

APPENDIX A

BRIDGEND REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2018-2033

TECHNICAL REPORT 1: DRAFT VISION & OBJECTIVES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To report the draft vision and objectives for the Replacement LDP (2018-2033).

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In order to tackle key issues and guide and manage future development, the existing LDP identified a clear vision of what the County Borough should look like in 2021 and the objectives to deliver that vision. Therefore, as part of the LDP review process its vision and objectives need to be revisited to ensure they remain relevant to local needs and aspirations up to 2033 (2033 is the Replacement LDP expiry date).

3. VISION

3.1 Background Context: Existing LDP Vision (2013-2021)

- 3.2 In order to tackle key issues and guide and manage future development the existing LDP identified a clear vision of what the County Borough should look like in 2021. Therefore as part of the review process this needs to be revisited to ensure it remains relevant to local needs and aspirations. The existing LDP Vision was developed through stakeholder engagement and informed by a range of key strategies including the Bridgend Community Strategy. It states that:

- 3.3 ***By 2021, Bridgend County Borough will be transformed to become a sustainable, safe, healthy and inclusive network of communities comprising strong, interdependent and connected settlements that can offer opportunities, an improved quality of life and environment for all people living, working, visiting and relaxing in the area. The catalysts for this transformation will be:***

- ***a successful regional employment, commercial and service centre in Bridgend;***
- ***a vibrant waterfront and tourist destination in Porthcawl;***
- ***a revitalised Maesteg;***
- ***a realisation of the strategic potential of the Valleys Gateway; and***
- ***thriving Valley communities.***

- 3.4 In 2013 the Community Strategy was replaced by the Single Integrated Plan (SIP): 'Bridgend County Together' replacing four previous statutory plans:

- *Community Strategy;*
- *Social Care and Well Being Plan;*
- *Children and Young People's Plan; and*
- *Community Safety Plan.*

- 3.5 The SIP identified the following priority areas:
- *People in Bridgend County are healthier;*
 - *People in Bridgend County are engaged and empowered to achieve their full potential;*
 - *People in in Bridgend County benefit from a stronger and more prosperous economy; and*
 - *Bridgend County is a great place to live, work and visit.*
- 3.6 The SIP has been replaced by a Local Well Being Plan which is a requirement of the Well Being of Future Generations Act (2015). The Well Being and Future Generations Act established Public Service Boards for each local authority area in Wales who must improve the economic, social environmental and cultural well-being of its area by working to achieve the well-being goals. As part of its responsibility the Bridgend PSB has produced a well-being assessment which assesses the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in Bridgend. The LWBP objectives are set out below:
- *Objective 1 Best Start in Life;*
 - *Objective 2 Support Communities in Bridgend to be safe and cohesive;*
 - *Objective 3 Reduce Social and Economic Inequalities; and*
 - *Objective 4 Healthy Choices in a Healthy Environment.*
- 3.7 Replacement LDP Draft Vision (2018-2033)
- 3.8 It is important to reiterate that the existing LDP has been broadly successful and delivered many significant benefits for the residents of the County Borough. Therefore, it is considered logical to build upon and update the existing LDP vision to ensure it complements the LWBP and expresses in land use terms, those elements of the LWBP that relate to the development and use of land. However, it is important to recognise that the LDP cannot deliver all of the local wellbeing outcomes as many issues will extend beyond the direct influence of 'land-use planning'. Nevertheless, the LDP will contribute towards creating the right conditions to support their delivery.
- 3.9 The draft LDP vision is set out below and incorporates the 4 LWBP objectives (highlighted in **blue text**).
- 3.10 ***Bridgend County Borough will continue to be transformed to become a sustainable, safe, healthy and inclusive network of communities comprising strong, interdependent, connected and **cohesive** settlements that can offer **people:*****
- ***the best start in life by providing effective learning environments to secure the best possible outcomes for learners;***
 - ***provide opportunities to reduce social and economic inequalities; and***
 - ***an improved quality of life and a **healthy environment** for all people living, working, **visiting and relaxing in the area.*****

4. OBJECTIVES

4.1 Background Context: Existing LDP Objectives (2013-2021)

4.2 The existing LDP Vision is delivered through 4 Strategic Objectives and 23 specific objectives which seek to address the national, regional and local issues facing the County Borough. These four strategic objectives are at the centre of the LDP: They are: To produce high quality sustainable places; To protect and enhance the environment; To spread prosperity and opportunity through regeneration; and To create safe, healthy and inclusive communities.

4.3 Replacement LDP – Draft Objectives (2018-2033)

4.4 It is necessary that the Replacement LDP objectives reflect the goals and objectives of the Future Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Local Wellbeing Plan. The existing Local Development Plan was developed in the context of a Strategic Environmental Assessment incorporating a Sustainability Appraisal, and as such the existing plan broadly aligns with the Wellbeing goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Act) 2015 (FWBG). Further to this, the LDP Review Report (endorsed by Council on 20th June 2018) included an ‘assessment of compatibility’ of the existing LDP objectives against the Future Wellbeing of Future Generations Act goals. This assessment concluded that the existing 4 Strategic LDP Objectives (and 23 specific objectives) already make a significant contribution to achieving a range of Well Being goals which is considered hugely positive. However, the LDP review process presents an opportunity to further refine the objectives to ensure the replacement plan continues to make a significant contribution towards creating the right conditions to support the delivery of the FWBG Act and the Local Wellbeing goals and objectives.

4.5 Special consideration also needs to be given to Planning Policy Wales (Welsh Government’s national planning policy) which has recently been redrafted to emphasise the importance of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, Environment Act and Active Travel Act. Planning Policy Wales is now based upon the following topic areas which will provide the basis for restructuring the Replacement LDP:

- Placemaking;
- Active and Social Places;
- Productive and Enterprising Places; and
- Distinctive and Natural Places.

4.6 The revised LDP Vision shall be delivered through **4 redrafted Strategic Objectives** and which seek to reflect updated national policy and legislation and address the local issues and facing the County Borough. These four draft strategic objectives are central to the Replacement LDP: They are:

- SP1 To Produce High Quality Sustainable Places (Placemaking).
- SP2 To create active, healthy, cohesive and social communities.
- SP3 To create Productive and Enterprising Places.
- SP4 To Protect and enhance our Distinctive and Natural Places.

- 4.7 In addition 25 specific objectives (set out in the tables below) have been formulated to create the right conditions to address the various social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being outcomes. **It is also important to note that future LDP policies will be cross-cutting in their nature and will cross-reference to the goals and objectives of the FWBG Act and Local Well-being Plan.** The draft vision and objectives will continually be refined during the review process based on stakeholder engagement and the outcomes of a refreshed evidence base.
- 4.8 **Note:** the 'assessment of compatibility' of the Replacement LDP objectives against the Local Well Being Plan goals and objectives is currently being undertaken.

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