

By email

1st of March 2022

Dear Jenny,

Response to Equality and Social Justice Committee: Follow up to annual scrutiny session 7 February 2022

Please find below the further information requested by the Committee:

- ***Further case studies and examples of public bodies' engagement and actions following publication of the Future Generations Report.***

The Committee can find a list of published case studies on my website: https://www.futuregenerations.wales/resources_posts/case-studies/

My team are continuously adding to this pool of examples that help to raise awareness, promote the Act, share learning and advise organisations on the application of my recommendations and the legislation. Through the points of contact I have been able to allocate to each public body this year, we are gathering examples all the time. I have attached a technical document (a working draft spreadsheet) to provide the Committee with a flavour of the sorts of information we have gathered following publication of the Future Generations Report.

- ***Implementation gap: You noted your concerns in terms of the implementation gap between Welsh Government policy and delivery, and that you had a list of examples you could share with the Committee.***

I have described the 'implementation gap' as a tendency to push out legislation, policies, guidance and direction from Government with little understanding of how it will be delivered or adequately resourced in practice. Public bodies frequently provide me and my team with examples of where they are struggling to implement the various requirements from different parts of Government and, as such, they want practical help to deliver in the form of experts providing implementation support. We recognise there is good practice within Government too, which I am keen to highlight. This work will be explored further within my recently launched Section 20 Review. More information [here](#).

Some examples of this 'implementation gap' include:

- **Welsh Government guidance on procurement and decarbonisation:**
 - In 2019, as part of my [Section 20 Review into procurement](#), I reviewed 363 public sector procurement contracts and found that only two referenced the Well-being of Future Generations Act, only 35 referenced community benefits and there was not a single reference to carbon reduction.



- As well as a recommendation I made to public bodies as part of my [Section 20 Review into procurement](#) that every public body should set out how they have considered the carbon impact of their procurement decisions, Welsh Government have published guidance and policy on this.
- Welsh Government have recently published two Public Procurement Notes on decarbonisation; funded the WLGA to run a support programme for the Local Authorities on decarbonisation and, in line with the Welsh Government published [Net Zero by 2030 Route Map](#), has publicly stated action on procurement to decarbonise.
- However, there is an implementation gap between the high-level guidance and practice on the ground. My most recent review of public sector procurement contracts found limited references once again to the Act, to social value and no obvious reference to requirements around decarbonisation.
- The [Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance \(WelTAG\)](#) was updated in 2017, with input from my team to help officials provide guidance that was more in line with the Act. Still, there has been a lack of resources and training for its proper implementation and no analysis of capacity in the current system to enable these changes to happen.
- A current Welsh Government consultation, titled '[Planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday lets](#)', provides no link to the Well-being of Future Generations Act, the Welsh Government's well-being objectives, how such a policy would apply the sustainable development principle and, therefore, how local actors are meant to use such a policy to improve well-being and equality for the people they serve.
- The tender for a provider of the [new Jobs Growth Wales Plus](#) programme misses opportunities to align the well-being goals to its aspirations for young people to enter training and employment. For example, proper implementation of the programme would include a focus on future trends, green industries and skills, improving equality and well-being. There is a lack of reference to Welsh Government's well-being objectives and steps. A section of the document shows a lack of integration with other Government policies, like the Llwybr Newydd Transport Strategy, as it discusses providing support costs for people to travel by car or motorcycle with no reference to Llwybr Newydd, which sets out a transport hierarchy that should reduce the need for people to travel or help people to choose active travel options. The section within the document on 'Partnership Working' fails to mention Public Services Boards (all of whom have well-being objectives on skills) or Corporate Joint Committees (which set to be responsible for economic development for their areas).
- A Welsh Government consultation on '[Improving social care arrangements](#)' proposed making Regional Partnership Boards corporate legal entities, giving them powers to hold funds, employ staff, integrate budgets and jointly commission etc. At the time, the consultation created implementation issues for those working at a local level within Regional Partnership Boards, Public Services Boards and beginning to plan for Corporate Joint Committees. The consultation was silent on how giving the former more powers would enable Welsh Government to fulfil their well-being objectives or how they will work locally and practically with other strategic boards.

- ***Requests for support from the Welsh Government: You noted that you had received 1,061 requests for support since May 2018, including 362 from public bodies and of those, 157 from the Welsh Government. Could you please tell us the number of times you have declined requests for support from the Welsh Government, the nature of the requests and any additional information relating to those decisions?***

As of February 2022, my team have received 1,113 requests since May 2018. We have recorded 55 instances where we have declined requests from the Welsh Government. Please see Annexe 1 below for more detail on the nature of the requests.

As I explained to the Committee, I have adopted criteria for determining whether we can complete a request for support. This is to manage the limited capacity and resource of my team due to the broad remit of the Act. In most cases, the capacity of my team and relevance of the topic to our work were the reasons for declining requests from Welsh Government.

When appropriate and relevant, my team politely decline the request but provide any pertinent links to our tools, recommendations, publications and links to other organisations or contacts who may be able to help.

The criteria used to determine whether we can complete a request includes the following considerations:

Our internal criteria for responding to requests for support:

- **Background Information:**
 - Who is the request from? What are they requesting?
 - What is the scale of their request (how much time is it likely to take)?
 - Will the project team requesting support use the 5 ways of working in planning and in delivering the project?
 - Will the project assist public bodies or PSBs in carrying out their duties under the Act; or will assist any other person taking steps that may contribute to the achievement of the goals?
- **Criteria for determining response to the request for support:**
 - Does the request come within our policy areas of focus or other work we have done already?
 - Are there significant or quick opportunities to deliver against our strategy and impacts?
 - Is there a significant risk of us doing (or not doing) the work?
 - How could the project contribute to the achievement of the well-being goals, their definition, the sustainable development principle or the four dimensions of well-being?
 - Can we resource the work (is there sufficient capacity)?
 - What is the potential for knowledge transfer?

My team and I are happy to provide the Committee with any further information regarding these topics.



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Annex 1:

Table showing declined requests for support and advice from Welsh Government to the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales:

Title/ subject of email making request	Date Received
Petroleum Extraction Policy Consultation	6/7/18
Join the Air Quality Independent Review Panel	17/9/18
Energy Potential Workshop	21/8/18
Historic Environment & Climate Change Sector Adaptation Plan Consultation Workshop	24/10/18
Final measures to reduce air pollution on the Motorway and Trunk Roads in Wales	27/9/18
Setting a minimum price for alcohol	28/9/18
Transport Appraisal of the A483	30/10/18
Independent Review Panel, Air Quality Directions	10/1/19
Climate Change Adaptation Plan Consultation	16/1/19
Smart Export Guarantee scheme with UK Government	17/1/19
Curriculum & Assessment White Paper	28/1/19
Official Statistics Producers Group	14/2/19
National Air Pollution Control Programme consultation	14/2/19
WG notifying us of 3 different UK consultations related to plastic and the environment	29/3/19
Joint Institutions group meeting on Active Travel, Housing, Circular economy	7/1/19
Regulation work on hearing the tenants' voice	11/4/19
Money and pensions listening event	24/5/19
Fuel poverty plan	11/4/19
Resource Efficiency Strategy and Route Map	2/6/19
Green Infrastructure working group meetings	20/6/19
Place based working and developing practical areas for support	25/6/19
Home Grown Homes project - Powys CC	22/7/19
Ministerial Play Review Steering Group	27/8/19
Draft International Strategy	7/8/19
Tailored Review Workshops (national library)	13/8/19
A data led investigation into the impact of Universal Credit in Wales: Survey launch	12/9/19

Increasing recycling by businesses	23/9/19
Engagement on Regional Economic Frameworks	19/9/19
Association of Directors of Education in Wales Planning of School Places Group	28/10/19
Legal Services in Welsh Government	25/11/19
Child Poverty Review	29/11/19
Clean Air Plan for Wales: Healthy Air, Healthy Wales	19/12/19
Cardiff City Region Energy Plan Workshop	24/1/20
Consultation Events Beyond Recycling	18/3/20
Sustaining the Gwent Levels SMS project	4/3/20
Consultation on draft coal policy	6/7/20
Welsh Hydrogen Reference Group	8/7/20
Valleys taskforce evaluation	16/10/20
Consultation on replacement of DQR with a new standard	5/8/20
Consultation Document: Draft statutory guidance – Performance and governance of principal councils	11/11/20
Review of Learner Travel Measure	17/11/20
White Paper consultation- Rebalancing care and support	13/1/21
Reducing emissions from domestic burning of solid fuels	13/1/21
Consultation on Future Funding for Equality and Inclusion Grant Programme	16/2/21
Duty of Candour stakeholder workshops	11/8/21
Bws Cymru	23/7/21
Draft Corporate Joint Committee (General) (Wales) Regulations 2022	10/11/21
Welsh Government Innovation Strategy External Stakeholder Working Group	22/10/21
A Smoke Free-Wales Strategy and Delivery Plan	8/11/21
Adolydiad Cyfnodol Cyffredinol / Universal Periodic Review	22/11/21
Renewable Energy Deep Dive - Industry / Supply Chain Round Table Invite - Thu 25 Nov 14:30	22/11/21
Period Dignity Strategic Action Plan - consultation launched today	20/10/21
Transport Performance Board	8/12/21
Amending the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021	20/12/21
Energy Price Crisis - Fuel Poverty Panel Views	27/1/22

EXAMPLES PROVIDED FOR SENEDD ESJ COMMITTEE - FEB 2022						
Organisation	Region	Example	Key theme / link to the Act	Key words	Additional detail	Web / Internal Dynamics links?
Cyngor Gwynedd Council	North Wales	Learn and Grow online conference			taking a look at what Gwynedd Council Community Arts has been supporting during the pandemic. Creative organisations and workers will be presenting and hosting activities to show the work they have been doing during and after the pandemic. Presentations will be by; Lyndsey Colbourne, Dr. Denise Baker, Iola Ynyr on behalf of Ynys Blastig and more!	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dysgu-a-thyfu-learn-and-grow-tickets-169185023961
Cyngor Gwynedd Council	North Wales	Share your stories for Black History Month	5 ways of working		Gwynedd Council is calling on local residents to share their stories of how black people have contributed to Gwynedd's society in different ways over the years. Those put forward will be included in Gwynedd Council's celebration of Black History Month 2021, which will be marked in October.	https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Council/News/Press-releases/September-2021/Share-your-stories-for-Black-History-Month-2021.aspx?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo
Denbighshire County	North Wales	Biodiversity project tracks	Good practice		A project committed to improving Denbighshire's biodiversity has	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk
Conwy Council	North Wales	Traffic free zone	5 ways of working		We had positive feedback from residents and visitors about the traffic free zone at Conwy Quay over the summer. So we've decided to extend this until the end of October, after the half term holiday.	https://twitter.com/ConwyCBC/ https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/local-news/cars-conwy-quay-banned-between-2654937
Flintshire County Council	North Wales	Summer of fun	5 ways of working		With £218,000 funding available for Flintshire, there are some activities which took place throughout the county.	https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-Apps/NewsPortlet.aspx?id=8144
Welsh Government		Net Zero Carbon Status by 2030: A route map for decarbonisation across the Welsh public sector	Decarbonisation		- Includes commitments on the 4 areas (procurement, buildings, travel, land use) - Overview of key priorities for action - Does not set out the 'how' or 'who' or the actions needed to achieve the milestones...	https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-07/a-route-map-for-decarbonisation-across-the-welsh-public-sector.pdf
Welsh Government		Welsh Public Sector Net Zero Carbon Reporting Guide	Decarbonisation		- "This guide details the principles and priorities for the Welsh Public Sector Net Zero Carbon reporting approach...its operational and organisational scope and the data which public bodies in Wales will need to assemble in order to fulfill the reporting requirements" - Aim is to provide universal guide / set of instructions for use by PBs	https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-05/welsh-public-sector-net-zero-reporting-guide_1.pdf

The Carbon Trust (with NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership)		NHS Wales Decarbonisation Strategic Delivery Plan 2021-2030	Decarbonisation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A lot of info on NHS Wales' carbon emissions (detailed breakdown) - Details NHS Wales commitments (under headings 1) Moving up a gear: 2020-22; 2) Well on our way: 2022-26; 3) Achieving our goal: 2026-2030) - The 'Delivery Plan Implementation' section might be useful to showcase the 'how' to PBs? 	https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-03/nhs-wales-decarbonisation-strategic-delivery-plan-2021-2030-summary.pdf#:~:text=This%20NHS%20Wales%20Decarbonisation%20Strategic%20Delivery%20Plan%20demonstrates,such%20as%20poverty%2C%20health%20inequalities%2C%20and%20climate%20change.
Welsh Government		£1.9m to address food poverty in Welsh communities			Over £1.9m of funding is being awarded to organisations across Wales to help tackle food poverty and addressing food insecurity within local communities. They will also focus on addressing food issues in a more sustainable way, working with local and regional partners to meet the specific needs of their communities.	https://gov.wales/19m-address-food-poverty-welsh-communities
North Wales Fire and Rescue Service	North Wales	Apprentice training	Priority areas		Last Friday, we held a Covid-safe celebration of achievement at Rhyl Fire Station recognising the completion of the initial training of our most recent group of Apprentices – many congratulations to them all	https://twitter.com/NorthWalesFire/status/1433761794976272386
Snowdonia National Park Authority	North Wales	National Parks photography competition	5 ways of working		National Parks have a key role to play in a green recovery. Landscapes feel the impact of climate change, but also have the	https://www.cnp.org.uk/photog https://twitter.com/visitsnowdo
Snowdonia National Park Authority	North Wales	Polytunnel being built in	Well-being Goals		The trees that have been planted here are from local seeds which	https://twitter.com/visitsnowdo
Snowdonia National Park Authority	North Wales	CGG and Snowdonia National Park Authority Identify Significant Microplastic Pollution on Summit of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon)	5 ways of working		<p>CGG successfully conducted a microplastics pollution survey as part of a scoping study into whether it would be possible to create a Plastic Free zone on Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon).</p> <p>Partneriaeth Yr Wyddfa (the Snowdon Partnership) led by the Snowdonia National Park Authority aims to increase public awareness of plastic pollution on the UK's most visited mountain and consider the practicalities of introducing Plastic Free Areas in the National Park.</p>	https://www.snowdonia.gov.wales/authority/news-and-media/latest-news/2020-press-releases/2020-news-items/cgg-and-snowdonia-national-park-authority-identify-significant-microplastic-pollution-on-summit-of-yr-wyddfa-snowdon

Snowdonia National Park Authority	North Wales	Trees Outside Woods – A new collaborative project between the National Park Authority and Coed Cadw, the Woodland Trust in Wales.	5 ways of working		This autumn the Snowdonia National Park Authority and the Woodland Trust will work in collaboration to implement a special new project with the aim of planting more trees and hedgerows within a designated area of the National Park. Thanks to funding by the People’s Postcode Lottery – the Woodland Trust will fund over £25,000 worth of fencing work to protect the new trees and hedgerows while they become established. The trees will be supplied from the Snowdonia National Park Authority’s tree nursery at Plas Tan y Blwch, with the aim of planting 8,000 native trees and 1,800 metres of hedgerow. The project area encompasses 27 Community Councils and runs from Beddgelert to the north, all the way south to Pennal and Aberdyfi, and stretches to the east as far as Rhydymain and Mawddwy.	https://www.snowdonia.gov.wales/authority/news-and-media/latest-news/2020-press-releases/2020-news-items/trees-outside-woods-a-new-collaborative-project-between-the-national-park-authority-and-coed-cadw-the-woodland-trust-in-wales
Snowdonia National Park Authority	North Wales	Capital grant scheme			The capital fund will be available to local communities and voluntary groups/societies for socio-economic resilience purposes. The fund will be available for the 2021/2022 financial year only. Which means that all funded projects must be completed and claimed for before the end of March 2022. The priorities of the capital fund are broad and reflect by means of example (but are not confined to), the areas listed below: · Support for community led Covid resilience projects in the area. · Energy efficiency / low carbon projects which benefit the wider community e.g. village halls	https://www.snowdonia.gov.wales/authority/news-and-media/latest-news/2020-press-releases/2020-news-items/cronfa-cymunedol-eryri-a-new-funding-opportunity
Arts Council for Wales	North Wales	diverse voices			As part of our commitment to advance the influence of diverse voices in Arts Council of Wales’ core work and operations, we’re looking for expressions of interest from a wide range of people across all communities. Let us know if you would like to join us for paid work as an Associate, providing insight and advice on our programmes of work.	https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/arts-council-wales-associate-call-out
Bridgend County Borough Council		Safe homes for Afghan families			As part of Bridgend County Borough Council’s commitment to the national Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, up to three families will be provided with safe homes and support.	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/safe-homes-for-afghan-families/
Caerphilly County Borough Council		Come and help shape our future	5 ways of working		Public bodies in Gwent are beginning to look at what services and facilities will be needed in the future to meet the aspirations of our communities, and we need you to get involved.	https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/News/News-Bulletin/September-2021/Come-and-help-shape-our-future

Caerphilly County Borough Council		Fund to empower communities now live	Good practice		A brand new fund which aims to empower communities across Caerphilly county borough to develop projects to support their local area has today (Wednesday 1st September) gone live and is now open for bids.	https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/News/News-Bulletin/September-2021/Fund-to-empower-communities-now-live!
Caerphilly County Borough Council		Catering team leads the way with electric vehicles	Other (listed in anything extra)		Caerphilly County Borough Council is continuing to take great strides in delivering on its commitment to help tackle the climate crisis and lower carbon emissions.	https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/News/News-Bulletin/August-2021/CCBC%E2%80%99s-Catering-Team-lead-the-way-with-Electric-Ve
Cardiff Council		Cardiff's first fleet of e-bikes			Fifty electric bikes hit the streets of Cardiff this week as the city's OVO Bikes scheme, operated by nextbike, becomes more accessible than ever.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/27365.html
Ceredigion County Council		Lampeter wellbeing centre			At a Cabinet meeting held on 01 December 2020, it was agreed that Lampeter Leisure Centre would become the location of the Council's first Wellbeing Centre in the County.	http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/news/exciting-new-developments-on-the-horizon-for-lampeter-wellbeing-centre/
Ceredigion County Council		Active travel routes			Ceredigion County Council has commenced a 12-week consultation period on both existing and planned walking and cycling (Active Travel) routes in the county, beginning today.	http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/news/ceredigion-residents-to-have-their-say-on-future-active-travel-routes-1/
Denbighshire County Council	North Wales	Young people take part in Food and Fun programme			Almost 500 children and young people have taken part in a healthy eating scheme this summer. Denbighshire School Holiday Enrichment's Food and Fun programme saw eight schools keep their doors open for three weeks of the school holidays for those aged between 3 and 12.	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/news/news-detail.aspx?article=704423eb-0386-4bcd-948e-16937bb3bec6
Cyngor Gwynedd Council	North Wales	Sport for Life team joins Byw'n lach			Gwynedd Council's Sport for Life Team is transferring over to Byw'n lach. Byw'n lach is a not-for-profit company, which manages 12 Leisure Centres across the county on behalf of the Council.	https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Council/News/Press-releases/September-2021/Gwynedd-Sport-for-Life-team-joins-Bywn-lach.aspx
Monmouthshire County Council		Play schemes offer fun and activities to county's young people			Children in Monmouthshire have enjoyed a fun-filled summer holiday, thanks to two successful play provision schemes offered by MonLife, the council's tourism, leisure, culture and youth services body.	https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/2021/09/play-schemes-offer-fun-and-activities-to-countys-young-people/

Neath Port Talbot Council		Approval for 137 homes plan on former Afan Lido site			Neath Port Talbot Council's Planning Committee has granted Persimmon Homes West Wales conditional planning permission to build 137 homes on the site of the former Afan Lido Leisure Centre on the Aberavon Seafront.	https://www.npt.gov.uk/1410?pr_id=6887
Pembrokeshire County Council		Consultation launched for new public transport interchange			<p>A £8m modern public transport interchange is being planned for Haverfordwest, as part of Pembrokeshire County Council's commitment to enhancing the town and enabling people to access the centre much more easily.</p> <p>The scheme forms part of the South West Wales Metro project and will provide a modern and innovative transport hub, integrating all transport modes.</p> <p>Designs include improvements to pedestrian and cycle facilities through the site, a more efficient and integrated bus station, and construction of a new modern multi-storey.</p>	https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/consultation-launched-for-new-public-transport-interchange
Pembrokeshire County Council		Local residents are being urged to help shape the next Well-Being Plan for Pembrokeshire.			<p>Local residents are being urged to help shape the next Well-Being Plan for Pembrokeshire.</p> <p>The Pembrokeshire Public Services Board (PSB) is currently assessing the well-being of local people and communities in the County.</p> <p>This is a requirement under the Well-being of Future Generations Act which encourages people to work together to tackle some of the 'big long-term issues' to improve well-being.</p>	https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/help-shape-the-next-well-being-plan-for-pembrokeshire
Pembrokeshire County Council		Earlier this year, we invited you to tell us about the barriers that you may face when walking and cycling on your everyday journeys.			<p>Earlier this year, we invited you to tell us about the barriers that you may face when walking and cycling on your everyday journeys. We had a great response – over 1,250 people responded making 4,105 contributions!</p> <p>We have considered these comments and are working with our consultants Atkins to produce draft route plans, showing existing and potential future routes for walking and cycling for everyday journeys.</p>	https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/help-improve-walking-and-cycling-in-pembrokeshire
Powys County Council		Additional Active Travel Routes to be rolled out in Llandrindod Wells,			<p>Work to begin another two active travel routes to improve walking and cycling facilities within Llandrindod Wells will begin soon.</p> <p>The two routes were identified and agreed following previous consultations on the county's Active Travel Network Maps.</p>	https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11571/Additional-Active-Travel-Routes-to-be-rolled-out-in-Llandrindod-Wells
Swansea Council		Have your say on new			The new 12-week consultation is a vital part of Swansea Council's	https://www.swansea.gov.uk/ar

Swansea Council		Affordable city centre living			Wales' largest housing association is investing millions of pounds in affordable city centre living as part of ambitious plans for the future of Swansea.	https://www.swansea.gov.uk/CityCentreLiving
Vale of Glamorgan Council		Enforcement action over Barry Biomass Plant.			The Vale of Glamorgan Council has agreed that enforcement action can be taken over planning concerns relating to the Biomass Gasification Plant in Barry.	https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2021/August/Council-takes-enforcement-action-over-Barry-Biomass-Plant.aspx
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Major tree-planting scheme planned across county borough			Thousands of trees will be planted this autumn in five different parts of Bridgend County Borough on land owned by the local authority as part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee'. Also a key part of the council's response to tackling the challenges of climate change and the nature crisis, and aims to help the local authority achieve a position of net zero carbon by 2030. 5 areas involved: Min y Nant in Pencoed, Coytrahen, Maes y Felin in Wildmill, Foxfields in Brackla and land close to Litchard Primary School. A special 'Green Day' event is being organised alongside partner organisations where schools and the local community will be invited to join in, help plant the trees and learn more about the impact this will have on carbon capture, flood prevention, the reduction of pollution and wider well-being aspects associated with nature and biodiversity. The trees will all be native plants that naturally occur in the area and will be planted between October and March. Local authority will be working closely with local communities for their views on the project's plans and the areas to be planted.	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=a7c9ec80-4111-ec11-b6e6-002248422835
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Afghan Support Scheme	Well-being Goals		The council is continuing to work with the Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) to determine how best volunteers can help support the Afghan refugee scheme. As part of the council's commitment to the national Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, up to three families will be provided with safe homes and support.	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=73849018-0e12-ec11-b6e6-002248422835
Bridgend County	South East Wales	Active travel consultation	5 ways of working		A public consultation has been launched on a draft Active	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=73849018-0e12-ec11-b6e6-002248422835

Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Help and support available for 16 to 24 year olds who have finished school and college	Priority areas		Got your results and don't know what to do next? The Inspire 2 Work programme can help by providing 121 support and advice from qualified youth workers, free professional CV development, support to complete applications for college or work, access to free online training, interview skills / work experience / confidence building and much more.	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=73849018-0e12-ec11-b6e6-002248422835
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Over 155,000 tonnes	Good practice		Bridgend County Borough has recycled the equivalent weight of	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=85d6e6b4-1112-ec11-b6e6-00224842251d
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Council launches new Welsh Language Strategy	Well-being Goals		Bridgend County Borough Council has published a new Welsh Language Strategy for 2021-2026. The new strategy was implemented earlier this week as part of the council's requirements under the Welsh Language Standards. The local authority has to produce a five-year strategy and an annual report to outline how it has complied with the standards, progress made towards objectives, and how, in collaboration with partners, it has promoted and facilitated the use of the Welsh language more widely in the county borough.	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=85d6e6b4-1112-ec11-b6e6-00224842251d
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	New training facility for construction	Priority areas		An exciting new facility, offering essential training and on-site construction experience to job seekers and construction diploma students across South East Wales, has opened in Cardiff.	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/cardiff-county-council_an-exciting-new-facility-offering-essential-activity-6834430569716310016-vP9I
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn	North Wales	Awel y Mor proposed offshore wind farm virtual exhibition and consultation.	Priority areas			https://exhibition.awelymor.cy/mru/

Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn	North Wales	Care inspectors' 'assurance check' highlights positives during pandemic	Other (listed in anything extra)		<p>A recent Assurance Check held by Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) found that the County Council had continued to deliver its statutory duties during extremely challenging circumstances. Positives highlighted included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promoting the safety and well-being of vulnerable people on Anglesey has been the key priority for the local authority during the past year - continued contact with people throughout the pandemic – with their views are sought and captured and where needed developing new ways of contacting people and maintaining communication through IT. This will continue even as more opportunities for face-to-face working returns - an 'all hands on deck' approach during the pandemic saw officers from across directorates helping to meet challenges as they arose - good partnerships with independent care and support providers remaining positive examples of joint working between social services and housing services to delivering projects to support people to reconnect and remain within their communities - practitioners and managers reporting how well supported they are by leaders and the senior management team - a growing expertise in adults services in the area of mental capacity and liberty protection safeguards - children benefitting directly from increased knowledge, skills and confidence gained from relevant training provided to 	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/newsroom/news/care-inspectors-assurance-check-highlights-positives-during-pandemic
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn	North Wales	Anglesey Council commits to resettle refugees from Afghanistan	Well-being Goals		<p>As part of the council's commitment to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, one family from Afghanistan will be provided a home and essential support on Anglesey.</p>	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/newsroom/news/anglesey-council-commits-to-resettle-refugees-from-afghanistan
Cyngor Gwynedd Council	North Wales	Gold Standard for Gwynedd Council as it supports health and wellbeing of staff			<p>Gwynedd Council has retained its gold standard in the National Health Quality Framework - the national guide as set out by the Welsh Government to promote and improve health and well-being in the workplace.</p> <p>The framework recognises good practice with regard to the health and wellbeing of staff and targets issues around preventable disorders, to ensure that staff are in the best place to continue to deliver key services to the people of the county.</p> <p>Gwynedd Council was awarded the Gold Standard for the first time back in 2011 and the organisation has held the standard consistently since then.</p>	https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Council/News/Press-releases/Awst-2021/Gold-Standard-for-Gwynedd-Council-as-it-supports-health-and-wellbeing-of-staff.aspx

Cyngor Gwynedd Council	North Wales	Gwynedd Council helps with the resettlement of Afghan refugees	Well-being Goals		<p>In response to the current catastrophic situation in Afghanistan, Gwynedd Council has been working hard behind the scenes to provide a home for individuals fleeing the country.</p> <p>With two people already housed in the county, the Council is also committed to housing more individuals in the coming weeks</p>	https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Council/News/Press-releases/Awst-2021/Gwynedd-Council-helps-with-the-resettlement-of-Afghan-refugees.aspx
Cyngor Gwynedd Council	North Wales	Gwynedd Council to buy first electric recycling truck to join county's fleet	Good practice		<p>An electric powered truck is set to become a permanent member of Gwynedd Council's recycling fleet after Welsh Government grant funding was secured.</p> <p>As the authority bids to reduce its carbon footprint, it was confirmed that the cash will allow the authority to purchase an electric vehicle to join its waste disposal service.</p> <p>Promised to be quieter than traditional refuse lorries, the trucks are also capable of travelling up to about 80 miles between charges.</p>	https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/gwynedd-council-buy-first-electric-21580286
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Local schools lead the way with new classroom technology	Priority areas		<p>Pencoed Primary has become the third school in South Wales to receive Reference School status from the online technology company, Google.</p> <p>The accolade, which is awarded to individual schools and colleges as well as specific regions, recognises the outstanding use of technology within the classroom to drive forward and deliver positive learning outcomes.</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=c8c48fc9-a017-ec11-b6e6-002248412e44
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Council developing new plan for how it will work in future	Good practice		<p>Following an ongoing review, the council is developing a new blended model of working which will see staff dividing their time between both home and office.</p> <p>"In addition to potential financial savings and reductions in traffic, pollution and sickness absence levels, the benefits of adopting a new model include improved retention and recruitment within key service areas, greater alignment with the council's ongoing digitalisation strategy, and improved well-being among staff.</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=c8c48fc9-a017-ec11-b6e6-002248412e44
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Edible playgrounds for Cardiff schools	Good practice		<p>Ten primary schools in the Welsh capital, Cardiff, are being given 'Edible Playgrounds' through a partnership that could help the city achieve UNICEF child-friendly status.</p>	https://www.childinthecity.org/2021/09/16/child-friendly-cities-edible-playgrounds-for-cardiff-schools/

Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Green infrastructure project awarded £580,000 funding	Priority areas		<p>A number of nature reserves, parks and outdoors spaces in Bridgend County Borough are set to benefit following a £580,000 Welsh Government grant approval.</p> <p>Part of the Cwm Taf Nature Network Project, the scheme aims to form a collaboration of organisations in the region to manage the green infrastructure for the benefit of people, businesses and communities.</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=5dec38d4-851c-ec11-b6e7-002248435b9c
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Sign up for 'feel good' sessions	Well-being Goals		<p>'Feel Good for Life' sessions will begin at Ogmere Vale Life Centre on 4 October to support people experiencing dementia, loneliness and depression.</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=5dec38d4-851c-ec11-b6e7-002248435b9c
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Pioneering demonstration project in Cornelly to help create low carbon communities	Priority areas		<p>Bridgend County Borough Council is developing an innovative demonstration project focused on the creation of low carbon communities and local energy markets.</p> <p>The Low Carbon Communities Initiative aims to see how locally generated renewable electricity produced as a result of solar power can potentially be shared with other homes nearby.</p> <p>The local authority is working closely alongside a number of energy companies on the scheme - Challoch Energy, Nuvision Energy (Wales) Ltd and Passiv UK.</p>	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/housing/low-carbon-communities/
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Have your say on the council's spending priorities	5 ways of working		<p>Residents in Bridgend county borough are being asked to help shape the local authority's spending priorities over the coming year.</p> <p>Today (Monday, September 20), sees the launch of Bridgend County Borough Council's annual budget consultation.</p> <p>This year the budget consultation involves consideration of a longer-term vision for the county borough, covering areas such as investment in schools, roads, regeneration projects, energy schemes and sea defences; council tax levels; fees and charges for car parking and sports pavilions as well as the development of online services.</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=ff7e2859-871c-ec11-b6e7-002248435b9c

Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Valley brownfield site transformed into haven for wildlife	Good practice		Bridgend County Borough Council has supported Ogmore Community Council in transforming the site of a disused coal washery in the Ogmore Valley into a haven for nature and wildlife. Several grants were successfully applied for by the community council and the local authority's Rural Development Team, Reach, to develop the Ogmore Washeries site into an area that would benefit the local community.	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=6e70eeeb-881c-ec11-b6e7-002248435b9c
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn	North Wales	Countryside walks help improve mental health	Well-being Goals	mental health. Nature. Active. A healthier Wales.	The Council's Countryside and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Team and Social Services are working closely with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to use walks as a form of natural therapy. Clients can be referred by their own local GP or through Anglesey's Community Mental Health Team. A referral is needed before an individual can join the walks. Walking groups provide people with various opportunities to experience the outdoors, and the feeling of well-being it can provide. The walks also contribute to related goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – and help build towards a healthier Wales, mental well-being.	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/newsroom/news/countryside-walks-help-improve-mental-health
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn	North Wales	Clean electricity pledge a boost for new energy projects		decarbonisation. Energy	Isle of Anglesey County Council has welcomed the UK Government's pledge to power homes and businesses with affordable, clean and secure electricity by 2035. "If these plans are to come to fruition, new nuclear projects must play a significant role in delivering them. This is good news for the Wylfa site on Ynys Môn, which is, as we know, the best development site in the UK. The Island has shown support for a new development on the Wylfa site for many years; and we are committed to playing our part in delivering clean and secure energy production."	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/newsroom/news/clean-electricity-pledge-a-boost-for-new-energy-projects
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn	North Wales	Pioneering Market Hall project wins another award		Community. Heritage.	Anglesey Council's pioneering project to rejuvenate the iconic Market Hall in Holyhead has won the 2021 AJ100 Community Impact Award. The Architects' Journal judges described the Holyhead Market Hall as a 'stand-out winner' and praised it for being a 'building that matters' and 'feels embedded in the community'. It's great to see that it is now contributing to community life in the area once again. Further community based events and activities at the building are being planned for the next 12 months." These benefits were made possible through the invaluable funding support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Welsh Government and European Regional Development Fund."	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/newsroom/news/pioneering-market-hall-project-wins-another-award

Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn	North Wales	Front door appears on Anglesey beach to encourage people across Wales to open their homes to foster children			The unveiling of life-sized front doors across Wales represents the combined national goal of working together to help build better futures for children in Wales. This week's event follows the recent launch of a wider Foster Wales campaign which aims to make a substantial national impact on the futures of young people in Wales.	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/newsroom/news/front-door-on-anglesey-beach-to-encourage-people-to-foster-children
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn	North Wales	Final stage of Anglesey's Active Travel Network Map consultation now open		Active travel Community	Anglesey's Head of Service Highways, Waste and Property, Huw Percy, said, "During 2021, we have sought your views on how cycling and walking provision on the Island could be improved. We have carefully considered all the comments in combination with other relevant information to produce a revised draft of the Active Travel Network Map (ATNM). "It is important that we understand what matters to local residents when it comes to walking and cycling routes and we'd therefore encourage you to share your thoughts on the routes that we have proposed to cater for everyone in the community." the County Council asked the public what prevented them from walking and cycling on day-to-day journeys and what improvements could be made to local routes.	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/newsroom/news/final-stage-of-angleseys-active-travel-network-map-consultation-now-open
Monmouthshire CBC	Gwent	Nature-friendly play park	Good practice	Resilient Wales Nature Play Children Procurement	Councillor Jane Pratt said: "This new playground follows years of extensive work by Monmouthshire County Council and partners and is a testament to our commitment to providing inclusive spaces that everyone can enjoy. It's been wonderful seeing families and children enjoy the new equipment today. It's an area that not only provides a fun place to visit but the wooden play equipment fits perfectly with the environment while encouraging play through the exploration of nature." Sustainable materials used	https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/2021/10/highly-anticipated-new-inclusive-play-park-in-monmouth-officially-opens-to-families/

Arts Council of Wales	North Wales	The Welsh Government and the Arts Council of Wales are delighted to announce that applications are now open for Go and See and Go Creative funds, as part of the Creative learning through the arts programme.		Arts Culture	Go and See offers funding for visits to high-quality arts and cultural experiences. Schools can apply for small, grants of up to £1,000 to fund single visits to arts and cultural events in venues across Wales. Go and See experiences could include visits to performances and exhibitions, or visits to experience arts professionals developing and creating their work. The Go Creative fund is designed to offer teachers with the opportunity to work with a Creative Practitioner to experiment with creative pedagogy and to explore new and fresh approaches to learning. Schools can apply for a grant of £1,000 to work with a creative practitioner for four days to support them in providing creative approaches to learner engagement.	https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/new-funding-opportunities-open-part-creative-learning-through-arts
Merthyr Tydfil Council	South East Wales	School Council pupils question Councillors on local environmental issues		Children Involvement	Councillors recently held a virtual meeting session with school council pupils from Bedlinog Community Primary School and Trelewis Primary School. Jacob, Rhys, Charlie, and Lacey questioned Cabinet members on environmental issues in their school area and pressed for answers on what could be done. The meeting also involved a question-and-answer session asking the Councillors about their roles and what it entails.	https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/school-council-pupils-question-councillors-on-local-environmental-issues/
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	WOW! Cardiff's walk to school programme rolled out to record numbers with support from Wales' Future Generations Commissioner		Children Active travel	A record number of Cardiff school children are travelling to school in healthier and cleaner ways as part of a UK-wide walk to school programme.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/27571.html?
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Race Equality Taskforce reveals latest action plan for Cardiff		Inequality Race	The Race Equality Taskforce has revealed major new plans in their latest report to help address racial inequality in the city.	https://cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/27803.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Coed Caerdydd		Tree planting Biodiversity	The Council's One Planet Strategy includes an aim to increase tree canopy from 18.9% to 25% by 2030. In order to do this, we have established a long term tree planting programme for the city called Coed Caerdydd.	https://www.outdoorcardiff.com/biodiversity/coed-caerdydd/
Carmarthenshire Council	West and Central Wales	Partnership Working (both with other public bodies, and through the Public Service Board)			They have employed a dedicated Officer for the Public Service Board, paid for between the three Councils (Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion). They have since seen a huge amount of progress made since this Officer (Carys) started in August.	
HEFCW	West and Central Wales	Health + Partnership working (Involvement)	5 ways of working		Project with Cardiff University around building relationships with Health Boards, improving pathways between Health Boards and the University.	

Hywel Dda UHB	West and Central Wales	Social Value Task Force	Priority areas	Social Value	They commissioned Social Value Portal to complete an assessment of work across Hywel Dda's geographic area, and is now doing a cluster level assessment. They want to work with the Public Services Board on this area. The Task Force will be meeting in the autumn for the first time, and is envisioned to be an ongoing piece of work.	
Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority	West and Central Wales	Conservation + biodiversity	5 ways of working		As a result of more funding from Welsh Government, they bought more land, more allotments. Through this they are working on various projects with: the community; dairy farmers; roots to recovery; conserving the parks.	
Pembrokeshire Council	West and Central Wales	Green energy, decarbonisation	Good practice		Good progress highlighted: solar energy; electric charging points; their energy provider is very committed to green energy; recognition of importance of green energy at a corporate level. They are hosting a green zone for COP26. They have a bill in the offing – an experimental nuclear reactor design project, its on the UK long list.	
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Local schools kitted out with energy-saving technology		Education Decarbonisation	A number of schools in Bridgend County Borough have been kitted out with a range of energy conservation measures to help improve their energy performance, reduce energy bills and carbon emissions. The council's Refit programme, which has been run in partnership with energy experts Ameresco, has seen schools and public buildings fitted with a range of measures including LED lighting, lighting controls, Building Management Systems and solar PV systems.	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=b672a53f-3137-ec11-8c64-000d3a0af482
Cardiff and Vale UHB	South East Wales	Waste streaming in		Waste reduction	An area requiring improvement in Cardiff University University	https://www.greenhealthwales.co.uk/post/recycling-in-the-anaesthetic-room
Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB	South East Wales	Recycling in the Anaesthetic Room		Waste reduction Health board	Recycling bins and poster campaign to raise awareness and prevalence of recycling in Anaesthetists Rooms	https://www.greenhealthwales.co.uk/post/recycling-in-the-anaesthetic-room

Hywel Dda UHB	West and Central Wales	Decarbonisation activities		Decarbonisation, water management, renewables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Formed a Decarbonisation Task Force to lead their work to address the climate emergency, improve the natural environment, and support well-being of staff and the public. A decarbonisation strategy is being developed, and strategic partnerships are being explored to deliver improvements within communities. -They have been identifying financial and carbon savings through water management. Between 1st April 2020 and 28th February 2021, made savings of 7.9 tonnes per carbon dioxide equivalent (TCO2e), and £47,600 of savings. -Decarbonisation' and 'Sustainable Use of Resources' has been adopted as a Strategic Planning Objective. -Solar Photo Voltaic Panels are being installed at multiple acute and community sites. -They plan to install electrical vehicle charging points at acute and community sites 	WBFG Annual Report 2020-21
Ceredigion Council	West and Central Wales	Carbon Management Plan	Good practice	Decarbonisation	<p>Appendix 1 outlines projects designed to help reduce carbon emissions. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Converting every streetlight to LED where possible -Conversion of school heating systems from electric to wet (fired by natural gas or LPG) -Fleet renewal, replacing 16 of the most inefficient vehicles with EURO 6 rated vehicles -Building rationalisation -Installing solar PV across several sites -Penrhos Wind Turbine installation -21st Century School capital investment programme across three sites 	https://data.climateemergency.uk/media/data/plans/ceredigion-county-council-b094a50.pdf
Carmarthenshire Council	West and Central Wales	Carmarthenshire Nature Partnership	5 ways of working	Biodiversity, conservation, land management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Brings together the Council, Welsh Government, wildlife bodies, wildlife charities, and voluntary groups. Meets three times a year, facilitated by the Council's Biodiversity Officer. -Focuses on action that maintains and enhances biodiversity in the area either through land management, or action to help specific species. Produces an annual report to highlight the work of the partners. -A Local Nature Recovery Plan will be developed, which will include: embedding biodiversity throughout decision-making at all levels; increasing environmental resilience by restoring habitats; safeguarding species. 	https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/biodiversity/carmarthenshire-nature-partnership/#.YXmR2J7MLD4

Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	West and Central Wales	Sustainable Development Fund project - Marine Wildlife Awareness Schools Roadshow	Well-being Goals	Conservation, education	Delivered by 'Silent World to You'. This brought marine life into primary school classrooms (3-7 year olds), with 25 roadshows delivered in total. This raised awareness of local marine wildlife, sustainable use of the marine environment, conservation, and the effects of pollution.	https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/about-the-national-park-authority/sustainable-development-fund/sdf-case-studies/education-project-examples/
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	West and Central Wales	Sustainable Development Fund project - Wise Up On Waste	Well-being Goals	Recycling, waste, education	Delivered by the Darwin Centre in partnership with Withy hedge Landfill Site and Recycling facility. Over two years, the programme was delivered to 16 primary schools and six community groups. It focused on tackling the issues of waste, with issues including landfill pressures, problems with plastic in the environment, and methane removal. In the follow-up workshop, pupil learned how to make plastics biodegradable by making plastic themselves using milk and vinegar.	https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/about-the-national-park-authority/sustainable-development-fund/sdf-case-studies/education-project-examples/
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	West and Central Wales	Sustainable Development Fund project - Affordable Solar Homes	Priority areas	Housing, renewable energy	Delivered by Western Solar Ltd. This supported the design and construction of a working prototype of an affordable eco-home, generating enough solar electricity to meet all of its own energy requirements. The next phase of the wider project vision is to commercialise the prototype for sale as a prefabricated house, planned to create jobs and apprenticeships. A factory site has been established, and the company has found suitable land where it plans to build 6 homes based on the prototype.	https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/about-the-national-park-authority/sustainable-development-fund/sdf-case-studies/affordable-solar-homes/
Carmarthenshire Council	West and Central Wales	Walk the Global Walk project	Well-being Goals	Young people, climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Three-year international project focusing on mobilising young people in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. -Supports 15 schools, with a focus on climate action. Pupil ambassadors raise awareness of climate change, lead actions in their communities, and share learning with decision makers in the annual Global Walk. -This work led to the creation of the Carmarthenshire Climate Action Manifesto. 	https://www.local.gov.uk/case-studies/carmarthenshire-county-council-walk-global-walk-project
Ceredigion Council	West and Central Wales	Egni Sir Gâr Cyfyngedig	Well-being Goals	Renewable energy, solar panels, decarbonisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Egni Sir Gâr Cyfyngedig is an energy community benefit society established by the Council in 2015. It installs rooftop solar on council owned buildings. -Its aim is to tackle climate change by reducing energy costs, generate clean renewable energy, lower carbon emissions and keep the profits within the local area. -In 2020, it dedicated £42,300 of interest payments to local food banks via vouchers which can be exchanged for food products from designated suppliers. As a result of this, it won a community award in the British Renewable Energy Awards 2020. 	

Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	West and Central Wales	Tirweddau Cymru Landscape Wales	Well-being Goals	Partnership working, decarbonisation, green recovery, tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A new Partnership (October 2021) working together to address shared challenges, including climate change and nature emergencies. -Membership includes the three Welsh National Park Authorities, and the five Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Wales. -Aims to enable a more structured way of working across Wales, and it coordinates delivery of the Welsh Government capital fund 'Sustainable Landscapes, Sustainable Places'. This fund supports projects working on decarbonisation, nature recovery, sustainable tourism, and green Covid recovery. 	https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/news/designated-landscapes-working-together-delivering-for-wales/
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	West and Central Wales	Pembrokeshire Coastal Bus Services	Well-being Goals	Sustainable transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -This project was established through the Pembrokeshire Greenways Project, which seeks to encourage sustainable modes of transport (cycling, walking, bus and train travel). -Pembrokeshire Coastal Bus Services are local bus services that travel along the coast to access walks, beaches, boat trips, local villages and attractions. Enables better access to the Coastal Path. -They operate on a 'Hail and Ride' basis in rural areas, so all you have to do is signal to the driver to stop. Passengers can be picked up or set down at any point along the bus route – providing it is safe to do so. 	https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/plan-your-visit/travel-and-parking/coastal-buses/
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Caerau Heat Scheme	Priority areas	Low-carbon heat demonstrator	Changes have been agreed to ongoing efforts to develop small-scale, low-carbon heat demonstrator projects in Caerau. With funding agreements requiring a pilot scheme to be in place by June 2023, the council has agreed to focus on setting up a joint mine water heating system and wind farm connection for Caerau Primary school. As a longer-term goal, work will also continue on setting up a fully funded scheme for testing whether local homes and buildings can be heated via low-cost energy using water from flooded former mine workings.	

Amgueddfa Cymru		Carbon Literacy Training	Good practice	Carbon Literacy Training	<p>As you know, we've developed a training course on carbon literacy, accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project. Over 100 of you are now certified carbon literate, and we're looking forward to rolling out the training to everyone over the next year.</p> <p>We've also received Bronze Level Carbon Literate Organisation status for our training and today we're taking part in the first Carbon Literacy Action Day. As part of the training, you've made pledges to reduce your carbon footprint. We've recorded a short video of your pledges and you can find out more here. Thank you to everyone who's taken part.</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.sharepoint.com/sites/PerformanceTeam/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fsites%2FPerformanceTeam%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FPublic%20Bodies%2F2%20Working%20with%20Public%20Bodies%202020%2D25%2FSouth%20East%20Wales%20meeting%20notes%20etc%2FAmgueddfa%20Cymru&FolderCTID=0x0120003265F2B6D1087949B37E94CB4943542A
Amgueddfa Cymru		Sustainable Development Co-ordinator	Good practice	Sustainable Development Co-ordinator Carbon management action plan Human resources	<p>To help us become carbon neutral, we're in the process of recruiting a Sustainable Development Co-ordinator. They will shape our response to the climate crisis by developing our carbon management action plan, as well as our carbon reduction and green land management projects. We're looking forward to sharing more with you soon!</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.sharepoint.com/sites/PerformanceTeam/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fsites%2FPerformanceTeam%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FPublic%20Bodies%2F2%20Working%20with%20Public%20Bodies%202020%2D25%2FSouth%20East%20Wales%20meeting%20notes%20etc%2FAmgueddfa%20Cymru&FolderCTID=0x0120003265F2B6D1087949B37E94CB4943542A

Amgueddfa Cymru		Carbon audit	Good practice	Carbon audit Carbon footprint Carbon neutral	All our museums are currently undergoing a Carbon Audit, carried out by an Environmental Consultancy, GEP Environmental. The audit will tell us what our current carbon footprint is and identify new opportunities to reduce our carbon across our work. It will also help support the delivery of the Welsh Government's ambition of achieving a carbon neutral public sector by 2030.	https://futuregenerationswales.sharepoint.com/sites/PerformanceTeam/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fsites%2FPerformanceTeam%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FPublic%20Bodies%2F2%20Working%20with%20Public%20Bodies%202020%2D25%2FSouth%20East%20Wales%20meeting%20notes%20etc%2FAmgueddfa%20Cymru&FolderCTID=0x0120003265F2B6D1087949B37E94CB4943542A
Amgueddfa Cymru		Exhibitions and outreach	Good practice	Climate change Sustainability Exhibitions Awareness	Climate change and sustainability will be incorporated into our public programming for exhibitions and learning. The upcoming Minerals exhibition will look at the environmental impact of everyday objects such as mobile phones.	https://futuregenerationswales.sharepoint.com/sites/PerformanceTeam/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fsites%2FPerformanceTeam%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FPublic%20Bodies%2F2%20Working%20with%20Public%20Bodies%202020%2D25%2FSouth%20East%20Wales%20meeting%20notes%20etc%2FAmgueddfa%20Cymru&FolderCTID=0x0120003265F2B6D1087949B37E94CB4943542A

Amgueddfa Cymru		Events	Good practice	Sustainability Olion Event	We're always looking at ways that we can make our activities more sustainable. We'll be again hosting our sustainability event Olion to empower others to take action.	https://futuregenerationswales.sharepoint.com/sites/PerformanceTeam/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fsites%2FPerformanceTeam%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FPublic%20Bodies%2F2%20Working%20with%20Public%20Bodies%202020%2D25%2FSouth%20East%20Wales%20meeting%20notes%20etc%2FAmgueddfa%20Cymru&FolderCTID=0x0120003265F2B6D1087949B37E94CB4943542A
Amgueddfa Cymru		Engagement	Good practice	Carbon literacy Young people	Through our 700 volunteers and 100 Amgueddfa Cymru Producers we're promoting carbon literacy through partnership working with young people. By working with communities we hope to create a greener Wales and make sure that everything we do is better for the environment.	https://futuregenerationswales.sharepoint.com/sites/PerformanceTeam/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fsites%2FPerformanceTeam%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FPublic%20Bodies%2F2%20Working%20with%20Public%20Bodies%202020%2D25%2FSouth%20East%20Wales%20meeting%20notes%20etc%2FAmgueddfa%20Cymru&FolderCTID=0x0120003265F2B6D1087949B37E94CB4943542A

Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	School's eco work showcased in front of global audience	Well-being Goals	Climate change education COP26	<p>A teacher at Coychurch Primary School has taken part in the Office for Climate Education's first ever "Teachers COP" event, presenting to a global audience on the eco-work of the school. Melanie Treadwell was one of only three UK-based teachers chosen to make a presentation on leading the way in Climate Education at the event, and the only primary school teacher to do so.</p> <p>The event in Glasgow, which preceded the COP26 climate change conference, involved teachers from around the world and provided an opportunity to vote on adopting a statement with concrete propositions to improve climate change education. Built with contributions from teachers from every continent, the statement is being presented to policy makers and education stakeholders at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26).</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=a6f8a9f2-0542-ec11-8c62-002248437a61
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Community Renewal Fund projects are confirmed for Bridgend County Borough	Good practice	skills, life-long learning	<p>UK Government has confirmed which projects have been approved to receive funding from the new Community Renewal Fund in Bridgend County Borough. Bridgend County Borough will receive £785,149. Initiatives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Enterprise Bridgend- aims to support people, especially women by helping them develop skills and confidence for moving into self-employment. -The Life You Want- this project will develop a one-stop online portal for supporting people who want to develop and improve their skills or undertake new training in order to gain new work and improve their lives. -Transforming Young Minds for Tomorrow- encourage more pupils to consider careers in manufacturing and engineering. -Bridgend Elevate and Prosper- business support focussed on pop up initiatives, start-ups and micro-business. -Women's focussed Incubator for Ambitious Entrepreneurs- business incubator programme for female entrepreneurs. -Connecting Teachers with Industry- informs teachers so they can encourage and share details about creative, digital, environment and advanced materials and manufacturing sectors, seeking to enthuse pupils 	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=263c656c-9e43-ec11-8c62-002248437075

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Percussion and Play - Bute Park to come alive with the sound of music!		Play, nature, user feedback	Bute Park has announced its newest improvement project to enhance the Cardiff city centre park. 'Percussion and Play' has been selected as the next fundraising project after user feedback suggested visitors to the park would like to see enhanced play equipment to complement the existing woodland balance trail, numerous play sculptures and natural play opportunities.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/27868.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Council will lead the way in drive to deliver a carbon neutral Cardiff by 2030		One planet strategy, decarbonisation,	The One Planet Strategy - which sets out Cardiff Council's plans to deliver a carbon neutral local authority by 2030 - has been published and approved by Cardiff Council's Cabinet.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/27759.html
Merthyr Tydfil Council	South East Wales	Green light for Active Travel improvements		Active travel, cycling, walking	The Council is about to commence work on a series of walking and cycling improvement projects as part of its Welsh Government-funded Active Travel programme.	https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/green-light-for-active-travel-improvements/
Merthyr Tydfil Council	South East Wales	Bus interchange wins another national construction award		Construction, sustainability	Merthyr Tydfil's new bus interchange has won a second prestigious national construction award within the space of a month. The bus station was announced on Friday as winner of the 'Sustainability' category in the 2021 Constructing Excellence in Wales Awards, which was a pre-recorded ceremony. The Sustainability Award is given for 'high environmental and climate performance in construction to meet present day needs for housing, working environments and infrastructure without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs in times to come'.	https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/bus-interchange-wins-another-national-construction-award/
Merthyr Tydfil Council	South East Wales	Plastics recycling plant would create more than 100 jobs		Waste, recycling, carbon	Local residents are being consulted on plans to construct a plastic recycling and processing facility that would create more than 100 local jobs. As well as providing around 110-plus direct employment opportunities and 44 indirect supply chain jobs, the plant would reduce the amount of waste being disposed by landfill, reducing the country's carbon footprint. The applicant, UK plastics recycling market-leader Jayplas, is currently running a month-long 'pre-application' consultation exercise seeking residents' comments, before submitting a planning application to the County Borough Council in December	https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/plastics-recycling-plant-would-create-more-than-100-jobs/
Merthyr Tydfil Council	South East Wales	A New Deputy Youth Mayor Elect for Merthyr Tydfil		Youth, leadership	On Thursday, 21st of October, a new Deputy Youth Mayor Elect for Merthyr Tydfil was selected. Katy Richards, who attends Bishop Hedley High School was selected at the Merthyr Tydfil Borough Wide Youth Forum Youth Cabinet hosted at the Red House and will take on the role of Youth Mayor in 2023.	https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/a-new-deputy-youth-mayor-elect-for-merthyr-tydfil/

Rhondda Cynon Taf Council	South East Wales	Progress made towards the ULEV strategy for the region		Ultra low emissions vehicle strategy	The Council's Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group has received an update on the progress made and actions completed towards the Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles (ULEV) Strategy covering the Cardiff Capital Region. Cenex – an organisation specialising in low emission vehicle research and consultancy – was commissioned to prepare the Strategy.	https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Newsroom/PressReleases/2021/November/ProgressmadetowardstheULEVstrategyfortheregion.aspx
Rhondda Cynon Taf Council	South East Wales	Significant Progress in Biodiversity in RCT		Biodiversity	Biodiversity has become a fundamental part of what we do and plays a key part in helping to reduce our carbon footprint in tackling climate change. The great news is, that significant progress has been made across Rhondda Cynon Taf to encourage, enhance and develop Biodiversity within the County Borough. In a detailed report due to be submitted to RCT Council's Climate Change Steering Group (CCSG), it outlines how the changes have made a difference locally and has even led to the discovery of a previously undiscovered population of water voles.	https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Newsroom/PressReleases/2021/November/SignificantProgressinBiodiversityinRCT.aspx
Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB	South East Wales	Launching Green CTM		Carbon net zero, embedding principles	Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is formally launching its 'green' initiative this week to coincide with the 26th annual United Nations Climate Change Conference which takes place from October 31 until November 11. Green CTM is the staff working group which aims to ensure that 'green' and 'sustainability' principles are embedded across the Health Board in all aspects of its work and the services provided to patients and communities. Green CTM actively engaged in responding to Welsh Government's ambitious decarbonisation plans and is currently exploring how carbon net zero can be delivered by 2030 in line with NHS Wales Decarbonisation Strategy.	https://ctmuhb.nhs.wales/news/latest-news/launching-green-ctm/
Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB	South East Wales	Cwm Taf Morgannwg launches Menopause@CTM for staff on World Menopause Day		Menopause support, menopause friendly employer	On World Menopause Day (October 18), Cwm Taf Morgannwg (CTM) University Health Board is delighted to be launching a new Menopause support service for staff, to have a better understanding of menopause and how it affects relationships and families. This service is open to both men and women.	https://ctmuhb.nhs.wales/news/latest-news/cwm-taf-morgannwg-launches-menopause-ctm-for-staff-on-world-menopause-day/
Cwm Taf Morgannwg	South East Wales	Cwm Taf Morgannwg first		Mental health	During Mental Health Awareness Week 2021 (Oct 3 - 9), Cwm Taf	https://ctmuhb.nhs.wales/news/
Cardiff and Vale UHB	South East Wales	Arts and Minds Programme			Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has been awarded	https://cavuhb.nhs.wales/news/

Velindre NHS Trust	South East Wales	Survey finds biodiversity an integral aspect of new Velindre Cancer Centre		Biodiversity, green design, engagement, accessibility	As part of its collaboration with Gower based social enterprise, Down To Earth, Velindre University NHS Trust (VUNHST) found in its digital conversation survey that the biggest priority for respondents for the new Velindre Cancer Centre was enhancing biodiversity and natural design principles. The survey, which took place during summer 2021, received more than 500 responses – 35% being staff and 32% from the local community.	https://velindre.nhs.wales/news/latest-news/survey-finds-biodiversity-an-integral-aspect-of-new-velindre-cancer-centre/
Velindre NHS Trust	South East Wales	How a passing conversation with a patient developed into creating an amazing experience for patients, their loved ones and dedicated staff at Velindre Cancer Centre.		Collaboration, engagement, innovation	Chris has been undergoing treatment for the last two years and due to the amazing support he has received from Velindre decided he wanted to show his thanks in a visual way. Chris and his wife Suzanne hand painted the hospital front doors to create a feel of hope and celebration. This then extended into Chris and Suzanne coming up with a design that would develop into a full wall art visual for our reception and main entrance to ensure the first impression when entering the hospital was memorable carrying on the theme of 'Hospital of Hope' which is the centre piece of the design. The area just inside the entrance to the hospital was also upgraded and with a theme of "Rays of Hope" was introduced. This area is dedicated to our patients and their families where they can leave a note of thanks or memories and also celebrate the success and end of their treatment by ringing the bell.	https://velindre.nhs.wales/news/latest-news/how-a-passing-conversation-with-a-patient-developed-into-creating-an-amazing-experience-for-patients-their-loved-ones-and-dedicated-staff-at-velindre-cancer-centre/
NRW and Flintshire		NRW supports Flintshire County Council to get more schools learning in the natural environment		Outdoor learning, new curriculum, skills, environment, education	Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is working with Flintshire County Council to increase outdoor learning opportunities for learners across the county. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is working with Flintshire County Council to increase outdoor learning opportunities for learners across the county. This is part of an initiative by the Council to provide training and support for schoolteachers and practitioners so that they can increase the amount of time spent learning in, about and for the natural environment. Outdoor learning is advocated by the Welsh Government as a key approach to delivering the new Curriculum for Wales. It is also widely recognised for its significant health and wellbeing benefits.	https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/news-and-events/news/nrw-supports-flintshire-county-council-to-get-more-schools-learning-in-the-natural-environment/?lang=en

Natural Resources Wales		Natural Resources Wales at COP26 Harnessing nature for the benefit of people and planet		Greener grangetown, COP, Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm, environment	Welsh projects inspired by and delivered by nature to tackle the climate emergency will be showcased to a global audience as world leaders gather at COP26 to discuss taking ambitious action on climate change. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) will join the UK's nature conservation, environmental protection, and forestry agencies at the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow to highlight how nature-based solutions can play a leading role in delivering a net zero future.	https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/news-and-events/news/natural-resources-wales-at-cop26-harnessing-nature-for-the-benefit-of-people-and-planet/?lang=en
Amgueddfa Cymru		Collecting the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement		Black Lives Matter Collaboration	As a result of this rapid contemporary collecting work, the BLM movement is now represented in the national collection. Placards and photographs collected during the 2020 lockdown were accessioned, catalogued and digitised at the point of entry, for immediate access via Collections Online. The collections also feature in a free-to-download eBook for Key Stage 2 Teachers and pupils on the theme of Campaigning and Protest	https://futuregenerationswales.sharepoint.com/:b/s/PerformanceTeam/EYqE_v4Y_vpBIT-IRTsA-SwBhmb7Vq-XF3xNjei7Oq-JDg?e=P7lmb2
Amgueddfa Cymru		Family Learning Programmes to support children and young people with post Covid-19 recovery.		Comunity Access Virtual learning Collaboration	This case study summarises the key activities from the family learning programme over the Summer, which aimed to support children, young people and families in their recovery from the pandemic, by providing enjoyable experiences which contributed to learning and building confidence to visit a museum and engage in a cultural offer.	https://futuregenerationswales.sharepoint.com/:b/s/PerformanceTeam/EYqE_v4Y_vpBIT-IRTsA-SwBhmb7Vq-XF3xNjei7Oq-JDg?e=P7lmb2
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Litchard Primary School awarded for commitment to Welsh language		Welsh language Learning Involvement Good practice	As part of the journey to achieving the Gold Award, pupils and staff at Litchard Primary School promoted the Welsh language through listening to Welsh music during assemblies, made posters promoting the importance of learning Welsh and used a variety of Welsh apps and books to enhance learning. The school were also driven by an enthusiastic Criw Cymraeg – a group of pupils put in charge of leading initiatives, encouraging all pupils and staff to use Welsh every day as well as promoting Welsh culture.	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=315b27fb1949-ec11-8c62-00224841b496
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Cardiff Installs First Of Their Kind Green, Affordable Homes		Energy efficient Innovative design Low cost homes	Wates Residential and Cardiff Council lower nine modular homes onsite at Crofts Street, Plasnewydd First time this method of offsite construction used for permanent family homes in city Homes to be made available to residents on Council's housing waiting list in just five weeks	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28041.html

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Cardiff on target to be one of the leading authorities in Wales for air monitoring		Air quality Active travel	<p>A new two-year trial to install 50 air-quality monitors across the city, which measure pollution levels in real time, has been agreed by Cardiff Council's Cabinet following its meeting to discuss air-quality data results for 2020.</p> <p>The development of a real-time, air-quality monitoring network is a crucial step forward for the city. Public Health Wales has made it clear that poor air quality is the second biggest public health concern after smoking.</p> <p>"By increasing the number of real-time monitors in the city, we will be able to get an even better picture of the situation across Cardiff and can then plan mitigations or interventions to address any issues that might arise. ... We can then look at ways in which this real-time data could be published on the Council's website so residents could check the air quality in Cardiff and make better informed choices about how they choose to move around the city. I don't think any of us really wants to add to pollution, and if we can see that pollution is high, it might make us all think twice about taking the car to work when we could walk, cycle or get a bus or a train. Hopefully it will also help residents see that interventions like cycle lanes and bus corridors are cutting pollution improving the air we breathe and our health."</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28030.html
Merthyr Tydfil Council	South East Wales	Schools, care homes and council buildings switching to energy-saving technology		Carbon neutral Energy efficiency Retrofitting	Over the past five months over 4000 inefficient light fittings have been upgraded to low energy LED lighting and 600 Solar Panels have been installed on MTCBC buildings and schools as part of the council's commitment to Welsh Government's ambition for the public sector to be Carbon Neutral by 2030.	https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/schools-care-homes-and-council-buildings-switching-to-energy-saving-technology/
Amgueddfa Cymru		Amgueddfa Cymru uses museum collections to improve wellbeing in care homes		Well-being Culture	Following the success of Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales project Objects of Comfort, during the Covid pandemic, new digital resources have now been developed to connect people living in care homes and those at risk of social isolation with Wales' national collections. Since September 2020, Amgueddfa Cymru has been creating collections-inspired activities for care homes and groups who wish to have stimulating conversations and take part in engaging activities centred around objects from our museums' collections.	https://museum.wales/news/1250/Amgueddfa-Cymru-uses-museum-collections-to-improve-wellbeing-in-care-homes/
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	24,000. That's how many residential streetlights we're in the process of upgrading to LEDs across Cardiff.		Energy efficiency		https://twitter.com/cardiffcouncil/status/1463130463648817160

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Ready, Steady.... Healthy Cooking is back		Healthy food Families	Cardiff Council's Money Advice team, in partnership with Food Cardiff, is on the look out for 50 households ready to rise to the challenge of producing nutritious, delicious dishes based on recipes developed by the Cardiff and Vale UHB Nutrition and Dietetics team. The initiative will begin in early December and follows a successful healthy cooking project run earlier this year when challengers were tasked with creating a week's supply of delicious family meals by following the online video tutorials or easy-to-follow, budget-friendly recipe cards.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28066.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Cardiff Council votes to declare city-wide nature emergency		Nature emergency Planning One planet strategy Biodiversity Collaboration	"Declaring a Nature and Bio-Diversity Emergency will help shape our policies as we move forward making clear the vision of the city we want to - and can - become."	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28093.html
Vale of Glamorgan Council	South East Wales	Plans to develop a new play area in Penarth		Play Consultation Biodiversity Recreation	The Council is asking residents for their views on plans for the new play area. Residents are encouraged to offer suggestions as to what new equipment they would like to see at the park and ideas for a new and exciting theme, whether it be nature, sea life or space.	https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2021/November/Plans-to-develop-a-new-play-area-in-Penarth.aspx
Vale of Glamorgan Council	South East Wales	Barry Housing Estate Set For Facelift		Involvement Energy efficiency	The Buttrills estate in Barry will see work carried out to the gardens of houses, bungalows and flats as well as those in communal areas. New outdoor spaces for drying clothing and storing items will also be created and more energy efficient LED streetlighting installed in line with the Council's Project Zero commitment to become carbon neutral. Residents have been very much involved with the plans, which also include tree planting and bird boxes being erected to protect local wildlife.	https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2021/November/Barry-Housing-Estate-Set-For-Facelift.aspx
Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB	South East Wales	Kick-start Scheme rolled out within CTMUHB		Kick-start scheme Young people Transferable skills	Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board is delighted to be taking part in the Government funded 'Kick-start' scheme, which supports young people to develop transferable skills and increase their opportunities for sustained employment.	https://ctmuhb.nhs.wales/news/latest-news/kick-start-scheme-rolled-out-within-ctmuhb/

Cardiff and Vale UHB	South East Wales	Supporting Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing		Co-production Wellbeing Mental Health Children Young people	https://cavyoungwellbeing.wales/ Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) has developed a brand-new website, co-produced with children and young people to offer useful information and resources on emotional wellbeing and mental health. The wellbeing of some children and young people has been significantly impacted by the pandemic, it remains vital that people access support. Visitors to the new website can find information about emotional wellbeing, mental health, services available and how to access them.	https://cavuhb.nhs.wales/news/home-page-news/supporting-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing/
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Cardiff: Child Friendly City		Children's rights Wellbeing	Our ambition is for Cardiff to be recognised as a Child Friendly City (CFC): a city with children and young people at its heart, where the rights of children and young people are respected by all, a great place to grow up.	https://www.childfriendlycardiff.co.uk/
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	One Planet Cardiff Twitter Thread		Decarbonisation Climate change		https://twitter.com/cardiffcouncil/status/144868737300549224?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Full+Council+Meetings
Neath Port Talbot Council		New biodiversity duty plan agreed		Biodiversity		https://www.npt.gov.uk/1410?pr_id=6936
Neath Port Talbot Council		Council reinvests £4m into key services to get Covid recovery underway		Covid recovery		https://www.npt.gov.uk/1410?pr_id=6938
Swansea Council		Glynn Vivian becomes first UK Art Gallery of Sanctuary		Inclusivity	Last year Swansea celebrated 10 years as a City of Sanctuary.	https://www.swansea.gov.uk/GVsanctuary
Swansea Council		£2.7bn pension fund aiming to cut its carbon footprint to zero		Carbon footprint		https://www.swansea.gov.uk/pensionfund11
Swansea Council		Seven projects that improve health and wellbeing through friendship and activities have shared £25,000 in funding from Swansea Council		Health and wellbeing	The grants have been provided to new and existing groups to support an expansion of Men's Sheds in the City to help reduce loneliness and isolation.	https://www.swansea.gov.uk/menshedsmoney
Swansea Council		Tackling climate emergency		Climate emergency	A survey on the council's drive to make the area net zero carbon revealed an overwhelming local public demand for action on climate change.	https://www.swansea.gov.uk/ClimateSurveyResults
Swansea Council		Race for the One Planet standard		One Planet	Swansea Council is seeking to be the first Welsh council to receive accreditation for the work its doing to reduce its overall ecological footprint	https://www.swansea.gov.uk/OnePlanetBid

Swansea Council		Citizens' climate change pledges to inspire others to take action		Climate change		https://www.swansea.gov.uk/YourClimatePledge
Powys Council		A 'Winter of Wellbeing' for Powys children		Children's wellbeing	More funding available to deliver activities for children across Powys over the winter months	https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11969/A-Winter-of-Wellbeing-for-Powys-children
Powys Council		Views sought on early ideas for health and wellbeing campus in central Newtown		Intergration		https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11915/Views-sought-on-early-ideas-for-health-and-wellbeing-campus-in-central-Newtown
Arts Council of Wales		Construction work has started on a new arts, culture and community hub for young people in Bangor.		Nature Creative green space	<p>The development will see the building being transformed into a fully accessible space that will house a small performance and rehearsal space, an underground studio, and various smaller creative spaces for artist residencies.</p> <p>The vast outdoor space will be a valuable addition to the green spaces available in the city and will include multi purpose performance spaces, a community kitchen and garden. The project has been allocated £1.8m from the National Lottery, administered through Arts Council of Wales, £1.2m through Cyngor Gwynedd by Welsh Government's Transforming Towns programme, £300,000 from the Coastal Communities Fund, £250,000 from the Community Facilities Programme, £200,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation, and £172,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.</p>	https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/construction-starts-on-new-bangor-creative-hub
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Minister opens Bryngarw Country Park's education and wellbeing centre		Skills Play Outdoor Biodiversity Active travel Energy conservation Culture	<p>The new education and wellbeing centre is one of a range of improvements made by Awen Cultural Trust in partnership with Bridgend County Brough Council, following a £750,000 investment by Welsh Government, as part of the Valleys Regional Park.</p> <p>Over the past 18 months, Awen has made significant developments at Bryngarw Country Park, to improve the visitor experience and enhance its educational offer to even more schools and community groups.</p>	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/minister-opens-bryngarw-country-park-s-education-and-wellbeing-centre/
Cardiff and Vale UHB	South East Wales	New Mental Health Single		Mental health	Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has launched a new	https://cavuhb.nhs.wales/news/
Natural Resources Wales		Take a friend fishing this festive season		Wellbeing Friendship Community Nature	Between Friday, 17 December and Sunday, 2 January, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is offering its existing rod licence holders the chance to register for a free one-day licence worth £6 so they can take a friend or family member fishing.	https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/news-and-events/news/take-a-friend-fishing-this-festive-season/?lang=en

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Cardiff launches ten days of £1 bus fares in run up to Christmas		Public transport	We hope this subsidised trial will encourage people back onto public transport and even tempt car users to give bus travel a go. As we face up to the climate emergency, finding ways to convince the public to get out of their cars and to take the bus, walk or cycle to work is becoming increasingly important, so I'm really looking forward to seeing the outcome of this trial. We will be able to compare any increase in numbers travelling by bus against the cost to subsidise these services. This will allow us to see if incentive schemes such as this work in practice.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28121.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Mount Stuart Primary becomes the first school in Wales to pilot Anti-Racism training		Anti-racism Training Children	An innovative training programme that enables teachers and school leaders to better educate, navigate and handle racism in schools, has been launched in Cardiff today. 'Promote Equality' is a development programme created by Rachel Clarke, a Deputy Headteacher and the granddaughter of the first Black Headteacher in Wales and champion of equality and diversity, Betty Campbell. The toolkit aims to Educate, Empower and Enhance schools with the resources, support and skills to help broaden understanding and challenge perspectives to imbed long-lasting change in the education system and beyond.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28120.html
Rhondda Cynon Taf Council	South East Wales	Supporting the return of manufacturing to former Burberry factory		Local industry Employment Apprenticeships	The Council has provided grant funding to a local enterprise which has exciting plans to restart manufacturing at the former Polikoff and Burberry factory in Ynyswen, with highly-skilled former workers set to return to the site. Our ambition is to see 30-50 people employed by the enterprise, and to start an apprenticeship programme. The factory had been such a huge provider of employment locally, back to the second World War, and we feel it is important to continue to pass on the skills of the workers to the next generation.	https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Newsroom/PressReleases/2021/December/SupportingthereturnofmanufacturingtoformerBurberryfactory.aspx
Caerphilly CBC	Gwent	Caerphilly Place Shaping	Good practice	Placemaking Infrastructure	Caerphilly Place Shaping - £500 million investment in 6 key areas. Infrastructure Investment: Education; Homes; Transport; Business; Healthy Spaces; Communities	https://www.caerphillyplaceshaping.co.uk
Newport CBC	Gwent	Environmental Awards	Good practice	Carbon literacy Climate Change	Newport were recently awarded with the Outstanding Organisation award at the National Environmental Awards. Their carbon literacy training and climate change steering groups were key reasons for this.	https://www.thenational.wales/environment/19696050.national-environmental-awards-honours-wales-making-difference/

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service	Gwent	Safe and Well e-referrals	5 ways of working	Collaboration Digital Prevention	SWFRS have been working collaboratively with the Welsh Ambulance Service, using digital platforms to e-refer vulnerable people for Safe and Well checks; these preventative steps will reduce future harm and potential pressures on public services.	https://www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/newsroom/news/new-joint-initiative-to-safeguard-vulnerable-people-at-home/
Torfaen CBC	Gwent	South East Wales Resilient Uplands Project	Well-being Goals	Resilient Wales Biodiversity Decarbonisation Climate Change	A project led by Torfaen Council, The South East Wales Resilient Uplands Project, was featured at climate roadshow to mark COP26 summit. The project covers around 200 square kilometres and has focussed on improving soil and water quality, increasing biodiversity, and restoring peatlands, which are critical for removing and storing CO2 emissions.	https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/News/2021/November/Project-celebrated-at-climate-roadshow.aspx
Monmouthshire CBC	Gwent	Rockfield Estate's Community Nature Spaces	5 ways of working	Integration Biodiversity Play Community	<p>Work has begun on Rockfield Estate Community Natures Spaces; these spaces include the provision of wild play opportunities, pollinator planting, shrubs, tree planting including fruit trees and orchards and community food growing beds which will be available for all in the community.</p> <p>Consultation to include voices of local people which did make minor changes.</p> <p>Cllr. Jane Pratt, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services added: "These proposals are another part of the sustainable management of our open spaces, which helps to meet the objectives of our Climate Emergency plan."</p>	https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/2021/12/work-commences-on-rockfield-estates-community-nature-spaces/
Monmouthshire CBC	Gwent	Be Community Plus	Good practice	Community Training Collaboration	<p>Working with, and receiving funding from, the WCVA, Monmouthshire and GAVO are launching Be Community Plus. The project has three main strands: Mentoring, Funding and Training.</p> <p>Mentoring: Opportunity for approx 8 projects to access a mentoring scheme. Groups will be paired with a professional from the voluntary, private or public sector who has appropriate skills to support their project.</p> <p>Funding: £15,000 for approx 10 projects. Can use the funds for things like venue hire, equipment, materials, specialist training, insurance and tech.</p> <p>Training: £10,000 available to create digital training resources that will be free for community to access. Want to hear from community about what would be most beneficial (e.g. mental health awareness, promoting work through social media, health and safety etc...)</p>	https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/2021/11/new-scheme-seeks-to-support-community-projects-across-monmouthshire/

Blaenau Gwent CBC	Gwent	Local Climate Bonds Campaign	Priority areas	Decarbonisation Sustainable Finance Community	<p>Blaenau Gwent have become one of five councils in England and Wales to join Local Climate Bond campaign. This is a commitment to exploring the launch of a bond or related municipal climate investment within next 18 months.</p> <p>These types of municipal investments allow local authorities to raise capital to fund specific “green” initiatives in their neighbourhoods, from wind farms to solar panel installations, rewilding and electric vehicle plans, through a regulated crowdfunding model.</p>	https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/story/news/blaenau-gwent-first-five-uk-councils-to-join-national-local-climate-bonds-campaign/
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	New Council Flats and Transport Hub Development Granted		Energy efficiency Brown fields Affordable housing Public, active travel	<p>The scheme, on the site of the former recycling centre in Llandaff, will deliver 44 new council homes, office and commercial spaces as well as a new access road designed to integrate the proposed transport hub with the residential development.</p> <p>The new properties, part of the Council's development programme to increase the availability of affordable homes in the city, will be highly energy-efficient, making use of renewable technologies such as ground source heat and solar PVs to achieve significant improvements on current energy performance requirements.</p> <p>Around half of the one bed and two bedroom apartments will be used to accommodate people on the city's housing waiting list while the remaining homes will be temporary, supported accommodation for people who have previously experienced homelessness but are ready to move on to more independent living in their own tenancy. Low level support for these tenants will be provided on site.</p> <p>The integration of the residential development with the transport hub provides benefits for existing residents in the area and the new tenants, enabling more convenient access to other parts of the city, and encouraging active travel choices via improved pedestrian and cycling facilities.</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28216.html

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Planning green light for first phase of major estate regeneration		Housing	<p>Eighty-one new sustainable and energy-efficient homes for older people have gained planning consent, part of Phase 1 of the Channel View regeneration masterplan that will breathe new life into this area of Grangetown as well as increasing the supply of much-needed affordable homes in the city.</p> <p>Impressive architecture, innovative, green infrastructure, a strong emphasis on place-making and improving the local environment are key aspects of the first phase of the redevelopment, which focuses on the replacement of the existing high-rise council owned tower block for the existing council tenants.</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28208.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Major improvement works set for Maindy (Gelligaer Street) Park this New Year		Play Outdoors Child-friendly city	<p>A Cardiff council park is set for major improvement works in the New Year.</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, Cllr Peter Bradbury, said: "Thanks to your feedback to our online consultation in May 2021, we've developed really exciting plans which will hugely benefit local communities and children as well as our environment.</p> <p>"We want Cardiff to be a Child Friendly City and having safe places to play like this are so important for children to remain happy and healthy. We're pleased to include play equipment, the natural play area and teen sport facilities which will be suitable for all age groups."</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28204.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Cardiff-wide tree-planting drive marks National Tree Week		Coed Caerdydd Tree planting Place making	<p>Over 400 trees have been planted at special events in Cardiff parks during National Tree Week.</p> <p>Coed Caerdydd is an ambitious 10-year programme of tree canopy expansion in Cardiff, linked to the city's One Planet climate change strategy.</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28194.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Consultation - Proposals to improve Teaching Assistants career progression		Consultation	<p>A consultation which invites Teaching Assistants across the city to have their say on goals for their career, is now open.</p> <p>Cardiff Council is working in partnership with Central South Consortium to consult Teaching Assistants to ask about what can be done to help further their career development.</p> <p>As a result of the answers, a supportive programme will be developed to help Teaching Assistants break down the barriers to progression.</p> <p>The survey is open to all and Teaching Assistants with a minority ethnic background are particularly encouraged to respond.</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28189.html

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Western Gateway's recovery plans to focus on Tidal energy and high-speed rail links			<p>Investigating the full potential of tidal energy from the Severn Estuary and improving high-speed rail links on the Great Western Mainline are just two of the key issues which will be at the forefront of the agenda for the Western Gateway in the New Year. In an update report to Cardiff Council's Cabinet, it is revealed that the Western Gateway is planning to focus on the following four areas in 2022:</p> <p>The potential future for tidal energy in the Severn estuary as the region looks to reach net zero carbon;</p> <p>Improving high-speed connectivity throughout the region by enhancing the Great Western Mainline;</p> <p>Using world-leading research and academic assets in the area to support innovative manufacturing and renewable energy projects;</p> <p>Marketing the Western Gateway region as an attractive location for inward investment and supporting firms to access new export markets.</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28180.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Strategy and pilot scheme to boost Cardiff's recycling rate revealed			<p>Four thousand homes across Cardiff could take part in a pilot scheme to test ways in which recycling rates across the city might be improved.</p> <p>The scheme is part of a review of waste collections in Wales' capital designed to hit Welsh Government recycling targets by 2025 and to make Cardiff one of the greenest and cleanest cities in the UK.</p> <p>Cardiff is currently the leading, major regional city in the UK for recycling. On average since 2018, 58% of waste produced in the city is recycled or composted. However, Welsh Government has tasked Cardiff with increasing this rate to 64% as quickly as possible and to 70% by 2025.</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28178.html

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Building a Greener, Fairer and Stronger Cardiff in a post- COVID world			<p>The views of Cardiff residents, businesspeople and city stakeholders have all been fed into a report on how Cardiff should set about successfully recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Greener, Fairer, Stronger strategy covers a wide range of measures which it recommends the council work towards, including:</p> <p>A key focus must be placed on the future of the city centre making it attractive to visitors, workers and businesses in a post COVID landscape;</p> <p>Cardiff must retain and build on its status as a major events city for both sports and culture, but also develop its own home grow programme;</p> <p>Cardiff must ensure it remains a healthy city to live in with clean air, high quality public spaces, parks and green areas;</p> <p>Cardiff must use the momentum around the 'Green' agenda, and capitalise on the Tech and knowledge sectors already surfacing in the city, to attract investment and deliver jobs;</p> <p>'Liveability' is central to what the city will need to be if it is to retain and to grow and to attract talent and investment; and</p> <p>Building a fitting public transport network which will enable the city to be criss-crossed with ease is essential.</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28176.html
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	How Tremains Wood gained its first Green Flag Award			<p>Earlier this year, Bridgend County Borough put itself on the map as one of the country's most beautiful areas after scooping nine Green Flag awards.</p> <p>Among the success stories was Tremains Wood, a small ancient woodland area in the centre of a Brackla housing area, which received a Community Award, its maiden Green Flag triumph. The woods were then visited by a judge who assessed them against the following criteria:</p> <p>A welcoming place Healthy, safe and secure Well maintained and clean Environmental management Biodiversity, landscape and heritage Community involvement Marketing and communication Management</p>	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/how-tremains-wood-gained-its-first-green-flag-award/

Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	'Partnership' key to transformation of former derelict town centre building			<p>Work to transform a former derelict building in Bridgend town centre has brought the premises back into use as a successful local business and new affordable accommodation.</p> <p>"By working together in partnership, Bridgend County Borough Council, Welsh Government, Coastal Housing and the owners of La Cocina have brought the premises back into use not only as a vibrant local business, but as a source of affordable housing which fits in with our vision of creating a thriving new community of people, living and working at the heart of the town centre, who can support local trade."</p> <p>Welsh Government Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Lee Waters, said: "I am pleased that we've been able to contribute to this important project via our Social Housing Grant and Transforming Towns programmes which provide social housing as well as support for the economic and social recovery of our town and city centres across Wales."</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=804dc7204b62-ec11-8f8f-000d3ad5f959
Hywel Dda University Health Board	North Wales	A new project is underway to provide enhanced on-the-job training to staff	Good practice		<p>The multi-million-pound refurbishment of Ward 10 benefited from more than £500,000 of charitable donations from the health board's Pembrokeshire Cancer Services Fund and Elly's Ward 10 Flag Appeal, together with significant donations from the late Luke Harding and his family.</p> <p>In a first for Hywel Dda University Health Board, staff on the newly-refurbished ward are receiving work-based training to help them meet the needs of oncology, haematology and palliative care patients.</p>	https://hduhb.nhs.wales/news/press-releases/new-nurse-educator-role-enhances-patient-experience/
Wrexham County Borough Council	North Wales	Wrexham Play Sufficiency innovation Grant 2021-2022			<p>This short term grants programme has been set up in response to the Welsh Government recently making some funding available to support children's play and specifically the Welsh Play Sufficiency Duty.</p> <p>The purpose of this grant's programme is therefore to improve children's (including teenager's) opportunities for play with the aim of helping to secure sufficient opportunities for play across the county borough.</p> <p>The grants programme is open to any organisations or groups working with or in support of children and their play in Wrexham.</p>	https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/wrexham-play-sufficiency-innovation-grant-2021-22/
Wrexham County Borough Council	North Wales	Free gym for juniors extended to March 2022			<p>Free Gym for Juniors programme has been extended to March 2022 thanks to funding from the Winter Wellbeing Fund.</p>	https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/free-gym-for-juniors-extended-to-march-2022/

Denbighshire County Council	North Wales	Volunteers help grow county biodiversity project		decarbonisation climate change	<p>Following the Council's declaration of a climate and ecological emergency in 2019, this project is part of an ongoing commitment to enhancing biodiversity across the county,</p> <p>Nearly 60 sites, including highway verges, footpath edges, cycleways and amenity grasslands, are now being managed to create wildflower meadows.</p> <p>These sites, along with the 11 roadside nature reserves, equate to about 30 football pitches worth of grassland managed as native wildflower meadows.</p> <p>As well as protecting wildflowers, the meadows are also boosting the welfare of native insects to Denbighshire.</p>	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/news/news-detail.aspx?article=870f0a6d-ae76-4e10-b277-7f4f21b933fd
Bridgend County Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Dunes to Dunes: Cardiff's first secure-cycle storage facility preparing to open to public	Good practice	Resilient Wales Active travel	<p>The Dunes 2 Dunes project aims to form a collaboration of NNR</p> <p>A new, secure indoor bike-parking facility is set to open in Cardiff city centre in early 2022.</p> <p>The much-needed facilities are set to open on Windsor Place in early 2022 and will include: Secure storage for at least 50 bikes; Shower, locker and changing facilities; and, A remote workspace and coffee bar.</p> <p>By providing a fully secure, cycle-parking facility in the heart of Cardiff city centre, the Bike Lock will help to deliver a key Burns Commission report recommendation relating to the provision of cycle storage at public transport interchanges and within urban centres.</p> <p>Cycling levels in Cardiff increased noticeably during the Covid 19 pandemic and are estimated to be more than 10% higher than they were in 2019. Surveys for the Bike Life Cardiff 2019 report indicated that around three quarters of Cardiff residents support the construction of segregated cycle lanes. Facilities like the Bike Lock will offer cyclists a secure and safe place to leave their bikes when they travel to work or to visit the city centre and are seen as key elements in encouraging people to cycle into Cardiff.</p>	https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/asset_upload_data_1222/20210922142136/c25/28275.html https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28275.html

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Residents invited to get bulb planting for a bee-friendly Cardiff		Resilient Wales Biodiversity	Volunteers, 'Friends of' groups, residents and council staff have been busy planting 11,000 bulbs and this new year, more volunteers are invited to help keep Cardiff in bloom. Special bulb planting events have been held at Bute Park; Jellicoe Gardens, Cyncoed; Forest Farm, St Mary's Gardens, Whitchurch and Littleton Street, Riverside, to support pollinators and enhance biodiversity. The bulbs have been funded through the Cardiff Pollinator Project supported by the Cardiff Local Nature Partnership and Welsh Government's Local Places for Nature scheme.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28259.html
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Care home residents taken on out-of-this world adventure in virtual reality		Age-friendly Wales Culture Well-being	Residents at Bryn y Cae, Brackla and Pantyrwal's Tŷ Cwm Ogwr care homes have been transported across the world and beyond from the comfort of their own armchair thanks to virtual reality technology. Thanks to a project delivered by Awen Cultural Trust and Bridgend County Borough Council, residents enjoyed wildlife adventures, space flights and visits to cities across the world. Funded by Welsh Government's Integrated Care Fund 'Connected Communities' Grant, the project also worked with Cardiff-based Rescape Innovation to create 12 personalised VR experiences for residents with dementia, aimed at unlocking memories and provoking conversations.	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/care-home-residents-taken-on-out-of-this-world-adventure-in-virtual-reality/
Merthyr Tydfil Council	South East Wales	Town centre pedestrian safety work to begin in New Year			Work will begin in the New Year on work to make crossing the road in a section of the town centre safer for pedestrians. Following a public consultation last summer, an 'informal crossing' at Victoria Street will become a zebra crossing with a much wider raised area for pedestrians. The project is one of a series of walking and cycling improvement schemes being carried out by the Council as part of its Welsh Government-funded Active Travel programme.	https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/town-centre-pedestrian-safety-work-to-begin-in-new-year/

Vale of Glamorgan Council	South East Wales	Rhws Primary pioneer outdoor learning spaces		Skills Outdoor learning Nature	<p>A 100m2 tepee has been erected providing the children with an exciting new space in which to have lessons.</p> <p>The team at Rhws Primary School have unveiled their new outdoor learning spaces, and further projects are underway, including a nurture pod and a nutrition pod, creating a wellbeing 'village' for the children.</p> <p>These outdoor spaces include a large tepee, providing a much needed, large well-ventilated learning space, suitable for a variety of activities, including classroom learning, school performances and PE lessons.</p> <p>The Rangers group aims to help children build resilience, confidence and independence, and learn new skills using outdoor spaces.</p> <p>This area is used for learning about nature and developing outdoor craft skills and team building.</p>	https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2021/December/Rhws-Primary-pioneer-outdoor-learning-spaces.aspx
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	South East Wales	Taff Bargoed Catchment Restoration		Sustainable management scheme	<p>This project aims to deliver sustainable catchment management of the Taff Bargoed river in Merthyr Tydfil. The collaboration consists of an established partnership group and members of the local community and at the heart of the project is the restoration of the silted up lake in Parc Taff Bargoed. The project seeks to implement sustainable upland interventions which will: restore a popular amenity for local communities to use and enjoy; reduce siltation of the water environment; enhance biodiversity and ecological resilience; improve water quality; and reduce the flood risk to local communities. Local farms, leisure businesses and the communities of Bedlinog, Trelewis and Treharris will be the key beneficiaries.</p>	https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/sustainable-management-scheme-synopsis.pdf pg17
Membership includes Natural Resources Wales, Merthyr Tydfil and Caerphilly County Borough Councils	South East Wales	Cydweithredu Comin – Common Collaboration		Sustainable management scheme	<p>This collaborative project seeks to improve the Gelligaer and Merthyr Common. Its membership includes Natural Resources Wales, Cadw, the Police, Merthyr Tydfil and Caerphilly County Borough Councils, the Gelligaer and Merthyr Commoners Association, residents and specific interest groups such as walkers, cyclists and the South East Wales Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club. The group has a strong community representation to deliver actions designed to restore the Common's landscape by implementing the sustainable management of natural Resources principles. The project seeks to address a number of social factors in particular anti-social behaviour like illegal off road vehicles, fly-tipping and roadside littering as well as fly-grazing and reduced land management as well as sustainable grazing and habitat restoration.</p>	https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/sustainable-management-scheme-synopsis.pdf pg17

Natural Resources Wales and others		Farming the Gwent Levels Sustainably		Sustainable management scheme	This collaborative project includes RSPB Wales, Natural Resources Wales and the Gwent Wildlife Trust working closely with farmers and other partners to develop the understanding, knowledge, skills and experience need to deliver the sustainable management of natural resources within the Gwent Levels. Participating farmers and project partners will take action to improve water quality, habitat improvement and creation, improving soil condition, and establishing habitat strips for pollinators, which will also act as buffers alongside water course. All actions aiming to Improve the environment of the Gwent Levels for people and nature, whilst supporting sustainable farm businesses.	https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/sustainable-management-scheme-synopsis.pdf pg19
Gwent region	Gwent	Nature isn't Neat 2022	Well-being Goals	Resilient Wales Biodiversity Collaboration	Nature Isn't Neat will establish a joined-up approach to the management of green spaces, also known as Green Infrastructure (GI), to create wildflower-rich pollinator habitats across 5 local authority areas (Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen) An operative's Code of Action and training programme will be delivered, supporting effective pollinator management within the region. The project will also contribute to the development of Pollinator Policies for local authorities and other relevant organisations to secure wide scale land enhancement for pollinators, creating resilient ecological networks.	https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/2022/01/gwent-gets-ready-for-nature-isnt-neat-2022/
Arts Council of Wales	North Wales	Innovations in international cultural exchange and collaboration			With funding from Creative Scotland, Arts Council England, Arts Council Northern Ireland and Arts Council of Wales/Wales Arts International, the pilot Four Nations International Fund is backing artist led proposals which address the key issues facing society - social justice, gender identity and environmental sustainability – in innovative new ways. The projects bring together 82 UK and 48 international partners based in over 24 different countries, from Mexico to Kenya, Barbados to Australia and throughout Europe and USA.	https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/innovations-international-cultural-exchange-and-collaboration

Arts Council of Wales	North Wales	Welsh artists in the spotlight at international showcase			<p>Led by Wales Arts International, the international agency of Arts Council of Wales, the event is supported by Welsh Government's Cymru Wales brand to increase international engagement, career development and touring opportunities for Welsh artists. Six artists from Wales – N'famady Kouyaté, Eve Goodman, Pedair, Cynefin, The Trials of Cato and NoGood Boyo – have been chosen through an open call led by Wales Arts International to represent Wales on the world stage. The Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, Dawn Bowden said:</p> <p>"I'm delighted that artists from Wales are featuring in this special year for Wales in Celtic Connections and Showcase Scotland. This is a welcome opportunity to develop closer ties between Welsh, Scottish and global arts organisations, with reciprocal opportunities for Scottish and international artists here in Wales.</p>	https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/welsh-artists-spotlight-international-showcase
Conwy County Borough Council	North Wales	Conwy Council recognised as a Dementia Friendly Community			<p>Conwy County Borough Council has been recognised by the Alzheimer's Society for its efforts to become more dementia-friendly. Conwy County Borough Council's work to raise awareness, to support people living with dementia, and to become dementia-friendly was led by a steering group set up by staff. Work to date has included training a number of Dementia Friends and Dementia Champions; getting Integrated Care Fund (ICF) funding for a dementia bus tour where professionals and the public were able to experience what it feels like to have dementia with a range of hands-on exhibits. There has also been the popular dementia-friendly viewings at Theatr Colwyn; the reminiscence handling collections, and the sensory garden with dementia-friendly, accessible paths and seating at Conwy Culture Centre.</p>	https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Spotlight/Press-Releases/Conwy-Council-recognised-as-a-Dementia-Friendly-Community.aspx
Denbighshire County Council	North Wales	Denbighshire budget approved for 2022/23		budget	<p>As part of the budget process the Council's draft settlement announced by Welsh Government suggests Denbighshire's budget will increase by 9.2% for the 2022/23 financial year, with increases of 3.3% and 2.2% the following two years.</p>	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/news/news-detail.aspx?article=0aa0e436-5321-461a-acb4-b352e5a54dfd

Denbighshire County Council	North Wales	Woodland takes shape thanks to volunteer help		bioiversity involvement	The Council is continually working to maintain, improve and increase the biodiversity landscape of the county by protecting vulnerable species and habitats for the benefit of both wildlife and people who live and visit Denbighshire. Some of the work already carried out across Denbighshire includes the planting of over 18,000 trees and the enhancement of biodiversity in the County, with 60 sites being managed to create wildflower meadows. The Council has also established a project to look at creating four new woodlands across Denbighshire and is planning to plant nearly 5,000 trees before March this year. Many charities, community groups, volunteer groups, and schools are helping Countryside Service staff to plant trees.	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/news/news-detail.aspx?article=d8a0d6a1-caec-4385-99a2-7b2f985909d4
Wrexham County Borough Council	North Wales	Have Your Say On Our Proposed Cycling And Walking Routes		citizen engagement active travel	Last year we asked for everyone's comments on barriers to active travel and asked for suggestions how they could be improved. We received hundreds of comments from across the county borough and we've used these comments to help put our proposals together. We're now consulting on our proposals to upgrade and create new walking and cycling routes to make active travel the normal way to get around for local journeys. This will cut down on unnecessary traffic and help families get about safely, improve air quality and increase the attractiveness of places to live and work. The proposals focus on 13 areas of Wrexham that have been chosen because they are where facilities are that people travel short distances to regularly – schools, leisure centres, employment sites, local shopping districts and bus or rail services.	https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/proposed-cycling-and-walking-routes/
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn / Isle of Anglesey County Council	North Wales	Budget offers chance to invest in services after years of cuts		budget engagement	The County Council will receive a much welcomed and improved financial settlement from Welsh Government this year. Anglesey's Executive launches a consultation to gauge public opinion on its initial spending plans for 2022/23 and a possible 2% increase in the Council Tax. Finance portfolio holder, Councillor Robin Williams, explained, "Since 2013/14, we've been forced to make £25m in service cuts. After years of austerity, we now have an opportunity to reinvest in key service areas to respond to increased pressures, some of which are linked to the Covid-19 pandemic. Feedback from Anglesey residents through the consultation process will play an important role in decisions about future funding, particularly the amount raised through the Council Tax."	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/en/newsroom/news/budget-offers-chance-to-invest-in-services-after-years-of-cuts

Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Council reveals plans to develop new £12.6m school on land at Brackla		School Brownfield Welsh-medium	Bridgend County Borough Council has revealed plans to provide Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr with larger, £12.6m state of the art new premises on land located off Ffordd Cadfan in Brackla. The Cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council has agreed to carry out public consultation over the proposals after acquiring a vacant brownfield site within the local catchment area which backs on to Brackla industrial estate. The announcement comes almost a year after the authority confirmed that it was no longer seeking to build the new Welsh-medium school premises on a 14-acre site known locally as Brackla Hill.	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/council-reveals-plans-to-develop-new-126m-school-on-land-at-brackla/
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Electric refuse lorry to be trialled in Bridgend County Borough		Ultra low emissions vehicles Zero carbon Decarbonisation	Bridgend County Borough Council and its waste partners Kier have announced the acquisition of an all-electric refuse lorry for an exhibition day. The Dennis eCollect will be around the county borough on Tuesday and will provide crucial information for future choices for Ultra Low Emissions vehicles in the county borough.	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/electric-refuse-lorry-to-be-trialled-in-bridgend-county-borough/
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Council work with Welsh Government on Winter of Wellbeing programme		Children and young people Creativity Food Culture	Bridgend County Borough Council are working with Welsh Government to support the national Winter of Wellbeing programme for children and young people. The programme builds upon the popular Summer of Fun programme in 2021 which saw local communities and organisations come together to create opportunities to be active, meet other young people and try new things to help them manage their wellbeing. Following on from the success of the summer scheme, a further programme of activities and opportunities has been developed as part of the Winter of Wellbeing with additional activities available through January until March 31, including the February school holidays.	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/council-work-with-welsh-government-on-winter-of-wellbeing-programme/

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	A 'Winter of Wellbeing' for Cardiff's Children and Young People		Children and young people Creativity Food Culture	<p>The next phase of Cardiff Council's, Welsh Government funded, Winter of Wellbeing is coming soon, in time for February half-term, and running until the end of March.</p> <p>Following on from last year's Summer of Smiles festival, which gave thousands of Cardiff's children and young people a range of experiences and activities, the Winter of Wellbeing programme is offering free opportunities and activities for 0 to 25-year-olds across the city.</p> <p>Winter of Wellbeing started in Cardiff in December, with thousands of families gaining free access to all of the live Christmas performances and events throughout the city. Co-ordinated by the Council's Child Friendly Cardiff team, the next phase of the programme continues until 31st March.</p> <p>The forthcoming phase of Winter of Wellbeing has three main elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A comprehensive arts and cultural Programme - A brand new, Child Friendly Cardiff Pop-Up Shop coming to St David's shopping centre - A significant package of grant-funding for existing community providers 	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28446.html
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Reading book vending machine installed at primary school		Children Reading	<p>Pupils at Penybont Primary School can pick up their new favourite reading books from a unique vending machine.</p> <p>Each week, classes choose one lucky pupil to receive a token with winners chosen for their efforts, attitude and progress in reading. The winning pupil can then use the token to pick out a new book to keep from a vending machine within the school.</p> <p>It was introduced as part of the school's 'Reading for Pleasure' initiative which aims to create a positive mindset for pupils to view reading.</p>	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/reading-book-vending-machine-installed-at-primary-school/
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	One Planet Cardiff plan for a carbon neutral city by 2030 rated best in Wales		Decarbonisation	<p>One Planet Cardiff, the council's strategy for a carbon neutral city by 2030 has been rated as the best in Wales by a citizen data science project led by Climate Emergency UK, who have assessed and scored Climate Action Plans across 409 UK Councils.</p> <p>Cardiff's plan, developed following its declaration of a climate emergency, scored 70%, against an average UK-wide for single-tier local authorities of 50%.</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28401.html

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Five-year plan to support older people in Cardiff		Older people Strategy	<p>A report which outlines how older people in Cardiff will be supported over the next five years, is to be presented to Cardiff Council's Cabinet when it meets next week (Thursday 20, 2022). The Ageing Well Strategy sets out a series of proposals with a focus on how the Council's internal services can work closely to meet the needs of older people, whilst supporting the work of independent and third sector providers and the Regional Partnership Board. The strategy has six key aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting older people to stay active and connected in an age friendly city Supporting older people to live independently at home through strengths based preventative services Working in partnership to deliver high quality sustainable care Supporting informal carers and valuing their role Ensuring our services meet the needs of the most vulnerable Proactively Modernising our Services 	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28385.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Cardiff's five-year plan to revitalise its city centre post pandemic		City centre Planning	<p>A five-year plan to re-imagine and re-vitalise Cardiff city centre in a post-pandemic world has been published by Cardiff Council. The plan, which is designed to bring partner groups and stakeholders together from across the city to help realise the vision, will focus on nine key themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.A fully curated (managed) city centre which is clean, safe, green and attractive to all. 2.A dynamic business and employment hub delivering more job opportunities. 3.A city centre which lies at the heart of a fully-integrated transport network. 4.A green and bio-diverse city centre. 5.A centre which contains excellent urban design and public realm. 6.A 'blue city centre' which makes use of its rivers and canals. 7.A vibrant centre to live, work and play in. 8.A centre focussed on great cultural offerings. 9.A city centre which offers a quality experience to visitors. 	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28354.html
Conwy County Borough Council	North Wales	Walk your dog month (Jan)		walking	(Twitter) "Get out and about, meet other dog walkers, and improve your own and your dog's well-being". Tweet includes a link to walking routes in Conwy.	https://twitter.com/ConwyCBC/status/1487364925840310276

Conwy County Borough Council	North Wales	libraries as Community Hubs post-Covid-19,			<p>just started work on a project funded through the UK Community Renewal Fund to assess the feasibility of enhancing the role of Conwy's libraries as Community Hubs post-Covid-19, to provide access, both remotely and in person to a range of services to include support skills, employability, digital inclusion and health & wellbeing.</p> <p>There are 2 strands to the work:</p> <p>Work Package 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Researching UK good practice of libraries as community hubs · Identifying digital barriers in our communities and approaches our library services can use to support digital inclusion locally · Proposing a model and guidelines for undertaking community level audits of the digitally excluded (linked to Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Leave No-one Behind) · Researching and recommending technical solutions for remote access points for the digitally excluded in the County's libraries · Proposing a workable model for the loan of digital equipment from library hubs · Assessing additional staff training needs to deliver the community hubs · Recommending an implementation model and communications plan for a multi-agency digital inclusion group · Producing guidelines for a pilot project at Llanrwst Library · Evaluating the model and proposing a suitable community hub model/s supporting a more local and devolved approach to 	
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Care home residents taken on out-of-this world adventure in virtual reality		Older people Virtual reality	<p>Residents at Bryn y Cae, Brackla and Pantyrwael's Tŷ Cwm Ogwr care homes have been transported across the world and beyond from the comfort of their own armchair thanks to virtual reality technology.</p> <p>Thanks to a project delivered by Awen Cultural Trust and Bridgend County Borough Council, residents enjoyed wildlife adventures, space flights and visits to cities across the world.</p> <p>Funded by Welsh Government's Integrated Care Fund 'Connected Communities' Grant, the project also worked with Cardiff-based Rescape Innovation to create 12 personalised VR experiences for residents with dementia, aimed at unlocking memories and provoking conversations.</p>	<p>https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=f8946258-0985-ec11-8d21-6045bd0f07ec</p>

Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Council invited to join UK100 forum	Priority areas	Net zero Decarbonisation Climate emergency	<p>Bridgend County Borough Council has been invited to become a member of UK100, cementing its commitment to tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>The UK100 is billed as a forum for the ‘most ambitious local leaders across the UK’ and runs campaigns around climate change, clean air and green finance.</p> <p>Currently boasting 60 members – including Cardiff Council, City of Edinburgh, Bristol City Council and Birmingham City Council – the UK100 uses the collective voice of their members to advocate for changes that are necessary to make the transition to net zero.</p> <p>They work with the most ambitious members – the Net Zero Local Leadership Club – who are doing everything within their power to get their communities to net zero as soon as possible, and by 2045 at the latest.</p> <p>Joining the UK100 would also help the council capture a range of benefits from the transition to net zero for communities, residents and businesses in Bridgend County Borough including job creation, improvement of air quality, energy security and better quality homes.</p>	https://futuregenerationswales.crm11.dynamics.com/main.aspx?appid=c54b1b5e-0057-e811-a8b6-00224801a6b7&pagetype=entityrecord&etn=email&id=f8946258-0985-ec11-8d21-6045bd0f07ec
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Wildlife prioritised for light installation		Resilient Wales Low energy lighting Nature	<p>The welfare of wildlife near Bridgend Tennis Club has been taken into consideration while new lights are installed on a popular walking route across the Ogmore River at Newbridge Fields.</p> <p>The path, which includes a footbridge, frequently acts as a shortcut between Bridgend Life Centre and the town’s Tennis, Squash and Bowls Club, which sit on opposite sides of the river.</p> <p>Lights either side of the footbridge were placed at a low-level optimum height to protect any roosting bats in the area and low-level lighting units that illuminate the path were strategically placed in order to avoid up-lighting spill that might disturb any spawning fish in the river.</p>	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/wildlife-welfare-prioritised-for-new-light-installation/

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Delivering real change in people's lives: Cardiff's homelessness & housing support plan		homelessness housing strategy	Cardiff's key priorities for preventing homelessness and delivering housing support over the next four years have been outlined in a new draft strategy. The Cardiff Housing Support Programme Strategy 2022 - 2026 has been developed following a comprehensive needs assessment and stakeholder engagement and builds on the significant progress made in reducing homelessness over recent years. The strategy sets out how the Council and its partners will support people at risk of losing their home and those who are experiencing homelessness in the city over the next 5 years. The strategy is based on the Council's vision that homelessness should be prevented wherever possible and when that is not possible, experiences of homelessness are rare, brief and not repeated.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28312.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Physical Activity and Sport Strategy for Cardiff will help improve lives		Sport Health	A new strategy, which aims for Cardiff to be the 'best physically active city in the UK', will be discussed as part of a plan to help citizens improve their health. The intention is to make it easier for Cardiff residents to take part in regular physical activity and sport and to help all sectors of the community improve their health.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28308.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	First Homes Cardiff: Helping First Time Buyers		Housing	Cardiff Council's assisted home ownership scheme, helping first time buyers in the city get onto the property ladder, has been relaunched as First Homes Cardiff. First Homes Cardiff aims to help first time buyers living or working in the city who find themselves unable to afford their first home, by offering new build properties for sale on a shared equity basis on developments across the city.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28284.html
Vale of Glamorgan	South East Wales	Council to spend £1.5 million on new flats in Barry		Housing Energy efficiency	The site of a former healthcare centre in Barry is to be transformed into a £1.5 million Vale of Glamorgan Council housing development. Planning permission has been approved for the land on Winston Road previously occupied by Colcot clinic will be turned into 12 one-bedroom eco-friendly flats. They will include large open-plan kitchen/living rooms, balconies and off-street parking. The flats will be built using sustainable methods and feature energy efficient heating, solar panels and rainwater harvesting.	https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2022/January/Council-to-spend-1.5-million-on-new-flats-in-Barry.aspx

Vale of Glamorgan	South East Wales	OVO Bikes return to the Vale of Glamorgan		Active travel	<p>Customers are now able to get back in the saddle, with the bikes available again following a two-month break. To celebrate their return, operators Nextbike have created a £5 voucher code, RELAUNCH22, which can be redeemed by anyone. The scheme was temporarily suspended in Cardiff and the Vale in November after a spate of vandalism and thefts in Cardiff left the fleet depleted and unable to function.</p> <p>Initially, it will relaunch with 400 bikes in operation from the highest-usage stations, with more added over the coming months.</p>	https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2022/January/OVO-Bikes-return-to-the-Vale-of-Glamorgan.aspx
Vale of Glamorgan	South East Wales	Local Nature Partnership Community Grant		Resilient Wales Nature	<p>The Vale's Local Nature Partnership are looking for projects which will deliver upon our aim to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems.</p>	https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2022/January/Vale-Nature-Partnership-Community-Grant.aspx
National Library Wales Arts Council Wales		Widening Engagement Action Plan	Good practice	Engagement Inclusivity	<p>Action plans from National Library Wales and Arts Council Wales.</p> <p>Plan commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring that leadership at both organisations is representative of the population. Both organisations have declared zero tolerance of any form of discrimination. - Cultural programmes being led and co-produced by communities and ensuring more equitable use of resources. - Adopting British Sign Language as their third language and working to ensure venues, museums and cultural resources are as accessible as possible. - Continuing to drive forward their work in promoting the Welsh Language and delivering the Welsh Government Cymraeg 2050 goals. The Welsh language belongs to everyone, of all communities, and m 	https://museum.wales/aims/visi-on-commitments-and-values/widening-engagement-action-plan/

Monmouthshire	Gwent	You decide, Monmouthshire		Inclusivity Communities	<p>'You decide, Monmouthshire' is a small grant programme offering funding of up to £4,500 for community projects in and around each of the county's five towns to help make these projects a reality. Using funding received from Welsh Government, Monmouthshire County Council and partners will be running a series of events during February and March in which community members will get to decide how best to spend the money in their local area. To be eligible for funding, projects will need to show that they will benefit the local community and bring people together.</p>	https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/2022/02/calls-for-projects-aimed-at-building-thriving-and-inclusive-communities-to-access-funding/
Arts Council of Wales Amgueddfa Cymru		Cultural organisations in Wales should reflect the lives of all communities		Community engagement Involvement Co-production Diversity Accessibility	<p>(1 Feb '22) National Museum Wales and Arts Council of Wales are sharing plans which will help ensure they reflect the lives of all individuals and communities. The Widening Engagement Action Plan has been developed in response to three reports on widening engagement, which were commissioned in summer 2020 and published in August 2021.</p> <p>To instigate the changes needed in both organisation, within the sector and in Wales, Amgueddfa Cymru and Arts Council of Wales believe that individuals and communities should be able to contribute to the debate about what counts as culture, where it happens, who makes it and who experiences it.</p> <p>In the plans, both organisations commit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring that leadership at both organisations is representative of the population. Both organisations have declared zero tolerance of any form of discrimination. - Cultural programmes being led and co-produced by communities and ensuring more equitable use of resources. - Adopting British Sign Language as their third language and working to ensure venues, museums and cultural resources are as accessible as possible. - Continuing to drive forward their work in promoting the Welsh Language and delivering the Welsh Government Cymraeg 2050 goals. The Welsh language belongs to everyone, of all communities, and members of those communities use and celebrate the language every day. 	https://museum.wales/news/1256/Cultural-organisations-in-Wales-should-reflect-the-lives-of-all-communities/

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	New pop up recycling facility to be trialled in north Cardiff		Recycling Waste	<p>A new, mobile-recycling facility is coming to north Cardiff. The pop-up facility, which will be available at different venues on different dates, is designed to help residents recycle larger household items closer to their homes.</p> <p>The first pop-up facility will open at the former tax offices in Parc Ty Glas on Saturday March 5th between 9am and 3pm. It will return each Saturday - dependent on demand - for eight weeks. More information on the service, and other venues once added, will be publicised through the council's social media channels. Residents can drop off their recycling without booking an appointment, but they will have to show proof of address that they live in Cardiff in order to use the facilities.</p> <p>Cllr Michael Michael, Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Environment and Recycling said: "We are keen to explore options which will make it easier for people to recycle. The first of these mobile events will take place in north Cardiff and if the scheme is successful, we will be looking at how we might expand the service to other suitable sites across the city."</p>	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28421.html
Merthyr Tydfil Council	South East Wales	Work to start on Neighbourhood Learning Centre's innovative makeover		Young people Housing Education and training	<p>Work is about to begin on transforming the Council's Neighbourhood Learning Centre at Gurnos into an innovative training and accommodation centre for the county borough's young residents.</p> <p>The building, which has been used as an educational base to help unemployed young people and adults get jobs in a range of vocations for the past 25 years, will continue to offer training alongside five self-contained apartments in one of the three blocks.</p> <p>The aim is to help address a shortage of good quality affordable homes in Wales, while also supporting our young people who require accommodation to live independently while looking to participate in training opportunities to lead to employment.</p>	https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/work-to-start-on-neighbourhood-learning-centre-s-innovative-makeover/
Rhondda Cynon Taf	South East Wales	Tonnes of MIGHTY New		Recycling	Tonnes of MIGHTY recycling has been collected from across	https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/

Cardiff and Vale UHB	South East Wales	Help shape 'Your Ideal Recovery & Wellbeing College'		Mental and physical health Recovery Co-production	<p>The Cardiff and Vale Recovery & Wellbeing College has been a huge success since its launch in Autumn 2020. In a first of its kind in Wales, the college provides free educational courses on a range of mental health, physical health and wellbeing topics. Anyone is welcome to enrol as a student and courses take place online, as well as in-person, at venues across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. The college has facilitated 225 workshops, over 605 teaching hours and registrations from 683 students since it launched.</p> <p>Peer support is at the core of all courses available, co-produced and co-delivered by health care professionals and peer trainers with lived experience of mental health and physical health challenges. Course leads use their experience to support others in their recovery.</p> <p>Co-production underpins the Recovery & Wellbeing College as the first co-produced, peer led mental health service in Wales, not only through the development of courses, but engaging with people in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan on how the college is run and what its curriculum looks like. The college hosts regular Open Forum sessions where updates are provided and people are invited to share their views. Additionally, the college's Board has student representatives and since the college was established it has worked in partnership with the Third Sector, carers and service users.</p>	https://cavuhb.nhs.wales/news/home-page-news/help-shape-your-ideal-recovery-wellbeing-college/
Cardiff and Vale UHB	South East Wales	Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Supports Optometry Service for Homeless Citizens		Health care Homelessness	<p>The pilot scheme was inspired by Vision Care for Homeless People and local Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians volunteered their time to provide clinical sessions for patients who may not be accessing the healthcare they need. Taking place at a multidisciplinary centre in the heart of the city, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board provided specialist Optometry equipment to the newly refurbished clinical assessment room, ensuring both Optometrists and patients have a suitable and comfortable space to undertake examinations.</p>	https://cavuhb.nhs.wales/news/latest-news/cardiff-and-vale-university-health-board-supports-optometry-service-for-homeless-citizens/
Bridgend County Borough Council	South East Wales	Outcome of school modernisation consultation to be presented to Cabinet		Dearbonisation School Education	<p>The outcome of the consultation on the proposed enlargement of Mynydd Cynffig Primary School will be presented to Bridgend County Borough Council's Cabinet.</p> <p>The school will be net zero carbon in operation, producing zero or negative carbon emissions as part of its operational energy. It is envisaged that the school will benefit from a central 'street' which can be used for independent learning, dedicated groups rooms, classrooms conducive to 21st Century teaching and learning, and two all-weather sports pitches.</p>	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/outcome-of-school-modernisation-consultation-to-be-presented-to-cabinet/

Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Artwork to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month painted on Castle Street		LGBTQ+ History Month	To celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month this year, new artwork has been revealed on Castle Street, with four progressive pride flag designs painted on the carriageway to celebrate and remember the history, lives, and experiences of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, plus community in Cardiff.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28454.html
Cardiff Council	South East Wales	Get Cycle Ready for Spring		Active travel Cycling	A Cycle Ready for Spring campaign - designed to encourage more people to cycle and to get their bikes road-ready in time for Spring - is coming to Cardiff. Run by Cardiff Council and its partners, the family-friendly events will have entertainment, live music and cycle-kit giveaways. Residents can get their bikes checked over by professionals, have small repairs done, and get them security tagged by South Wales Police at four, free events held in Grangetown, Canton, Splott and the city centre.	https://www.cardiffnewsroom.co.uk/releases/c25/28466.html
Merthyr Tydfil Council	South East Wales	PLANS REVEALED: Merthyr Tydfil to become entertainment capital of the Valleys with new, state-of-the-art venue		Culture	Merthyr Tydfil could soon become a hub of live music, comedy, food and arts — with plans to transform the town centre’s derelict Rugby Club into a vibrant new entertainment venue. Set to welcome a top-secret line up of world-famous artists, the transformative project has been made possible by an investment from the Transforming Towns Placemaking scheme, in conjunction with Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council. The 700-person Clwb will become the highest capacity venue in the Heads of the Valleys region, comprising a coffee, wine and tapas bar on one side and a high-spec performance space on the other — to accommodate theatre, dance, comedy and live music. What’s more, the venue will also offer spaces for community collaboration in the town centre, including rehearsal spaces for amateur dramatic companies and choirs, exhibition rooms for artists and modern meeting places for other local groups.	https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/plans-revealed-merthyr-tydfil-to-become-entertainment-capital-of-the-valleys-with-new-state-of-the-art-venue/
Vale of Glamorgan	South East Wales	Barry playgroup scoops national award		Early years Outdoor education School	West End Playgroup in Barry, part of the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s Healthy and Sustainable Pre-school Scheme, has won an Early Years Wales Award. West End Playgroup in Barry, part of the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s Healthy and Sustainable Pre-school Scheme, has won an Early Years Wales Award.	https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2022/February/Barry-playgroup-scoops-national-award.aspx

Cardiff and Vale UHB	South East Wales	Celebrating our Youth Board's contributions to mental health services		Youth involvement Wellbeing and health Mental health Emotional wellbeing	Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) has its very own Youth Board, made up of young volunteers aged 13 to 25. The Youth Board is instrumental in ensuring young people are part of the Health Boards decision making processes. The programme is extremely successful, particularly due to the perspectives it offers and contributions it makes towards the way we shape our services. In turn, this helps the Health Board improve access to services for children and young people, as well as supporting them to lead healthier lifestyles.	https://cavuhb.nhs.wales/news/home-page-news/celebrating-our-youth-boards-contributions-to-mental-health-services/
Natural Resources Wales		Innovative 'tree catcher' reduces flood risk to hundreds of Cardiff residents		Flood risk Climate change	Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has completed a scheme to reduce the risk of flooding to 490 properties in the Ely and Fairwater areas of Cardiff. The scheme involved constructing a 'tree catcher' upstream of where the River Ely passes under Cowbridge Road West (A48) to reduce the chance of trees and other large objects getting trapped under the bridge.	https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/news-and-events/news/innovative-tree-catcher-reduces-flood-risk-to-hundreds-of-cardiff-residents/?lang=en
Amgueddfa Cymru		Sugar Creative chosen to re-think the museum experience		Culture	Sugar Creative has been awarded the Amgueddfa Cymru Challenge Fund to research and develop (R&D) innovative ways to experience and interact with the museum's collections on a local and global scale.	https://museum.wales/news/1259/Sugar-Creative-chosen-to-re-think-the-museum-experience/