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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOCUS GROUP SECOND MEETING

Thursday 13th April 2006, 10:00am
Innovation Centre, Tredomen

Meeting Minutes

Present

Cllr Harry Andrews	Leader
Cllr Keith Griffiths	Cabinet Member for Transportation and Planning
Cllr Stan Jenkins	Chair of Planning Committee
Cllr Les Rees	Vice Chair of Planning Committee
Cllr Lindsay Whittle	Leader of the Opposition
Cllr John Taylor	Deputising for Cllr. Geoffrey Hibert as the Member of the Majority Opposition
Cllr Graham Simmonds	Member representing both Independent Groups
Rhian Kyte	Team Leader for Strategic and Development Planning
Pat Mears	Chief Planning Officer
Mark Rees-Williams	Chief Engineer
Cris Davies	Chief Housing Officer
Phil Davy	Head of Economic Development, Tourism and European Affairs
Bleddyn Hopkins	Head of Planning and Strategy, Education & Leisure
Steve Delahaye	Head of Public Protection
Mark Williams	Head of Public Services
Sian Brace	Living Environment Co-ordinator

1 Welcome

Cllr. Griffiths welcomed all to the second meeting of the LDP Focus Group and highlighted the importance of the group's task to debate and guide the alternative vision statements for the Caerphilly LDP.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Cllr David Hardacre	Cabinet Member for Education and Leisure
Cllr Paul Ford	Cabinet Member for Living Environment and Housing
Cllr Tudor Davies	Cabinet Member for Regeneration
Cllr Geoffrey Hibert	Member of the Majority Opposition
Cllr Janet Jones	Representative of the Sustainable Development Panel



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Stuart Bates
Tim Peppin
Peter Gomer
Paul Cooke

Chief Property Officer
Head of Policy & Central Services
Head of Lifelong Learning and Leisure
Sustainable Development Co-ordinator

PROCEDURAL SESSION

- 3 The minutes of the inaugural meeting held on 20th February 2006 were agreed.
- 4 It was agreed that the following changes should be made to the Focus Group composition:
 - i. Mr. Albert Heaney will be the permanent replacement for Mr. Joe Howsam.
 - ii. Mr. John Rogers, Principal Solicitor, will attend to advise on legal matters.
- 5 The minutes of the Sustainability Group meeting held on 8th March 2006 were received.
- 6 The minutes of the Stakeholder Panel meeting held on 27th February 2006 were received.
- 7 The procedure for placing LDP information on the Internet was agreed as outlined in Appendix 3.
- 8 The criteria in the report on the assessment of sites for consideration in the LDP, as attached in Appendix 4, were agreed, as were the General Planning Assessment Proforma and explanatory note attached as Appendix 4i, the Highways Assessment Proforma and explanatory note attached as Appendix 4ii, and the Biodiversity and Landscape Assessment Proforma and the Environmental Health Assessment Proforma both of which were tabled at the meeting.

In relation to the General Planning Assessment Proforma attached as Appendix 4i, Cllr. Graham Simmonds raised a point about the average residential density figure which had been set at 35 units per hectare. He was concerned about three recent housing projects in his ward which were developed at much higher densities and questioned the figure adopted for the assessment exercise. Mrs. Kyte replied that this was a prediction of the likely average housing density for the future and that as always individual developments would vary from the average because they were judged on their individual merits.

The explanatory notes relating to the Biodiversity and Landscape Assessment Proforma and the Environmental Health Assessment Proforma were not part of the tabled material because they were not completed. These notes will be sent to Group Members by email as soon as they are available.



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- 9 At the very end of the meeting the issue of lack of female elected representation on the Focus Group was raised. It was agreed that Cllr. Harry Andrews and Cllr. Keith Griffiths would consider this issue and come back to the group in due course.

WORKSHOP SESSION

- 10 **Introduction:** In considering how the Local Development Plan (LDP) for Caerphilly County Borough should guide and manage future development, it is important that a clear vision of what the County Borough should look like in fifteen years time is formulated. This has already been achieved with partners through the development of the Community Strategy which was formally launched by Standing Conference in November 2004. The Community Strategy sets out how the partner organisations that form the Standing Conference will work together over the next 10-15 years to make the County Borough a place where people:

- like to live and want to stay and make a home - the **Living Environment** theme
- can find opportunities for (paid and unpaid) work that they find rewarding - the **Regeneration** theme
- can develop a range of interests, knowledge and activities – the **Education for Life** theme
- can lead a full, healthy life and get treatment, support and care as and when required - the **Health, Social Care and Well Being** theme

The Community Strategy acknowledges that “A vitally important part of the community strategy is the spatial dimension: how objectives for the county borough relate to implementation within localities in the county borough.” In preparing the LDP there is an opportunity to review what the strategic priorities for development are up to 2021 and an opportunity for stakeholders and the local community to further influence how the County Borough will look in the future.

- 11 In order to consider the preparation of draft visions and assessment of alternative visions the group members broke into two facilitated groups in a workshop setting. They debated and discussed the material encompassing the LDP Visioning Exercise as outlined in Appendix 5 by following the steps below:

Session 1:

Determining the Land Use Vision Statements within the Community Strategy

- 12 In order to understand which elements of the Community Strategy are directly related to land use planning, each workshop group worked through the ‘Visions’ contained in the Community Strategy in order to agree which of these:

- were essentially **land use**; and / or
- could be **directly** influenced or implemented by the LDP



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Officers of the Planning Division highlighted those Community Strategy vision statements which they considered to be 'land use' orientated in this context. The Group Members in each workshop considered whether or not those highlighted were indeed appropriate and also whether other vision statements should be added to the highlighted list.

- 13 Members of the two workshops agreed with all the vision statements previously highlighted by officers and added others. The details of this part of the process is to be found in Table A attached.
- 14 In the second part of session 1 the group workshops were then asked to consider what they believed the key land use issues were for the LDP derived from each of these statements. The details of this part of the process is to be found in Table B attached.

Session 2: Generating Land Use Vision Statements

- 15 Having regard to the outcomes of Session 1, for session 2 the groups were asked to formulate 'Alternative Draft Vision Statements' that could potentially be used to drive forward Alternative Strategies for the Development Plan. These Vision Statements were to be **land use, locally distinctive and capable of delivery**.
- 16 In order to undertake this exercise the groups first considered the land use issues that they already identified and grouped them together where there was a clear overlap or relationship. The results of this collective grouping process are shown in Table C attached.
- 17 Having regard for the work undertaken the groups turned to discuss the creation of draft vision statements. In approaching this part of the exercise the groups took their starting point as the background examples in the officer generated material which was contained in Appendix 5 section B. They discussed these three alternative positions and formulated a check list of essential characteristics or key issues.
- 18 The groups felt that the following community characteristics were important:
 - Enhancing the vibrancy of communities
 - Maintaining sustainability and protecting the environment
 - Taking a forward-looking stance with regard to regeneration
 - Recognising the need for society to 'thrive & survive'
 - Maintaining community diversity
- 19 Therefore, any vision statement for the LDP should reflect the following key issues:
 - Making Caerphilly Borough a pleasant place to live and work with decent public services
 - Providing well paid employment in accessible locations to raise community expectations



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- Delivering improved education facilities to ‘upskill’ the population
- Maintaining a clean / green environment
- Designating appropriate locations for community / leisure facilities
- Recognising the importance of transport policies for rail/bus corridors and good site accessibility
- Targeting the deprived communities with appropriate development (the deprivation strategy)
- Recognising market forces
- Integrating of policies & land use

20 Below are the suggested alternative vision statements which reflect the discussions held by the Focus Group:

- The Development Strategy will seek to allocate sufficient land for Economic Development, Education, Housing, Community Facilities, Leisure Provision and an Integrated Transport Network, while maintaining equality of opportunity, community networks and a good environment
- The Development Strategy will seek to ensure that the needs of all the borough’s residents and the regeneration of our towns and employment centres are delivered in a sound and sustainable manner while protecting and enhancing the built and natural environment.



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Table A

COMMUNITY STRATEGY VISION STATEMENTS

(A) LIVING ENVIRONMENT

	All vision statements	Highlighted by officers as land use related	Added by the Focus Group workshops
A1	There is a wide choice of well-designed, high quality, affordable and efficient housing to purchase or to rent to suit all lifestyles and aspirations. People are able to choose where they want to live in the county borough, regardless of their needs or choice of tenure.	There is a wide choice of well-designed, high quality, affordable and efficient housing to purchase or to rent to suit all lifestyles and aspirations. People are able to choose where they want to live in the county borough, regardless of their needs or choice of tenure.	
A2	Housing and economic development have been carefully managed to minimise their impact on the environment and have been combined with road transport planning to ensure ease of access to employment and services within the county borough and in Cardiff and Newport.	Housing and economic development have been carefully managed to minimise their impact on the environment and have been combined with road transport planning to ensure ease of access to employment and services within the county borough and in Cardiff and Newport.	
A3	People living in towns and villages value the large areas of countryside, the large variety of wildlife in the county borough and high quality of the air and rivers. People and businesses take responsibility for enhancing their local environment (both urban and rural), preventing pollution and fly-tipping and minimising waste/litter and use of water and energy.	People living in towns and villages value the large areas of countryside, the large variety of wildlife in the county borough and high quality of the air and rivers. People and businesses take responsibility for enhancing their local environment (both urban and rural), preventing pollution and fly-tipping and minimising waste/litter and use of water and energy.	
A4	Local people and visitors alike have easy, low cost access to the rural areas of the county and local heritage attractions via a good rights of way network and a choice of low impact transport.	Local people and visitors alike have easy, low cost access to the rural areas of the county and local heritage attractions via a good rights of way network and a choice of low impact transport.	



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A5	People of all ages take an interest in community life and helping others to find activities to engage in, particularly in areas where anti-social behaviour and fear of crime were once a problem		People of all ages take an interest in community life and helping others to find activities to engage in, particularly in areas where anti-social behaviour and fear of crime were once a problem
A6	People feel safe in their own homes, neighbourhoods and town centres. A well-known network of local wardens exists to provide advice and help on environmental, community safety and housing issues. - <i>Links to Design</i>	People feel safe in their own homes, neighbourhoods and town centres. A well-known network of local wardens exists to provide advice and help on environmental, community safety and housing issues. - <i>Links to Design</i>	

(B) REGENERATION

	All vision statements	Highlighted by officers as land use related	Added by the Focus Group workshops
B1	There has been a successful response to loss of manufacturing jobs, taking advantage of broadband communications and other opportunities to diversify the local economy.		There has been a successful response to loss of manufacturing jobs, taking advantage of broadband communications and other opportunities to diversify the local economy.
B2	New opportunities for work of a rewarding nature in a variety of settings have been developed <u>within</u> the county borough without damaging the local environment (e.g. office-based jobs in accessible locations, home-working, small local businesses, community run enterprises, 'green-based' initiatives such as bio-fuels).	New opportunities for work of a rewarding nature in a variety of settings have been developed <u>within</u> the county borough without damaging the local environment (e.g. office-based jobs in accessible locations, home-working, small local businesses, community run enterprises, 'green-based' initiatives such as bio-fuels).	
B3	Fewer people have to commute out of the county borough to find employment because of the increase in local opportunities and improved access to them.	Fewer people have to commute out of the county borough to find employment because of the increase in local opportunities and improved access to them.	



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B4	Regeneration opportunities have been created and enhanced throughout the county borough by substantial improvements to the rail and road network (including Bargoed by-pass, Sirhowy Enterprise Way). There are ongoing discussions about further improvements to the Rhymney and Ebbw Valley lines.	Regeneration opportunities have been created and enhanced throughout the county borough by substantial improvements to the rail and road network (including Bargoed by-pass, Sirhowy Enterprise Way). There are ongoing discussions about further improvements to the Rhymney and Ebbw Valley lines.	
B5	Pressure for development in the south has been successfully channelled northwards creating several thousand new jobs in a mid valley growth corridor , with good transport links (private, public, community transport) for job seekers <u>from all communities</u> .	Pressure for development in the south has been successfully channelled northwards creating several thousand new jobs in a mid valley growth corridor , with good transport links (private, public, community transport) for job seekers <u>from all communities</u> .	
B6	Our town centres have been revitalised through increased office employment (in some cases with 24-hour operations), greater variety of retail and leisure outlets accessible to all and increased prosperity within communities – all feeding off of each other.	Our town centres have been revitalised through increased office employment (in some cases with 24-hour operations), greater variety of retail and leisure outlets accessible to all and increased prosperity within communities – all feeding off of each other.	
B7	A substantial tourism industry with an ‘outdoor pursuits’ focus is creating opportunities for jobs directly and in related activities (such as catering, bed and breakfast, retail, crafts, bike hire, stables)	A substantial tourism industry with an ‘outdoor pursuits’ focus is creating opportunities for jobs directly and in related activities (such as catering, bed and breakfast, retail, crafts, bike hire, stables)	
B8	The environment is valued as a vital part of regeneration , providing both the backdrop and a range of opportunities for economic activity.	The environment is valued as a vital part of regeneration , providing both the backdrop and a range of opportunities for economic activity.	
B9	There are increased opportunities for work - paid and unpaid - and support for those in work (e.g. childcare, other caring responsibilities) resulting in a steady increase in economic activity rates to the point where they are on a par with or above national averages.		There are increased opportunities for work - paid and unpaid - and support for those in work (e.g. childcare, other caring responsibilities) resulting in a steady increase in economic activity rates to the point where they are on a par with or above national averages.



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B10	The Business Forum has built on the extensive knowledge and experience of its members, offers services of mutual benefit and support, encourages inter-trading and helps businesses to play an active role in community regeneration activities.		
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(C) EDUCATION FOR LIFE

	All vision statements	Highlighted by officers as land use related	Added by the Focus Group workshops
C1	Local communities value education and young people are encouraged to reach their full potential through appropriate academic and vocational learning opportunities.		Local communities value education and young people are encouraged to reach their full potential through appropriate academic and vocational learning opportunities.
C2	Formal education in schools is of a high quality and instils confidence and high aspirations in children and young people. Outside school young people are able to pursue leisure and cultural activities that are designed to meet their interests.	Formal education in schools is of a high quality and instils confidence and high aspirations in children and young people. Outside school young people are able to pursue leisure and cultural activities that are designed to meet their interests.	
C3	Education and training continue after formal education has finished and residents are able to access suitable courses and activities to enhance their lives.		Education and training continue after formal education has finished and residents are able to access suitable courses and activities to enhance their lives.
C4	The importance of pre-school lives of children (and support for their parents) is recognised and activities and support for children, parents and carers are available in all communities.		The importance of pre-school lives of children (and support for their parents) is recognised and activities and support for children, parents and carers are available in all communities.
C5	It is no longer necessary to provide basic skills education for adults.		
C6	Everyone has the knowledge and understanding to make informed choice about lifestyle.		
C7	Welsh medium education is complemented by increasing opportunities for the use of Welsh in the wider community, resulting in an ongoing increase in the use of the Welsh language.		Welsh medium education is complemented by increasing opportunities for the use of Welsh in the wider community, resulting in an ongoing increase in the use of the Welsh language.



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C8	Educational achievements and skills of local residents have risen steadily and are now either on a par with national averages or above average, increasing confidence levels and producing successful <u>local</u> role models for young people to seek to emulate.		
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(D) HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELL-BEING

	All vision statements	Highlighted by officers as land use related	Added by the Focus Group workshops
D1	People are living longer, healthier lives. - <i>link to population /housing projections</i>	People are living longer, healthier lives. - <i>link to population /housing projections</i>	
D2	When people are unwell they are able to access the services they need, as locally as possible, within a reasonable time scale. - <i>links to safeguarding land for community facilities.</i>	When people are unwell they are able to access the services they need, as locally as possible, within a reasonable time scale. - <i>links to safeguarding land for community facilities.</i>	
D3	Treatment and care are provided seamlessly between organisations.		
D4	Services are expanded and reoriented in anticipation of the rising proportion of older people and independence is fostered whenever it is desired.		Services are expanded and reoriented in anticipation of the rising proportion of older people and independence is fostered whenever it is desired.
D5	Everyone recognises they have responsibility for their own health and have the information and understanding to make informed healthy lifestyle choices, in the context of wider environmental influences on their health and well-being.	Everyone recognises they have responsibility for their own health and have the information and understanding to make informed healthy lifestyle choices, in the context of wider environmental influences on their health and well-being.	
D6	The incidence of poor mental health and substance misuse is declining year on year.		The incidence of poor mental health and substance misuse is declining year on year.
D7	Indicators of health amongst local residents have shown steady improvement and overall health scores are now either on a par with national averages or above average.		



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(E) SUSTAINABILITY

	All vision statements	Highlighted by officers as land use related	Added by the Focus Group workshops
E1	Value our clean environment, where there is prudent use of all natural resources, no fly-tipping or litter, and our waste is recycled and composted.	Value our clean environment, where there is prudent use of all natural resources, no fly-tipping or litter, and our waste is recycled and composted.	
E2	Recognise the potential of our strong communities where everyone plays their full part in society and volunteering and unpaid work are valued. Community partnerships and local voluntary organisations are thriving.		Recognise the potential of our strong communities where everyone plays their full part in society and volunteering and unpaid work are valued. Community partnerships and local voluntary organisations are thriving.
E3	Can get to jobs, services and facilities by walking, cycling or using public transport and don't have to use a car or travel long distances.	Can get to jobs, services and facilities by walking, cycling or using public transport and don't have to use a car or travel long distances.	
E4	Value our unique environment and mining heritage and take advantage of the easy access to the countryside for recreation and tourism and enjoyment of plants and wildlife.	Value our unique environment and mining heritage and take advantage of the easy access to the countryside for recreation and tourism and enjoyment of plants and wildlife.	
E5	Recognise the effects of climate change and insensitive land use on a range of issues (e.g. flooding; landslips; diversity of plants and animals) and respond accordingly (e.g. minimising use of energy/non-renewable resources; preventing inappropriate development in areas of flood risk and on flood plains; giving due regard to water catchment management and agricultural practice).	Recognise the effects of climate change and insensitive land use on a range of issues (e.g. flooding; landslips; diversity of plants and animals) and respond accordingly (e.g. minimising use of energy/non-renewable resources; preventing inappropriate development in areas of flood risk and on flood plains; giving due regard to water catchment management and agricultural practice).	
E6	Maximise the benefits of being close to Cardiff and Newport and other areas without becoming dependent or losing our own distinct identity.	Maximise the benefits of being close to Cardiff and Newport and other areas without becoming dependent or losing our own distinct identity.	
E7	Increasingly enjoy good health throughout our lives.		
E8	Feel safe in our homes and communities - <i>links to Design</i>	Feel safe in our homes and communities - <i>links to Design</i>	



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E9	Have some of the best school results in Wales and retain (and attract/attract back) a skilled and educated workforce for the county borough.		
E10	Enjoy economic well-being in a way that doesn't jeopardise our environment and allows us to do everything set out above.	Enjoy economic well-being in a way that doesn't jeopardise our environment and allows us to do everything set out above.	

(F) EQUALITIES

	All vision statements	Highlighted by officers as land use related	Added by the Focus Group workshops
F1	All institutional processes, assumptions, and practices that may lead to discrimination have been eliminated from all organisations within the county borough area.		
F2	All organisations and businesses operating within the area prioritise equality, thereby ensuring that all discriminatory and physical barriers, which prevent equal access to goods, service and employment, have been identified and removed.	All organisations and businesses operating within the area prioritise equality, thereby ensuring that all discriminatory and physical barriers, which prevent equal access to goods, service and employment, have been identified and removed.	
F3	All residents and visitors to the area feel confident they are in an environment that is free of any prejudice and discrimination.		
F4	There is equal opportunity in employment so that everyone is confident that all jobs within the area are equally accessible to all, regardless of colour, ethnic origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, religion, language, or nationality.		There is equal opportunity in employment so that everyone is confident that all jobs within the area are equally accessible to all, regardless of colour, ethnic origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, religion, language, or nationality.
F5	All services can be accessed through the medium of Welsh or English, and other languages when requested.		



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Table B

COMMUNITY STRATEGY VISION STATEMENTS

(A) LIVING ENVIRONMENT

	All selected vision statements	Key land use issues arising from each statement
A1	There is a wide choice of well-designed, high quality, affordable and efficient housing to purchase or to rent to suit all lifestyles and aspirations. People are able to choose where they want to live in the county borough, regardless of their needs or choice of tenure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing allocations and nature of housing • Locating appropriate land for housing use • Policy for new build in relation to the DDAct • Design policies • Travel plans & employment • The Sub regional context • Demographic changes • CCW toolkit for green space • Goes to the heart of the LDP
A2	Housing and economic development have been carefully managed to minimise their impact on the environment and have been combined with road transport planning to ensure ease of access to employment and services within the county borough and in Cardiff and Newport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocations within appropriate sites taking account of topography • Priority for sites close to public transport links • Policies should conform to regional transport plans • Implications for transport infrastructure improvements & protection for such
A3	People living in towns and villages value the large areas of countryside, the large variety of wildlife in the county borough and high quality of the air and rivers. People and businesses take responsibility for enhancing their local environment (both urban and rural), preventing pollution and fly-tipping and minimising waste/litter and use of water and energy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEW regional waste plan - designation and construction of waste facilities • Prudent use of resources, waste facilities / recycling • Housing design needs to reflect waste issues / collection / recycling • Protection of national / local conservation area LBAP
A4	Local people and visitors alike have easy, low cost access to the rural areas of the county and local heritage attractions via a good rights of way network and a choice of low impact transport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to all facilities & allocate land uses so that they are accessible • Designation & protection of green space • Protection & safeguarding rights of way network
A5	People of all ages take an interest in community life and helping others to find activities to engage in, particularly in areas where anti-social behaviour and fear of crime were once a problem	
A6	People feel safe in their own homes, neighbourhoods and town centres. A well-known network of local wardens exists to provide advice and help on environmental, community safety and housing issues. - <i>Links to Design</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing out crime • Managing the evening economy • Neighbourhood security



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(B) REGENERATION

	All selected vision statements	Key land use issues arising from each statement
B1	There has been a successful response to loss of manufacturing jobs, taking advantage of broadband communications and other opportunities to diversify the local economy.	
B2	New opportunities for work of a rewarding nature in a variety of settings have been developed <u>within</u> the county borough without damaging the local environment (e.g. office-based jobs in accessible locations, home-working, small local businesses, community run enterprises, 'green-based' initiatives such as bio-fuels).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment allocations versus environmental protection • Diversity of employment sites made available • Availability of technology & infrastructure • Integrated transport links with employment sites
B3	Fewer people have to commute out of the county borough to find employment because of the increase in local opportunities and improved access to them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create employment opportunities locally • Diversity of employment sites made available • Availability of technology & infrastructure • Integrated transport links with employment sites
B4	Regeneration opportunities have been created and enhanced throughout the county borough by substantial improvements to the rail and road network (including Bargoed by-pass, Sirhowy Enterprise Way). There are ongoing discussions about further improvements to the Rhymney and Ebbw Valley lines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify new priorities for transport infrastructure • Public transportation infrastructure improvements
B5	Pressure for development in the south has been successfully channelled northwards creating several thousand new jobs in a mid valley growth corridor , with good transport links (private, public, community transport) for job seekers <u>from all communities</u> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of strategy considered within the sub regional context • Allocation of land for employment uses
B6	Our town centres have been revitalised through increased office employment (in some cases with 24-hour operations), greater variety of retail and leisure outlets accessible to all and increased prosperity within communities – all feeding off of each other.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration of our town centres • Identify sites for offices - town centre expansion – use of sustainability tools
B7	A substantial tourism industry with an 'outdoor pursuits' focus is creating opportunities for jobs directly and in related activities (such as catering, bed and breakfast, retail, crafts, bike hire, stables)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of sites for tourism industry • Allocation of land for leisure • Revisit countryside policies
B8	The environment is valued as a vital part of regeneration , providing both the backdrop and a range of opportunities for economic activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighting concerns of economic development versus the Environment & Conservation



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B9	There are increased opportunities for work - paid and unpaid - and support for those in work (e.g. childcare, other caring responsibilities) resulting in a steady increase in economic activity rates to the point where they are on a par with or above national averages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making opportunities available, e.g. policies for home-working
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(C) EDUCATION FOR LIFE

	All selected vision statements	Key land use issues arising from each statement
C1	Local communities value education and young people are encouraged to reach their full potential through appropriate academic and vocational learning opportunities.	
C2	Formal education in schools is of a high quality and instils confidence and high aspirations in children and young people. Outside school young people are able to pursue leisure and cultural activities that are designed to meet their interests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of land for a range of leisure / vocational facilities • Appropriate S106 policies • Embed the leisure strategy in the LDP • Include issues such as Canals • Safeguarding of community facilities • Lifelong Learning agenda – suitability of sites
C3	Education and training continue after formal education has finished and residents are able to access suitable courses and activities to enhance their lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of community & leisure facilities
C4	The importance of pre-school lives of children (and support for their parents) is recognised and activities and support for children, parents and carers are available in all communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of community & leisure facilities
C7	Welsh medium education is complemented by increasing opportunities for the use of Welsh in the wider community, resulting in an ongoing increase in the use of the Welsh language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential sites for Welsh Medium education

(D) HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELL-BEING

	All selected vision statements	Key land use issues arising from each statement
D1	People are living longer, healthier lives. - <i>Link to population /housing projections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention / primary care • Demographic changes key / future trends / differentiate policies spatially • Linked to population / housing • Allocation of appropriate housing to meet demand, i.e. household size and tenure



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D2	When people are unwell they are able to access the services they need, as locally as possible, within a reasonable time scale. - <i>links to safeguarding land for community facilities.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation and safeguarding of community and leisure facilities • People access services outside the borough • Ensure sufficient local facilities • Link to regional health policies • Primary health care facilities • Need to designate land for cemetery/crematorium purposes • Other bodies will need to feed into the LDP
D4	Services are expanded and reoriented in anticipation of the rising proportion of older people and independence is fostered whenever it is desired.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental protection and conservation
D5	Everyone recognises they have responsibility for their own health and have the information and understanding to make informed healthy lifestyle choices, in the context of wider environmental influences on their health and well-being.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of community and leisure facilities • Need for good residential care in local communities with good access
D6	The incidence of poor mental health and substance misuse is declining year on year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of community and leisure facilities

(E) SUSTAINABILITY

	All selected vision statements	Key land use issues arising from each statement
E1	Value our clean environment, where there is prudent use of all natural resources, no fly-tipping or litter, and our waste is recycled and composted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prudent management of resources • Waste management – civic amenity sites, recycling facilities • Examination of alternative energy sources including hydro • Policies to promote SUDs
E2	Recognise the potential of our strong communities where everyone plays their full part in society and volunteering and unpaid work are valued. Community partnerships and local voluntary organisations are thriving.	
E3	Can get to jobs, services and facilities by walking, cycling or using public transport and don't have to use a car or travel long distances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement for integrated transport • Transport infrastructure improvement & minimising journeys by car • Allocation of facilities in a sustainable way
E4	Value our unique environment and mining heritage and take advantage of the easy access to the countryside for recreation and tourism and enjoyment of plants and wildlife.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of opportunities for leisure and tourism • Relates to the Herian strategy • Question of sustainability of tourism • Conflict / Coordination between tourism and congestion



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E5	Recognise the effects of climate change and insensitive land use on a range of issues (e.g. flooding; landslips; diversity of plants and animals) and respond accordingly (e.g. minimising use of energy/non-renewable resources; preventing inappropriate development in areas of flood risk and on flood plains; giving due regard to water catchment management and agricultural practice).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In making allocations regard should be given to flood risk, and managing impact on wider river basins • Ensure appropriate Development Control criteria • Application of Sustainable drainage principles - SUDs
E6	Maximise the benefits of being close to Cardiff and Newport and other areas without becoming dependent or losing our own distinct identity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issue – link to strategies regarding Newport / Cardiff out-commuting / out-migration • Sufficient employment land allocations necessary to address this issue • Acceptance that Cardiff and Newport provide opportunities that cannot be delivered within the borough • Reserve land for stations and park and ride facilities • Routes to support transport plans • Bus corridors
E8	Feel safe in our homes and communities - <i>links to Design</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications for design policies
E10	Enjoy economic well-being in a way that doesn't jeopardise our environment and allows us to do everything set out above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to balance employment developments arising from regeneration opportunities with protection of the environment

(F) EQUALITIES

	All selected vision statements	Key land use issues arising from each statement
F2	All organisations and businesses operating within the area prioritise equality, thereby ensuring that all discriminatory and physical barriers, which prevent equal access to goods, service and employment, have been identified and removed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications for spatial allocations • Accessibility for all to every land use allocation • Improvements to transport infrastructure • Links to design policy – ease of access
F4	There is equal opportunity in employment so that everyone is confident that all jobs within the area are equally accessible to all, regardless of colour, ethnic origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, religion, language, or nationality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure sufficient integration of land use and transportation



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COMMUNITY STRATEGY VISION STATEMENTS

COMMON THEMES

	All selected vision statements	Collective Grouping
A1	There is a wide choice of well-designed, high quality, affordable and efficient housing to purchase or to rent to suit all lifestyles and aspirations. People are able to choose where they want to live in the county borough, regardless of their needs or choice of tenure.	ALLOCATIONS REGENERATION
A2	Housing and economic development have been carefully managed to minimise their impact on the environment and have been combined with road transport planning to ensure ease of access to employment and services within the county borough and in Cardiff and Newport.	INFRASTRUCTURE
A3	People living in towns and villages value the large areas of countryside, the large variety of wildlife in the county borough and high quality of the air and rivers. People and businesses take responsibility for enhancing their local environment (both urban and rural), preventing pollution and fly-tipping and minimising waste/litter and use of water and energy.	ALLOCATIONS PRUDENT RESOURCES
A4	Local people and visitors alike have easy, low cost access to the rural areas of the county and local heritage attractions via a good rights of way network and a choice of low impact transport.	INFRASTRUCTURE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY
A5	People of all ages take an interest in community life and helping others to find activities to engage in, particularly in areas where anti-social behaviour and fear of crime were once a problem	
A6	People feel safe in their own homes, neighbourhoods and town centres. A well-known network of local wardens exists to provide advice and help on environmental, community safety and housing issues. - <i>Links to Design</i>	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
B1	There has been a successful response to loss of manufacturing jobs, taking advantage of broadband communications and other opportunities to diversify the local economy.	



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B2	New opportunities for work of a rewarding nature in a variety of settings have been developed <u>within</u> the county borough without damaging the local environment (e.g. office-based jobs in accessible locations, home-working, small local businesses, community run enterprises, ‘green-based’ initiatives such as bio-fuels).	ALLOCATIONS
B3	Fewer people have to commute out of the county borough to find employment because of the increase in local opportunities and improved access to them.	ALLOCATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE
B4	Regeneration opportunities have been created and enhanced throughout the county borough by substantial improvements to the rail and road network (including Bargoed by-pass, Sirhowy Enterprise Way). There are ongoing discussions about further improvements to the Rhymney and Ebbw Valley lines.	INFRASTRUCTURE
B5	Pressure for development in the south has been successfully channelled northwards creating several thousand new jobs in a mid valley growth corridor , with good transport links (private, public, community transport) for job seekers <u>from all communities</u> .	ALLOCATIONS
B6	Our town centres have been revitalised through increased office employment (in some cases with 24-hour operations), greater variety of retail and leisure outlets accessible to all and increased prosperity within communities – all feeding off of each other.	REGENERATION
B7	A substantial tourism industry with an ‘outdoor pursuits’ focus is creating opportunities for jobs directly and in related activities (such as catering, bed and breakfast, retail, crafts, bike hire, stables)	ALLOCATIONS
B8	The environment is valued as a vital part of regeneration , providing both the backdrop and a range of opportunities for economic activity.	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
B9	There are increased opportunities for work - paid and unpaid - and support for those in work (e.g. childcare, other caring responsibilities) resulting in a steady increase in economic activity rates to the point where they are on a par with or above national averages.	EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY
C1	Local communities value education and young people are encouraged to reach their full potential through appropriate academic and vocational learning opportunities.	



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C2	Formal education in schools is of a high quality and instils confidence and high aspirations in children and young people. Outside school young people are able to pursue leisure and cultural activities that are designed to meet their interests.	ALLOCATIONS
C3	Education and training continue after formal education has finished and residents are able to access suitable courses and activities to enhance their lives.	ALLOCATIONS
C4	The importance of pre-school lives of children (and support for their parents) is recognised and activities and support for children, parents and carers are available in all communities.	ALLOCATIONS
C7	Welsh medium education is complemented by increasing opportunities for the use of Welsh in the wider community, resulting in an ongoing increase in the use of the Welsh language.	EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY
D1	People are living longer, healthier lives. - <i>link to population /housing projections</i>	ALLOCATIONS REGENERATION EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY
D2	When people are unwell they are able to access the services they need, as locally as possible, within a reasonable time scale. - <i>links to safeguarding land for community facilities.</i>	ALLOCATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
D4	Services are expanded and reoriented in anticipation of the rising proportion of older people and independence is fostered whenever it is desired.	
D5	Everyone recognises they have responsibility for their own health and have the information and understanding to make informed healthy lifestyle choices, in the context of wider environmental influences on their health and well-being.	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
D6	The incidence of poor mental health and substance misuse is declining year on year.	ALLOCATIONS
E1	Value our clean environment, where there is prudent use of all natural resources, no fly-tipping or litter, and our waste is recycled and composted.	PRUDENT RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
E2	Recognise the potential of our strong communities where everyone plays their full part in society and volunteering and unpaid work are valued. Community partnerships and local voluntary organisations are thriving.	
E3	Can get to jobs, services and facilities by walking, cycling or using public transport and don't have to use a car or travel long distances.	INFRASTRUCTURE



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E4	Value our unique environment and mining heritage and take advantage of the easy access to the countryside for recreation and tourism and enjoyment of plants and wildlife.	ALLOCATIONS
E5	Recognise the effects of climate change and insensitive land use on a range of issues (e.g. flooding; landslips; diversity of plants and animals) and respond accordingly (e.g. minimising use of energy/non-renewable resources; preventing inappropriate development in areas of flood risk and on flood plains; giving due regard to water catchment management and agricultural practice).	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
E6	Maximise the benefits of being close to Cardiff and Newport and other areas without becoming dependent or losing our own distinct identity.	INFRASTRUCTURE PRUDENT RESOURCES
E8	Feel safe in our homes and communities - <i>links to Design</i>	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
E10	Enjoy economic well-being in a way that doesn't jeopardise our environment and allows us to do everything set out above.	REGENERATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
F2	All organisations and businesses operating within the area prioritise equality, thereby ensuring that all discriminatory and physical barriers, which prevent equal access to goods, service and employment, have been identified and removed.	EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY
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