Services. <i>(Action ID 12688)</i>	✓	The Authority has continued to support and develop the successful BWCABUS scheme as part of the wider LINC project.
We will review the provision of the "Country Cars" scheme with partner organisations and to look at opportunities to share resources with non-emergency health transport. <i>(Action ID 12689)</i>	✓	We have maintained the Country cars scheme during the year and will continue to work with the Royal Voluntary Service in delivering this essential scheme in the future.
We will continue to support the delivery of the Modernising Education Programme – redesigning networks to facilitate the movement of pupils as set out in our home to school transport policy. <i>(Action ID 12690)</i>	✓	We have continue to provide school transport in accordance with the Modern Education Programme (MEP) and work as part of the MEP team to evaluate school transport implications of future developments
We will continue to review the Authority's home to school and college transport policy and to manage demand to ensure maximum efficiency. <i>(Action ID 12691)</i>	✓	The Authority has continued to review the home to school transport and continue to successfully manage costs by effective demand management and network reviews.
We will aim for at least 79% of adults aged 60+ to hold a concessionary travel pass <i>(THS/007)</i> <i>(2016/17 result - 81.4% / 2017/18 Target - 79%)</i>	✓	2017/18 Result 80.6% , a slight reduction on the previous year but on target. This equates to 44,460 of over 60's in Carmarthenshire hold a concessionary travel pass.
C - Cycleways		
We will begin construction of the Towy Valley Cycle way and continue to develop the full scheme. <i>(Action ID 12692)</i>	✓	Planning has been granted for the Western section (Carmarthen to Nantgaredig) and funding secured for sectional delivery from RCDF and WG. All planned sectional works at Abergwili museum and Whitemill are underway/complete. Land negotiations are progressing well on both the Western and Eastern routes. Further to this Preparations for a planning application on the Eastern section (including detailed environmental surveys) are well advanced. Successful funding applications for 2018/19 have been submitted to Welsh Government to all us to continue to progress work this year.
D - Road Safety		
We will implement the Carmarthenshire road safety strategy to meet the national 2020 casualty reduction targets & continue to deliver the actions outlined in the Road Safety Strategy. <i>(Action ID 12693)</i>	✓	The Council's Road Safety Unit has worked collaboratively with a range of public safety agencies in Carmarthenshire to deliver the Carmarthenshire Road Safety Strategy. Various education, engineering and enforcement initiatives have been delivered by the Road Safety Unit and its partner agencies in 2017/18 in fulfilment of the key aims of the strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural road safety: We have utilised the full road safety grant allocation from the Welsh Gov. of

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		<p>£445,500 to deliver the 2017/18 route treatment programme: - [1] B 4297, Halfway to Talyclun, [2] B 4297 Tycroes to Gorslas)</p> <p>We have utilised the full road safety revenue allocation from the Welsh Gov. of £140,000 to complete delivery of the 2017/18 road safety education programme. The programme provided road safety training via Pass Plus Cymru, Older driver training, Young driver training, Kerbcraft, Motorcycle Training, National Standards Cycle Training.</p> <p>We have undertaken multi agency engagement events with motorcyclists (one of the road user groups at highest risk of sustaining injury on the highway). Continued a multi agency approach to reducing inappropriate and illegal road user behaviour including speeding, drink and drug driving, and careless and dangerous driving. Continued to improve our knowledge and understanding of casualty data to solve road safety problems. We have spent £140,000 in 2017/18 on targeted road.</p>
<p>We will continue to review the availability of safe walking routes to school and develop a mapping project to provide greater clarity to applicants. <i>(Action ID 12694)</i></p>	✓	<p>In 2017/18 thirty three home to school walking technical / safety assessments were undertaken across the county in accordance with the Welsh Governments Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance 2014, Chapter 5 Risk Assessment of Walked Routes to School.</p>
<p>We will work to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads to meet the 40% reduction by 2020 <i>(5.5.2.21)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 102 / 2017/18 Target - 87)</i></p>	✓	<p>83 people were killed or seriously injured on Carmarthenshire's roads in 2017, this is a reduction on 102 in 2016. The Council's Road Safety Unit has worked collaboratively with a range of public safety agencies to deliver the Carmarthenshire Road Safety Strategy.</p>
<p>We will work to reduce the number of motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on roads to meet the 25% reduction by 2020 <i>(5.5.2.22)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result - 33 / 2017/18 Target - 15)</i></p>	✗	<p>19 motorcyclists were killed or seriously injured on Carmarthenshire's roads in 2017, this is a reduction on 33 in 2016 but is above the targeted reduction of 15 or less. The Council's Road Safety Unit has worked collaboratively with a range of public safety agencies to deliver the Carmarthenshire Road Safety Strategy.</p>
<p>We will work reduce the number of young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured on roads to meet the 40% reduction by 2020 <i>(5.5.2.23)</i> <i>(2016/17 Result – 19 / 2017/18 Target - 25)</i></p>	✓	<p>24 young people aged 16-24 were killed or seriously injured on Carmarthenshire's roads in 2017, this is an increase on 2016 of 19, but is within the targeted reduction of 25 or less. The Council's Road Safety Unit has worked collaboratively with a range of public safety agencies to deliver the Carmarthenshire Road Safety Strategy.</p>

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E - Modernising our vehicle Fleet		
<p>We will complete our investment into vehicle replacements during the year, The value of investment will be £1.8 million at the end of 2017/18 in accordance with our strategic fleet replacement programme. The more efficient vehicles contribute to reducing CO2 emissions. <i>(Action ID 12695)</i></p>	✓	<p>All required fleet from the replacement programme have been purchased for the year 2017/2018. Delivery of 7 social care vans is running late so will contribute to the 2018/2019 figure. The remainder of the investment for the year has been carried over to 2018/2019 due to operational requirements.</p>
<p>We will reduce the size of our operational vehicle fleet by 1% over the year. <i>(Action ID 12696)</i></p>	✓	<p>A fleet review within the waste division is ongoing with final vehicle reduction numbers yet to be determined within the 2017/2018 period. The waste department fleet review has ran over into 2018/2019 but will continue to reduce numbers within the department. Service operational vehicle numbers are continuously being reviewed. An order for 2 electric pedestrian sweepers has been put in with a view to reducing the number of smaller driven sweepers which currently service the town centres.</p>