

# LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## Sustainability Group

Meeting, 27 April 2006  
Record of Meeting

### Attendance

Phil Griffiths	Caerphilly CBC (Countryside)
Dave Lucas	Caerphilly CBC (Forward Planning)
Richard Jones	Countryside Council For Wales
Caroline Drayton	Environment Agency
Steve Spode	Welsh Development Agency
Neil Maylan	Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust
Lorraine Howells	Farmers Union of Wales
Mererid Bowley	Local Public Health Team
Karen Gifford	Gwent Police
Neil Daniels	Caerphilly CBC (Landscape)
Alison Jones	Caerphilly CBC (Ecology)
Paul Cooke	Caerphilly CBC (Sustainability)
Melanie Davies	Caerphilly CBC (Economic Development)
Heddwyn Evans	Caerphilly CBC (Environmental Health – Pollution)
Mark Rees-Williams	Caerphilly CBC (Highways)
Chris Francis	Caerphilly CBC (Housing)
Stuart Newland	Caerphilly CBC (Waste Strategy)
Steve Lawrence	Caerphilly CBC (Education)
Ralph Bourke	Caerphilly CBC (Research)
Maura Matthews	Caerphilly CBC (Health Improvement)
Rhodri Lloyd	Caerphilly CBC (Waste Management)
Kevin Fortey	Caerphilly CBC (Housing)
John Ridgewell	Caerphilly CBC (Leisure)
Rhian Kyte	Caerphilly CBC (Planning) – Facilitator
Craig Raybould	Caerphilly CBC (Planning) – Facilitator
Vicki Doyle	Caerphilly CBC (Policy) - Facilitator
Alison Palmer	GAVO – Facilitator

### Apologies

Stanley Evelyn	BT
Kerry Morgan	Health Board
Paul White	CCBC Building Control
Steve Martin	CCBC Energy
Claire Davies	CCBC Env Health



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## Outcomes For The Meeting

1. For all members to input their expertise and knowledge into the emerging Scoping Report, particularly in respect of:
  - I. Issues facing the authority
  - II. Sustainability Objectives
  - III. Indicators
2. For all members to input their expertise and knowledge into the consideration and generation of Alternative Visions for the LDP.

### 7/8 Discussion of the Scoping Report Issues/Discussion of Sustainability Objectives

At the end of the first meeting it was agreed that the four remaining topic areas that had not been the subject of discussion, Geology & Geomorphology; Air; Climatic Factors; Material Assets, would be discussed at this meeting. The role of this meeting was to consider the Sustainability Objectives for inclusion in the Scoping Report. Consequently the Sustainability Objectives were arranged by Topic Area and the discussions encompassed both areas. Discussions centred on the “Sustainability Objectives Revised Draft Version Sorted By SEA Topic Area” document, and this document should be referred to in conjunction with this record.

#### 7/8.5 *Geology and Geomorphology*

Comments raised on this topic were as follows:

- I. (Issue 1) The visibility of the geological features and their accessibility is as important as their retention. A positive indicator for this should be included and the Objective amended to reflect this. [Agreed](#)
- II. (Issue 1 – Indicators 1, 2 & 4) Questioned whether these could be amalgamated into 1 indicator. [Officers to review](#)
- III. (Issue 2 – Indicator 2) Should be measured by area, rather than number of developments. [Agreed](#)
- IV. (Issue 3 - Indicator 3) – This is not influenced by the LDP. The Group were advised that the SEA/SA needs to consider the current state of the environment and there are factors that are relevant that are not directly affected by the LDP and recording that an indicator in the SEA/SA is not affected by the LDP is not necessarily wrong. Officers need to consider this Indicator further. [Officers to review.](#)
- V. (Issue 3 – Indicator 2 & 5) These overlap significantly. Indicator 2 is the better of the Indicators, so Indicator 5 should be deleted. [Agreed.](#)



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- VI. (Issue 3) Consideration should be given to a land use focussed indicator, possibly based on provision of facilities. [Officers to review](#)

## 7/8.6 *Air*

No formal comments on the Issues, Objectives or Indicators directly. However it was stressed that this topic is particularly pertinent to transport issues, and the transport problem areas of Piccadilly in Caerphilly and Blackwood Town Centre. In addition it was advised that a EU Directive on noise is likely to be issued in the near future which could provide additional indicators, or require modification to those listed.

## 7/8.7 *Climatic Factors*

Comments raised on this topic were as follows:

- I. (Issue 1 – Indicator 1)CO<sub>2</sub> is only one of many greenhouse gasses. Need to consider whether the indicator should encompass a wider range. Concern then raised over whether there is adequate data available to enable this. [Officers to review](#).
- II. (Issue 2) Two new indicators suggested. Number of companies employing green travel plans, an indicator derived from the emerging traffic model being developed for Regional planning. [Officers to review](#).
- III. (Issue 2 – Issue1) How useful is an indicator on car ownership? [Officers to review](#).
- IV. (Issue 3) A new indicator relating to energy efficiency needs to be included. Discussion ensued on the merits of including an indicator based upon BREEAM or other suitable benchmark, with concerns over how it is monitored and how much data is available. [Officers to review](#).
- V. (Issue 3) A new indicator relating to total energy consumption should be included. [Officers to review](#).
- VI. (Issue 3 - Indicators 2/3) Amount of energy produced is a better indicator than numbers of sites/buildings. [Agreed](#).

Some general issues were also raised regarding the provision of opportunities for combined heat and power, or other forms of dual forms of activity and energy generation. Also concern raised over the moving nature of “the current flavour” of renewable energy production. Wind farm seem to be being promoted off shore, not land based etc. On site power generation also discussed, but noted that this applies to all forms of development, not just housing. [Officers to review possibility of including additional indicators](#).

## 7/8.8 *Material Assets*

It was explained that the concept of Material Assets was believed to be existing infrastructure in all its forms, although significant confusion remains over the exact nature of the issues and factors that should be considered in this area.



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A number of comments were raised on this issue, which are outlined below, but it was agreed that suggestions for indicators/issues would be sought during the 14-day consultation period on the draft Record of the meeting. The comments raised on this topic were as follows:

- I. (Issue 1 – Indicators 1 & 4) These are beneficial to monitor, but it is questionable whether they are influenced by the plan. In respect of Indicator 1 it was suggested that it was better to look at roads improved by means of S106 agreements. [Agreed](#).
- II. General discussion regarding what this topic covers and the significant overlap that exists with other topics. Agreed that suggestions and comments on this are would be sought with the draught minutes. [Input from members required](#).

## 8 Discussion of Sustainability Objectives (For Areas that had been considered at the previous meeting)

It was advised that the issues for this and the subsequent three topics had been discussed at the previous meeting and that the discussion on these topics should relate directly tot the indicators, as they had been produced in consideration of the issues arising from the previous discussions.

### 8.1 *Population and Human Health*

Comments raised on this topic were as follows:

- I. (Issue 2 [Living Environment] – Objective) This should refer to the “condition” of housing not the “standard”. [Agreed](#)
- II. (Issue 2 [Living Environment] – Indicator 3) Homelessness is not an indicator of housing (as implied by the Issue Area). In addition it encompasses Indicator 1. [Officers to review](#).
- III. (Issue 3 [Education for Life] – Objective) This should refer to the reduction of crime, not “serious” crime. [Agreed](#)
- IV. (Issue 2 [Education for Life]) Is there a health dimension in this issue, i.e. HIA? Discussion on what would be appropriate and it was agreed that suggestions for indicators for inclusion would be sought during the consultation period on the draft Record of the meeting. [Input from members required](#).
- V. (Issue 1 [Regeneration]) Economic Inactivity should be included as an indicator. [Officers to review](#)
- VI. (Issue 2 [Regeneration] – Indicator 5) Should be moved to (Issue 1 [Regeneration]). [Agreed](#).



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- VII. (Issue 2 [Regeneration] – Indicator 2) This should refer to “earnings” not “wage”. **Agreed**
- VIII. (Issue 3 [Regeneration]) Include an additional indicator to show level of financial and non-financial support provided. **Officers to Review**
- IX. (Issue 3 [Regeneration]) Include an additional indicator relating to business start up rates. **Officers to review**
- X. (Issue 3 [Regeneration]) Include an additional indicator relating to the number of Environmental Management Systems adopted by businesses. **Agreed**
- XI. (Issue 1 [Health Social Care and Well Being] – Indicator 2) Discussion around the term “long term Sick” and using Invalidity/disability benefit as an alternative. **Officers to Review**
- XII. (Issue 2 [Health Social Care and Well Being] – Indicator 2) Concern whether the achievement of population level and balance was a measure of sustainability or of the plan strategy. Need to review. **Officers to review**
- XIII. (Issue 2 [Health Social Care and Well Being]) An additional indicator relating to number of allotment plots let could be included. **Officers to Review**
- XIV. (Issue 2 [Health Social Care and Well Being]) An additional indicator relating to the number or percentage of people participating in sports could be included. **Officers to Review**

## 8.2 ***Biodiversity***

Comments raised on this topic were as follows:

- I. (Issue 1 – Indicator 1) Information on all BAP species is only partial, so indicator should relate to “selected” BAP species. **Agreed**
- II. (Issue 1 – Indicator 3) The wording of the indicator needs revising to make it usable and useful. **Officers to review.**

## 8.3 ***Water***

Comments raised on this topic were as follows:

- I. (Issue 1) The protection of Groundwater, in both quantity and quality terms, should be included as an objective. **Agreed – relevant indicators to be suggested by EA**

## 8.3 ***Cultural Heritage and Landscape***

Comments raised on this topic were as follows:



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- I. (Issue 1) All of the indicators need more thought. [CCBC landscape to suggest indicators.](#)
- II. (Issue 2 – Indicator 1) More appropriate indicator would be children in welsh medium schools/learning welsh. [Agreed](#)
- III. (Issue 3) Suggested new indicator relating to numbers of buildings listed and sites scheduled. [Officers to review](#)
- IV. (Issue 3) Tourism aspect of this issue is not addressed. Suggest indicator for the number of hotels and tourist establishments. [Officers to review](#)

## 9 Workshop exercise on alternative Visions for the LDP

The Team leader from the Forward Planning team lead a workshop session, for the group, on the visioning exercise for the LDP. The results and outcomes of that exercise are included at Appendix 1



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