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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Providing a range of community facilities accessible to as many people as possible is intrinsically important to successful maintenance and enhancement of settlements. Such facilities are often major employers and can be centres for skills in particular fields – hospitals and surgeries for instance attracting a pool of specialist personnel to provide medical care for the benefit of the wider community. Also educational facilities can become important centres relating to academic research and professional training.
- 1.2 The existing network of community facilities needs to be consolidated and improved by policies in the Local Development Plan. This background paper seeks to summarise information relevant to the formulation of planning policies to achieve this objective.
- 1.3 Community facilities can be defined as follows:
- Community Centres
 - Youth Centres
 - Libraries
 - Colleges
 - Schools
 - Nurseries
 - Hospitals
 - Surgeries
 - Emergency Service Stations – Ambulance, Fire and Police
 - Cemeteries
 - Others e.g. courts, registry offices,
- 1.4 Many other aspects of planning have implications upon the location of community facilities including housing, good transport links and proximity to major centres of population and commercial services among them. Such policy implications are discussed below as well as an overview of sources of information and guidance on subjects that influence community facilities.
- 1.5 This background paper is a supporting document of the Local Development Plan. It sets out detailed information, evidence and reasoning behind the community facilities policies and highlights key issues.

2. KEY COMMUNITY FACILITY POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE ASSESSMENT

2.1 National – Wales

2.1.1 Wales Spatial Plan, 2004 (WSP, 2004)

The Wales Spatial plan forms one of the high-level strategic ‘building blocks’ of the Welsh Assembly Government. The Wales Spatial Plan (WSP) is a material consideration for Local Planning Authorities, who are statutorily obliged to take into account the objectives, aims and requirements of the WSP in developing their Local Development Plans.

The Wales Spatial Plan identifies ‘building sustainable communities’ as a key theme for the future of Wales. The WSP identifies the future of Wales depending upon the “*vitality of our communities as attractive places to live and work.*” The WSP highlights the strong sense of community in both its urban and rural areas, but identify the long-term future of these communities is dependent on how they respond to present and future pressures.

The objectives and actions of the Wales Spatial Plan in respect of community facilities include;

- Tackle the long-term roots of deprivation by investing in both the development of children – especially in their early years – and overall raising levels of health and education;
- Address health inequalities by: helping people to look after their health through healthier lifestyles; ensuring good access to all local services;
- Ensure all areas have access to high quality schools;
- Ensure we provide high quality services as accessibly as possible by reflecting changing demographic structure and distribution, providing community services in the main local settlements and specialist services in the area centres;
- Priorities for nursery and pre-school facilities to reflect the provision needed to support the development of socially deprived children;
- The location of investment in schools, including community schools, and decisions on school rationalisation as a result of falling pupil numbers;
- Investment in health and other services;
- Priorities for investment in community facilities and the re-use of redundant or underused facilities for community purposes.

The WSP identifies that each area of Wales will need its own distinctive response to delivering the objectives and actions identified. Caerphilly County Borough falls within the South East Wales region, which has been identified as ‘The Capital Network’. The regeneration of socially deprived areas in this area depends critically on breaking the cycle of poor educational attainment, low skill levels, economic inactivity and poor health. The WSP identified the following as strategy requirements for the South East Wales region;

- Reducing health inequalities and promoting healthier lifestyles;
- Support early years development.

2.1.2 Wales Spatial Plan, 2008 Consultation Document (dWSP, 2008)

The revised Wales Spatial Plan (dWSP) sets a vision for how each part of Wales should develop economically, socially and environmentally over the next 20 years. It will also guide the way the Assembly Government spends its money over the coming years. The document is currently in consultation form. The dWSP reinforces the Welsh Assembly Governments (WAG) commitment to developing a sustainable future for Wales, including the statutory duty to promote sustainable development in all its work to meet the social, economic and environmental needs of people now and in the future.

The dWSP identify that successful, thriving communities are formed where many social interactions take place in a high quality environment, with a good mix and balance of population with high aspirations to achieve. Health, well-being and quality of life are also identified as a key spatial dimension to assist in delivering prosperity and dynamism.

The objectives and actions of the Wales Spatial Plan, 2008 in respect of community facilities include;

- An integrated approach to tackling child poverty, identifying and finding solutions to the determinants of poor health;
- Directing strategic interventions to key settlements in order to improve services, including healthcare, and access to job opportunities for all;
- Tackling health threats and problems;
- Agreeing regional actions to create communities where people want to live;
- Promote efficient and best use of public resources.

The dWSP identifies that each area of Wales will need its own distinctive response to delivering the objectives and actions identified. Caerphilly County Borough falls within the South East Wales region, which has been identified as 'The Capital Network'. The WSP identified the following as strategy requirements for the South East Wales region;

- In addition to the hubs, a wide range of mid and upper Valleys settlements need modern shopping, leisure, community and cultural facilities.
- The success of hubs should improve life in smaller rural and valleys communities, with good access to services being a key determinant of the quality of life.
- Healthcare – At the local level renewed emphasises on illness prevention and strengthening primary and community based services.
- Effective action to raise levels of skill and education has to start pre-school. The Department for Children, Education and Life-long learning and skills will ensure that the area has a sufficiently strong and co-ordinated network of education and skills providers at every level, including further and higher education.

2.1.3 Planning Policy Wales, 2002

Planning Policy Wales (PPW) sets out the land use planning policies of the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG). PPW is national planning policy and local government is obliged to take the requirements of PPW into account when preparing development plans.

The key policy objectives of PPW relating to community facilities;

- Promote access to employment, shopping, education, health, community, leisure and sports facilities and open and green space, maximising opportunities for community development and social welfare (para 2.3.2);
- Contribute to the protection and, where possible, the improvement of people's health and well-being as a core component of sustainable development. Consideration of the possible impacts of developments – positive and/or negative – on people's health at an early stage will help to clarify the relevance of health and the extent to which it needs to be taken into account (para 2.3.2).

When preparing local development plans, PPW requires local planning authorities to;

- Recognise the strength of urban communities, which are home to the majority of the population of Wales and the role development can play to help “arrest the decline in community facilities” (para 2.4.1);
- Consider previously developed sites in built-up areas for development where they facilitate the regeneration of existing communities (Para 2.7.2);
- Make provision for land for schools, further and higher education, places of worship, recreation and other community facilities (para 3.3.2);
- Provide adequate and efficient infrastructure, including services such as education and health facilities (para 12.1.1).

Planning Policy Wales gives local planning authorities the opportunity to seek planning obligations through a developer to; restrict development or use of the land, require operations or activities to be carried out, in, on, under of over the land, require the land to be used in a specific way, or require payments to be made to the authority either as a single sum or periodically. Planning obligations are often sought to offset negative consequences from developments, to help meet local needs or to secure benefits, which will make development more sustainable (para 4.7.1). The provision of community facilities is considered an appropriate form of development that could be sought through a planning obligation, and as such is identified within the Local Development Plan.

2.1.4 Shaping the Way We Work, Live and Play: Practical guidance on delivering sustainable development through the planning system, May 2007

Shaping the Way We Work, Live and Play is practical guidance to assist local planning authorities in Wales in successfully promoting and implementing sustainable development through the statutory planning system. The guidance was primarily produced by the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA).

The document is subdivided into chapters covering all aspects of sustainable development. The most relevant chapter in relation to community facilities is “Supporting Communities”. The key objective in this chapter is to “*ensure that appropriate community facilities are available within a suitable distance*”.

Sustainable communities are considered as those that “*meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents, contribute to a high quality of life and provide opportunity and choice*”. Local facilities are considered key in providing the means for people to interact socially. Such facilities can improve social cohesion, reduce isolation and build a sense of place and community.

2.2 Regional – South East Wales

2.2.1 “Turning Heads...” The Heads of the Valleys Strategy, 2006

In June 2006, the Heads of the Valleys Strategy was launched to help tackle the issues faced by the Heads of the Valleys communities. £140 million was committed over a period of 15 years to regenerate the whole areas. Key strategic themes were identified for the area including the requirement for “*A well-educated, skilled and healthier population*”.

The document recognises the Heads of the Valleys communities as having powerful social networks with a strong sense of culture and identity. As a result of the Communities First initiative, there is now considerable enthusiasm from the communities themselves and key stakeholders to work to integrate further community benefits in a more holistic manner.

By 2020, the Heads of the Valleys Strategy seeks to ensure all “*children and young people within the Heads of the Valleys will have a flying start in life whatever their background. People will generally have the knowledge, skills and opportunities to maintain their best possible levels of physical and mental health. There will be easier access to a comprehensive range of academic and vocational education and learning opportunities, including personal and social skills and the opportunity to go to university in the area. Community-focused schools will actively promote health, nutrition and fitness; they will offer out of hours learning, and will collaborate across the area.*”

The local planning authority should take into account the aims and objectives of the Heads of the Valley Strategy and seek to integrate these into the local development plan.

2.3 Local – Caerphilly County Borough

As a corporate document, the Local Development Plan must have regard to other documents produced by the Council. The relevant documentation relating to community facilities is set out below.

2.3.1 The Community Strategy, November 2004

Under the Local Government Act, 2000, Caerphilly County Borough Council has

a duty to prepare a community strategy for the County Borough. The Community Strategy sets out the overarching strategic framework for all other plans and strategies for the County Borough, including the Local Development Plan (LDP).

Four themes have been developed in the Caerphilly Community Strategy, each with objectives relating to community facilities as listed below:

- Encourage the improvement of town and village centres as a focus for community pride, accessible facilities and activities (Living Environment);
- Develop and promote local and accessible community based services and activities for all (Living Environment);
- Support town and village centre and other area based regeneration and develop sustainable tourism opportunities (Regeneration);
- Generate sustainable, accessible and varied, well-paid employment opportunities locally, to encourage economic prosperity whilst reducing the need to travel (Regeneration);
- Develop learning opportunities for all ages and abilities with an emphasis on community-based opportunities (Education for Life);
- Increase opportunities for and participation in leisure, sport, cultural and arts activities (Education for Life);
- Reduce health inequalities by tackling deprivation and the wider determinants of health (Health, Social Care and Well-Being);
- Expand and develop community-based health and social care services (Health, Social Care and Well-Being).

In order to achieve these objectives, the strategy advocates among other ideas the development of local and accessible community based services for all and the revitalisation of town centres as foci of economic activity. When preparing the Local Development Plan, the local planning authority must seek to fulfil the objectives of the community strategy.

3. Key Issues for Caerphilly County Borough

A Local Development Plan (LDP) vision statement has been written when preparing the LDP, which states:

“The development strategy for the Local Development Plan will capitalise in the strategic location of Caerphilly County Borough at the centre of the Capital Network Region. It will ensure that the needs of all the county borough’s residents and visitors are met and that the regeneration of our towns, villages and employment centres and the surrounding countryside is delivered in a well-balanced and sustainable manner that reflects the specific role and function of individual settlements”.

The Local Development Plan includes a series of aims. The following are all relevant to the provision and protection of community facilities;

- To enhance the vibrancy and diversity of local communities, in order to ensure good health and social cohesion;
- To ensure equal opportunities for all to proposed and existing facilities and services within and outside the County Borough;

- To increase the economic prosperity of the people and communities of the County Borough through the provision of land for employment opportunities, supported by appropriate housing and ancillary facilities and services (including community and health facilities, recreation, leisure etc.);
- To improve education facilities to 'up skill' the population.

In order to achieve the vision, the Local Development Plan also outlines a series of key objectives that should be considered when preparing policies. The following are all relevant to the provision and protection of community facilities;

- Concentrate new development in appropriate locations along existing and proposed infrastructure networks that are accessible to pedestrians, cyclists and to public transport in order to sustain and complement the role and function of individual settlement (Objective 8);
- Protect and provide a wide range of community and health facilities which are appropriately located and easily accessible, and which meet the needs of all sections of the population (Objective 21);
- Maintain the vitality, viability and character of the County Borough's town and village centres and re-establish them as a focus for economic activity and community pride (Objective 22);
- Maintain, enhance and develop a hierarchy of town and village centres which are easily accessible, and which meet the needs of all sections of the population (Objective 23);
- Protect and enhance the overall quality of the historic natural and built environment of the County Borough (Objective 24).

The LDP identifies eight key components that form the development strategy and underpin the policies in the Local Development Plan. The relevant components that relate to community facilities are;

- Target development to reflect the role and function of individual settlements;
- Promote a balanced approach to managing future growth;
- Exploit brownfield opportunities where appropriate;
- Promote resource efficient settlement patterns;
- Development to provide necessary community facilities

4. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – LOCAL CONTEXT

4.1 Population

4.1.1 The population in Caerphilly County Borough stands at 171,300 according to the 2006 mid year population estimates published by the Office of National Statistics. After many years with the population remaining at a similar level due to outmigration cancelling out growth, the population of the borough is forecast to grow to 177,500 by 2021. The plan strategy is therefore being based on this figure. Detailed information on population forecasts is contained in Background Paper: Population & Housing.

4.1.2 In common with many other South Wales Valleys areas, the County Borough

experienced a massive decline in heavy industry in the 20th century which led to depopulation, particularly towards the north of the borough. Once thriving mining communities have had to make a dramatic readjustment to the new economic climate.

- 4.1.3 Successive government initiatives have aimed to combat undeveloped or deteriorating infrastructure and encourage investment in the Valleys. This addressed many of the problems of marginalisation in favour of more prosperous areas as a number of high profile companies located in the area.
- 4.1.4 In fact, the booming Cardiff and M4 corridor creates development pressures of a different kind to the south of the County Borough. Here the easier geography is more favourable to large-scale house building and careful planning is required to ensure that community facilities and infrastructure are not overloaded.

4.2 Economic Change

- 4.2.1 The rugged terrain of the valleys has made regeneration of deprived areas difficult in terms of attracting modern, spacious new employment opportunities. As a result there has been insufficient numbers of new jobs created locally and also the area still bears the legacy of economic inactivity caused by:
 - Ill-health and disability problems caused by traditional industries;
 - Lack of facilities and opportunities particularly educational;
 - Apathy leading to poor quality lifestyles.
- 4.2.2 Against this background of economic disparity, social facilities have an integral role, as centres of service provision and meeting places, in binding communities together and engendering a sense of civic pride.

5.1 CURRENT AND FUTURE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES

5.1.1 The following section seeks to identify the current provision of community facilities within Caerphilly County Borough, the future requirement of facilities and the proposed locations and allocations that will be included within the Local Development Plan.

6.1 COMMUNITY/YOUTH CENTRES - Current Provision

6.1.1 Community halls and centres, including those for youth use, are important facilities in towns and villages. There are 52 community centres/halls in Caerphilly County Borough, 38 of which are in Council ownership – a level of provision that is proportionally amongst the highest in Britain (Caerphilly County Borough Council Community Planning). Local community groups operate the remaining 14 centres.

6.1.2 Of the Council owned centres, the vast majority are located on the western side of the County Borough – a legacy of Rhymney Valley District Council's community provision policies. The eastern part of the County Borough has approximately the same provision as the western side of the borough; however this provision is mainly managed by the independent sector.

6.1.3 Currently, there is perception amongst residents of the County Borough that there is a general shortage of youth facilities and organised youth club provision. There needs to be careful targeted planning and marketing for such facilities as part of the emerging youth strategy to ensure that this sector of the population is adequately catered for.

6.1.4 Some community halls are historic buildings of considerable cultural significance to the settlements in which they are located. For instance, Bedwas Workmen's' Hall, Blackwood Miners' Institute and the Newbridge Memorial Institute are all listed buildings. The halls at Bedwas and Newbridge are not council owned buildings and regeneration schemes for both are currently being proposed.

6.1.5 There is evidence that some settlements in the County Borough are lacking community and youth centres. The Local Development Plan seeks to address future provision of these facilities on a strategy area basis, these proposals being detailed below.

6.2 COMMUNITY/YOUTH CENTRES - Future Provision

Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Area

6.2.1 Currently Caerphilly County Borough Council is investing in increasing the choice of activities in community centres. Recognising the shortage of youth facilities, Community Safety Officers are in the process of planning a youth shelter in Pontlottyn to address anti-social behaviour.

6.2.2 At Fochriw it is intended to develop a Youth Centre with sports changing facilities associated with the nearby playing field. Fochriw currently has a separate and operational community centre.

- 6.2.3 New Tredegar Leisure Centre is a large versatile space and has room to accommodate activities specifically aimed at youth use. A significant leisure function will remain downstairs, whilst the new youth centre will be introduced above.
- 6.2.4 In Aberbargoed, Hanger 81 is currently a skate park facility but the premises are becoming somewhat dilapidated. A refurbishment programme will involve the provision of new community and youth facilities at this location.
- 6.2.5 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following community/ youth centre facilities in the Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Area:
- Fochriw Youth Centre, Fochriw – New Youth Centre
 - Leisure Centre, New Tredegar – New Youth Centre
 - Hanger 81, Aberbargoed – New Youth Centre

Northern Connections Corridor

- 6.2.6 Panside has a general lack of community facilities. A new building has been proposed for some length of time. A suitable site has been identified and will continue to be protected for this purpose.
- 6.2.7 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following community/youth centre facilities in the Northern Connections Corridor:
- Panside, Newbridge – Community Centre
 - Land adjacent to Recreation Ground, Hafodyrynys – Community Centre

Southern Connections Corridor

- 6.2.8 There is latent demand in the Caerphilly Basin area for youth facilities but no specific site has been identified as yet. The situation will be closely monitored and when funding allows, it is intended that such provision be made.
- 6.2.9 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following community/ youth centre facilities in the Southern Connections Corridor:
- Workmen's Hall & Environs, Bedwas – Cultural Centre

7.1 LIBRARIES - Current Provision

- 7.1.1 A library service strategy was approved in 2003 outlining the programme for maintaining and developing sites for 10 years. There are currently a total of 19 libraries within Caerphilly County Borough.

7.2 LIBRARIES - Future Provision

Heads of the Valley Regeneration Area

- 7.2.1 As part of the regeneration scheme in Bargoed, the existing Bargoed library building has been scheduled for demolition as part of the wholesale redevelopment of the town centre (which includes the Angel Way bypass). A new facility will therefore be required. The current intention is to replace the existing Bargoed Library with a new facility at the remodelled Baptist Chapel on Hanbury Street. This is subject to funding and CADW approval, which if successful would incorporate an extension to allow the retention of a worship space here.
- 7.2.2 Aberbargoed Library is no longer fit for purpose and consequently needs replacement. The Council are currently in a position where further investigative works are required to determine the most suitable option for the replacement of the facility in the future.
- 7.2.3 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following library facilities in the Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Area:
- Hanbury Road Baptist Church, Bargoed - Library

Northern Connections Corridor

- 7.2.4 With the current premises being cramped, inconvenient and outdated, it is proposed that Newbridge Library be relocated to the town's Memorial Institute. Not only is this an effective new use for a large portion of this spacious and historic building, but it is more convenient for public users visiting the main town centre. This proposal will however, be subject to external funding being obtained for the refurbishment of Newbridge Memorial Hall.
- 7.2.5 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following library facilities in the Northern Connections Corridor:
- Memorial Hall and Institute, Newbridge - Library

Southern Connections Corridor

- 7.2.7 The library in Caerphilly is considered to be located on an unsuitable site outside the town centre and needs to be relocated.
- 7.2.8 There are firm proposals to relocate Caerphilly Town Library from its current Morgan Jones Park site. The new Cardiff Road/Pentrebane Street redevelopment at the southern edge of the town centre is a favoured site. However there is another redevelopment due to take place at Park Lane which, together with the existing former Post Office buildings on The Twyn, represent alternative options for the new library.
- 7.2.9 In Risca, the current library will also move from the current premises (which are to be renovated into an adult and youth education facility) to the revamped

Palace Cinema. It is proposed that the accommodation will be shared with a supermarket and a Council Customer First Centre.

7.2.10 The communities of Lansbury Park and Penyrheol are felt to be sufficient in size to warrant consideration for library provision.

7.2.11 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following library facilities in the Southern Connections Corridor:

- Palace Cinema, Risca – Library/ Council Customer First Centre

8.1 EDUCATION - Current Provision

8.1.1 Nationally, there has been a downward trend in overall pupil numbers in both primary and secondary sectors of education because of the current demographic situation. At a local level, there are inherent north-south geographical and socio-economic disparities that mean development in general is attracted southwards and therefore so are main educational facilities. For instance there is a contrast in demand for new school places in locations where levels of new housing construction has been higher (mainly the south).

8.1.2 Education is provided in Caerphilly County Borough through a network of primary, secondary schools, post-16 further education colleges and university campuses lying just outside the area at Cardiff, Newport and Pontypridd.

8.1.3 At present there are 89 learning establishments for school age children in the County Borough catering for over 27,000 pupils.

Primary & Nursery schools/facilities (English medium)	63
Primary & Nursery schools/facilities (voluntary aided)	1
Primary & Nursery schools/facilities (Welsh medium)	9
Total primary	73

Secondary schools (English medium)	12
Secondary schools (Foundation)	1
Secondary schools (Welsh medium)	1
Total secondary	14

Other	2
Total (all)	89

8.1.4 The role that long-term economic and environmental problems have had in influencing educational opportunities for the population as a whole must be acknowledged. The demise of heavy industry, such as coal and engineering, has been accompanied by high unemployment, poor health and environmental problems. These factors have led to selective outmigration and emerging social difficulties, including crime and anti-social behaviour. The implications of these issues may be apparent in higher education participation rates, which are low in

a nationwide context, although the situation is improving. One of the background influencing factors is that the County Borough has a number of educational settings which are no longer fit for purpose and require investment – schools, youth centres and libraries.

- 8.1.5 Eco Schools is an international scheme that has been running since 1995 in the UK. The UN Conference on Environment & Development (Rio Earth Summit) in 1992 identified that they needed to involve young people in finding solutions to environmental and sustainable challenges at local levels. As a result the Eco Schools programme was developed in 1994 by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) and introduced to the UK in 1995 and was managed by Keep Wales Tidy. Caerphilly County Borough Sustainable Development team have been working since 2004 with the schools in the county borough. All schools in the county borough are now registered for the Eco Schools Scheme. 71 schools have an award to date, broken down into 21 bronze awards, 22 silver awards and 28 green flag award.

8.2 EDUCATION - Future Provision

Heads of the Valley Regeneration Area

- 8.2.2 It is hoped at some stage in the future that it will be possible to provide new school facilities in the Pontlottyn/Fochriw area to serve the populations of this area south of Rhymney. Trinant Primary School may also be rebuilt on the same site. However these are long-term aspirations schemes heavily dependent on further consultation and funding.
- 8.2.3 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following educational facilities in the Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Area:
- Bryn Awel Primary School, Rhymney – New School
 - Adjacent to Ysgol Bro Sannan, Aberbargoed – School Extension
 - Aberbargoed Primary School, Aberbargoed – School Extension

Northern Connections Corridor

- 8.2.4 In the primary sector, Rhiw Syr Dafydd Junior School in Oakdale closed in September 2006 and relocated to the newly enlarged Oakdale Infants School site nearby. The new combined facilities there will be known henceforth as Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School. Following another Assembly Government consultation, a proposal to shut Argoed Primary School and move pupils to the larger Markham School was approved in June and took effect in December 2007.
- 8.2.5 School mergers have taken place at Bargod Infants and St Gwladys Junior to create St Gwladys Bargoed Primary, and at Ystrad Mynach Infants and Junior schools to create Ystrad Mynach Primary.
- 8.2.6 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following educational facilities in the Northern Connections Corridor:

- Greenhill Primary School, Gelligaer – New School
- Ysgol Penalltau, Ystrad Mynach – New school

Southern Connections Corridor

- 8.2.7 In Caerphilly, the post-16 further education sector is growing and further accommodation is required at Coleg Gwent in Crosskeys. Plans have been submitted for an extension on the adjacent former bus station site to accommodate the planned growth of the college.
- 8.2.8 Naturally the closure of a school is an emotive and often controversial issue. As part of a rationalisation programme, Bedwellty Comprehensive closed in 2005. At the end of the 2006/7 school year, the closure of St Ilan's School, Caerphilly, took place after the final decision was referred to the Assembly Government. This has resulted in the redistribution of pupils among the other secondary schools in the Caerphilly area – St Cenydd, St Martin's and Bedwas from September 2007 onwards.
- 8.2.9 In light of the closure of St Ilan's School, it is expected that the Grade II listed main block will be retained and will accommodate a relocated Plasyfelin Primary. It is also proposed to move the adjoining Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg (YGG) Caerffili, one of the town's Welsh medium primary schools to another of the St Ilan buildings with a portion of the existing playing fields being retained to serve both. Both existing school buildings – YGG Caerffili, an older structure with high maintenance costs, and Plasyfelin Primary, a flat roof 1970s structure – might then form part of the wider St Ilan site redevelopment.
- 8.2.10 Elsewhere in Caerphilly, Hendre Infants School is in a constricted site just off the town's A468 Northern bypass. There would be clear benefits in merging the school with Hendre Junior, which lies opposite across the busy B4263 Caerphilly-Senghenydd road, offering education for the entire primary age range on a single expanded site. As St Cenydd Comprehensive School is located on the same area of land, there could be even further potential for sharing of facilities here.
- 8.2.11 A school merger has taken place at Lansbury Park Infants and Junior schools to create St James Primary, Plasyfelin Infants and Plasyfelin Juniors to create Plasyfelin Primary
- 8.2.12 In view of the location of the Bedwas Colliery site within the village's built up limits, there are prospects that this major brownfield area could be developed. Any such scheme would be likely to involve a mixed-use development with a substantial new housing element as well as leisure. As present primary education at Bedwas is divided between two sites, one of which consists of older and rather constrained premises near the village centre, there would again be advantages in combining provision in one facility at the former Colliery site.
- 8.2.13 The former Cray Valley Paint works at Waterloo are the subject of a major redevelopment. Already the factory buildings have been demolished and site remediation has taken place. It is anticipated that the high number of houses proposed for the site (approximately 500 units) will justify construction of a new school as part of the proposal.

8.2.14 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following educational facilities in the Southern Connections Corridor;

- Ysgol Ifor Bach, Senghenydd – *New school*
- Cwm Ifor Primary School, Caerphilly – *New school*
- Hendre Junior School, Caerphilly – *School extension*
- St Ilan's School, Caerphilly – *Relocate schools*
- St James Primary School, Caerphilly – *New school*
- Former Bedwas Colliery, Bedwas – *New school*
- Former Cray Valley Paint Works, Waterloo – *New school*
- Former Bus Depot, Crosskeys – *College extension*
- Brooklands, Risca – *Adult education centre*

9.1 HEALTH - Current Provision

9.1.1 Health services are delivered by the following agencies:

National Health Service – directly funded by central government. Responsible for overall management and strategy of health services in local areas, including ownership and maintenance of facilities. The division covering Caerphilly County Borough is the Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust.

Local Health Board – a partnership body between the NHS and local authority. Assesses local needs, and plans/pays for the majority of healthcare services for local residents and manages facilities. LHBs have been created in each of the 22 local government divisions in Wales and thus have the same administrative boundaries. The County Borough is served by Caerphilly Local Health Board.

General Practitioners, dentists, pharmacists, opticians, voluntary and independent providers – offering services directly to the public at the point of contact

9.1.2 As the nation's largest single employer, the NHS accounts for a significant proportion of public sector expenditure and is currently undertaking a major restructuring exercise. There are a number of implications for healthcare facilities in Caerphilly County Borough.

9.1.3 The County Borough is mainly served by a network of 3 District General Hospitals within the Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust. Some parts of the south (particularly around Caerphilly town) fall within the catchment of the Critical Care Centre at University Hospital of Wales, Heath and other hospitals in the Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust.

9.1.4 The District General Hospitals all lie outside the County Borough boundaries but provide a range of similar services. These are Royal Gwent, Newport and Nevill Hall, Abergavenny in the Gwent NHS sub regional area, and Prince Charles Hospital in the Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda, Cynon and Taff NHS subregion. The latter (upon which most of the northern Caerphilly valleys are dependent) and

Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant (which links into provision for the southern Caerphilly valleys) will work closely together to maintain and improve services. [Source: Reshaping Your Local Health Services – Developing a Plan for South East Wales (2006)]

9.1.5 Within the County Borough, there are 5 smaller hospitals with various functions in the wider system located at Caerphilly District Miners, Ystrad Mynach, Aberbargoed, Oakdale and Rhymney. In addition there are 13 buildings providing community health services, 9 health centres providing General Practitioner (GP) services and 36 GP owned and operated premises, a total of 63 premises altogether. The table below indicates the current status of the 5 smaller hospitals in the county borough.

Hospitals			
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward	Comments
Aberbargoed	HoV	Aberbargoed	To close
Caerphilly – District Miners	SCC	St Martins	114 beds. To close
Oakdale	NCC	Penmaen	To close
Rhymney – Redwood	HoV	Moriah	To close. Replacement health and social care resource centre proposed
Ystrad Mynach	NCC	Ystrad Mynach	276 beds. New Local General Hospital to open 2011

9.1.6 Caerphilly Local Health Board’s boundaries (sharing those of the local authority) contain 3 distinct subdivisions of the County Borough:

- *North* – From Ystrad Mynach to Rhymney including Bargoed, New Tredegar, Pengam, Gelligaer, Nelson and the Darran Valley
- *East* – From Risca to Markham including Blackwood, Newbridge, Pontllanfraith, and Oakdale
- *South* – From Caerphilly to Machen including Bedwas, Trethomas and the Aber Valley

9.1.7 Recent developments include new surgeries at Bargoed (West Street) and Blackwood (Pontllanfraith Road).

9.2 HEALTH - Future Provision

9.2.1 Among the most significant of factors influencing health service provision in the area is the difficulty in sustaining current patterns of delivery to a dispersed local population. Also spatial inequalities exist in terms of deprivation and infrastructure. In Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent, the Local Health Board has embarked upon pathfinder projects with new Local General Hospitals to be located at Ystrad Mynach and Ebbw Vale. In the new system, existing hospitals at Caerphilly District Miners, Oakdale, Aberbargoed, Ystrad Mynach, Ebbw Vale and Abertillery will close and Redwood (Rhymney) Hospital replaced with a

combined health/social care centre.

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- 9.2.2 Rhymney's new hospital building would accommodate all the facilities currently housed in Redwood Hospital. At present, a preferred site has been identified at The Lawns, to the south of the town, and negotiations are under way with nearby GP surgeries to potentially incorporate some of their services within the single new facility. It is intended that a broad range of functions would be provided at the new hospital including inpatient, optometry, dental, mental health, women and children's services, day therapy and diagnostics.
- 9.2.3 At Bargoed, the shared surgery and library premises are to be demolished as part of the town's Regeneration Scheme. Suitable replacement surgery accommodation has been found in former commercial premises in Gilfach. It is also proposed that the surgeries in Ystrad Mynach town centre and the western edge of Caerphilly itself are rehoused in new buildings.
- 9.2.4 Apart from these community resource centres, Caerphilly Local Health Board highlights several GP premises, which could benefit from new, and in some cases combined, primary care surgery buildings at Aberbargoed,
- 9.2.5 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following health facilities in the Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Area:
- Gilfach Street, Bargoed – Health Centre
 - The Lawn, Rhymney – Health and Social Care Resource Centre

Northern Connections Corridor

- 9.2.6 Planning permission for the new Local General Hospital at Ystrad Mynach was granted in 2007. The hospital is to be built on a site at Ystrad Fawr currently occupied by Caerphilly County Borough Council offices, which in turn is relocating to a new headquarters at Tredomen. The adjacent former community hospital site is to become a sports facility.
- 9.2.7 Initial ground works for the construction of the new Local General Hospital has begun with a view to opening in 2011. Services would be transferred from Caerphilly District Miners, the main existing facility in the area, which would close at this time. The other smaller hospitals would also be phased out around 2011, the projected lifespan of the new hospital being 40-50 years.
- 9.2.8 During the planning stages for the new hospital, considerable work has already been undertaken in terms of consultation and creating models for improving health services across Caerphilly County Borough. Tentative plans have been put forward for 3 combined health and social care resource centres across the County Borough. Discussions are furthest advanced for such a facility at Rhymney, to serve the northern settlements. Other sites under initial consideration are in Pontllanfraith and Caerphilly (Denscombe), which would serve the East and South areas respectively.

9.2.9 Apart from these community resource centres, Caerphilly Local Health Board highlights several GP premises, which could benefit from new, and in some cases combined, primary care surgery buildings at Cefn Fforest, Pengam and Ystrad Mynach.

9.2.10 There is an identified need for the provision of a health resource centre in the south and east of the County Borough, but it has not yet been possible to specify a site for this purpose. In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following health facilities in the Northern Connections Corridor:

- Maesglas School, Gelligaer – GP Surgery
- Oakfield Street, Ystrad Mynach – GP Surgery
- Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Mynach – Local General Hospital

Southern Connections Corridor

9.2.11 Apart from the community resource centres, Caerphilly Local Health Board highlights several GP premises, which could benefit from new, and in some cases combined, primary care surgery buildings. These are currently proposed in descending order of priority at Aber Valley, Llanbradach, Trecenydd, Cwmfelinfach, two in Risca, Lansbury Park, Abercarn, Trethomas. [Source: Caerphilly LHB Primary Care Strategy (2005)].

9.2.12 There is an identified need for the provision of a health resource centre in the south and east of the County Borough, but it has not yet been possible to specify a site for this purpose. In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following health facilities in the Southern Connections Corridor:

- Pencerrig Street, Llanbradach – GP Surgery
- Senghenydd Health Centre, Senghenydd – GP Surgery
- Castlegate, Caerphilly – GP Surgery/ Residential home for the elderly.

10.1 EMERGENCY SERVICES - Current Provision

10.1.1 The following tables illustrate the current emergency services provision in the County Borough.

<i>Ambulance stations – full time</i>		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Blackwood	NCC	Blackwood
Caerphilly	SCC	St Martins
<i>Ambulance stations – part time</i>		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Bargoed	NCC	Penmaen
Nelson	NCC	Ystrad Mynach

<i>Fire stations – full time</i>		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Blackwood – Cefn Fforest	NCC	Cefn Fforest
Caerphilly	SCC	St Martins
<i>Fire stations – part time</i>		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Abercarn	SCC	Abercarn
Bargoed – Gilfach Fargoed	HoV	Gilfach
Rhymney	HoV	Twyn Carno
Risca	SCC	Risca East

<i>Police Stations – continuously manned</i>		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Bargoed	HoV	
Blackwood – Pontllanfraith	NCC	Pontllanfraith
Caerphilly	SCC	St Martins
Risca	HoV	Risca
<i>Police Stations – part time manned</i>		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Aberbargoed	HoV	Aberbargoed
Abercarn	SCC	Abercarn
Abertridwr	SCC	Aber Valley
Bedwas	SCC	Bedwas Trethomas & Machen
Caerphilly – Lansbury Park	SCC	St James
Cwmfelinfach	SCC	Ynysddu
Fochriw	HoV	Darran Valley
Llanbradach	SCC	Llanbradach
Markham	HoV	Argoed
Newbridge	NCC	Newbridge
New Tredegar	HoV	New Tredegar
Nelson	NCC	Nelson
Oakdale	HoV	Penmaen
Pengam	SCC	Pengam
Rhymney	HoV	Moriah
Ystrad Mynach	NCC	Ystrad Mynach

10.2 EMERGENCY SERVICES - Future Provision

Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Area

- 10.2.1 There are currently ongoing discussions between the Fire Service and the Council regarding the identification of a potential site for a community fire station in the Bargoed area. Initial proposals have focussed around Aberbargoed, which would replace the existing Bargoed and Cefn Fforest stations.
- 10.2.2 The preferred option for the new community fire station is the site immediately adjacent to the Angel Way cross valley link where it joins the A4049. This would be well placed for easy access onto the strategic highway network and could involve potential links with a proposed Bedwellty community facility.
- 10.2.3 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following emergency services facilities in the Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Area:
- South of Aberbargoed Plateau, Aberbargoed – Fire Station

Southern Connections Corridor

10.4.4 The current police station in Caerphilly town is in ageing premises on a hillside location out of the main retail centre. A more modern building closer to the town centre would be beneficial in terms of maintaining a high police profile. No firm proposal has been put forward as of yet, and therefore no allocation has been included within the local development plan.

11.1 CEMETERIES - Current Provision

11.1.1 Caerphilly County Borough council currently manage ten cemeteries (occupying around 29 acres of land), these are listed below. No crematoria facilities are currently located in the County Borough and is dependent on those at Thornhill (Cardiff), Glyntaff (Pontypridd), Greater Gwent (Cwmbran) and Llwydcoed (Aberdare).

Public cemeteries			
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward	Comments
Abercarn	SCC	Abercarn	10 years capacity left
Bedwas	SCC	Bedwas Trethomas & Machen	7-8 years capacity left
Bedwellty	HoV	Argoed	5 years capacity left
Brithdir	HoV	New Tredegar	15 years capacity left
Caerphilly – Penyrheol	SCC	Penyrheol	Full
Gelligaer	NCC	St Cattwg	3-4 years capacity left
Nelson – Llanfabon	NCC	Penmaen	10 years capacity left
Risca – Risca Old, Cromwell Rd	SCC	Risca	Full
Risca – Danygraig	SCC	Risca	5 years capacity left
Rhymney – Redwood	HoV	Moriah	5-6 years capacity left

11.2 CEMETERIES - Future provisionHeads of the Valleys Regeneration Area

11.2.1 With regard to previous plan allocations for cemeteries, work has commenced on extending Bedwellty Cemetery (March 2007). The allocation at Rhymney also looks to be necessary in the near future, despite some work required on site relating to infill and drainage. Here the focus is on the area immediately to the north of the existing cemetery.

11.2.2 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following cemetery facilities in the Heads of the Valleys Regeneration Area:

- North of Rhymney Cemetery, Rhymney – Cemetery Extension

Northern Connections Corridor

- 11.2.3 Gelligaer Cemetery requires additional land, and negotiations are underway with a neighbouring landowner with a view to securing expansion space to the east of the current provision.
- 11.2.4 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following cemetery facilities in the Northern Connections Corridor:
- East of Gelligaer Cemetery, Gelligaer – Cemetery Extension

Southern Connections Corridor

- 11.2.5 At Abercarn, land was allocated for further burials to the east of the existing cemetery in the Unitary Development Plan. However, the topography and condition of this particular land is not particularly suited to internments and vacant land to the west of the cemetery has been secured as well.
- 11.2.6 A new facility is required in the Caerphilly Basin area, as Bedwas Cemetery has an estimated capacity of only 7-8 years, unless limited further space towards the Severnside Recycling plant can be acquired. There appears to be scope to extend Penyrheol Cemetery only onto a former scout hut site; otherwise this is regarded as already full.
- 11.2.7 Initial investigations have centred upon sites near the Hendredenny suburb of Caerphilly town, including land previously allocated for this purpose during the preparation of the deposit Unitary Development Plan. Whilst this allocation was not carried through to actual final plan stage, the pressing need for burial space necessitates its reconsideration in the new plan. This is due in particular to infrastructure advantages – the site is off a good quality stretch of full width single carriageway road close to the Caerphilly bypass. Also the site is currently farmland and not subject to any conservation or landscape designations. Another benefit in locating a cemetery in the general vicinity is the potential to serve the Aber Valley, whose local facility at Penyrheol is now full.
- 11.2.8 It is anticipated that the infrastructure at Danygraig Cemetery, Risca will be developed in 2008-9.
- 11.2.9 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following cemetery facilities in the Southern Connections Corridor:
- West/East of Abercarn Cemetery, Abercarn – Cemetery Extension
 - Adjacent to Penyrheol Cemetery, Caerphilly – Cemetery Extension
 - Old Nantgarw Road, Caerphilly – New Cemetery
 - South of Danygraig Cemetery, Risca – Cemetery Extension

12.1 SOCIAL SERVICES FACILITIES - Current Provision

- 12.1.1 Social services provision in Caerphilly County Borough caters for a range of

people and ages with special needs. Facilities include residential homes for the elderly, day centres to cater for the specialised care of older people and children’s residential homes for those who cannot be cared for by their parents.

12.1.2 Provisions for young people with special needs are required to be addressed by the Social Services Inspectorate for Wales, who estimating that there are around 1700 disabled children in Caerphilly County Borough. Catering for a specific need relating to this, there is a respite children’s home at Blackwood (Lillian Road) offering residential accommodation for children and young people with physical and learning difficulties.

12.1.3 Currently the main children’s home for the County Borough is located at Heol Aneurin, Caerphilly. This consists of a pair of semi detached dwellings rather than a purpose-built facility.

12.1.4 The following tables illustrate the current social services provision in the County Borough.

Homes for the Elderly		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Bargoed – Ty Clyd	HoV	Bargoed
Blackwood – Beatrice Webb	NCC	Blackwood
Caerphilly – Brodawel	SCC	Penyrheol
Caerphilly – Castle View	SCC	St Martins
Newbridge – Ty Iscoed	NCC	Newbridge
Rhymney – Min y Mynydd	HoV	Moriah
Risca – Ty Darren	SCC	Risca West

Day Centres		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Blackwood – Brondeg	NCC	Blackwood
Caerphilly – Station Terrace	SCC	Penyrheol
Caerphilly – Pentrebane	SCC	St Martins
Cwmcarn – Twyncarn	SCC	Abercarn
Rhymney – Hafod Deg	HoV	Twyn Carno
Rhymney – Oaklands	HoV	Twyn Carno
Risca – Brooklands	SCC	Risca East
Ystrad Mynach – Caerphilly Road	NCC	Ystrad Mynach

Support centres			
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward	Comments
Blackwood – Montclare	NCC	Blackwood	Children's Home
Caerphilly – Brodawel	SCC	Penyrheol	Supported living
Caerphilly – Bryncenydd	SCC	Penyrheol	Retirement Project
Caerphilly – Caledfryn Way	SCC	Penyrheol	Variety Club
Caerphilly – Heol Aneurin	SCC	Penyrheol	Children's Home
Caerphilly – Ty Gwilym	SCC	Penyrheol	Children's Home
Fochriw – Community Centre	HoV	Darran Valley	Playgroup
Hengoed – Graig Road	NCC	Hengoed	Supported living
Markham – Pantycafn Road	HoV	Argoed	Resource Centre
Newbridge – Pantside	SCC	Newbridge	Supported living
Oakdale – Central Avenue	NCC	Penmaen	Resource Centre
Risca – Brooklands Road	HoV	Risca	Family Centre

12.2 SOCIAL SERVICES FACILITIES - Future Provision

Northern Connections Corridor

12.2.1 Current respite home arrangements in Caerphilly County Borough are inadequate for demands and a replacement building for Lillian Road, Blackwood is required. Any such facility should ideally be located as centrally as possible in order that it is easily accessible from all parts of the County Borough. Currently, no allocation has been provided for in the LDP for this purpose.

Southern Connections Corridor

12.2.2 Another of the priorities for social services investment is for a new children's home to replace the Heol Aneurin site. Ideally this will also be in the Caerphilly Basin area in order to serve the large catchment population here. Currently, no allocation has been provided for in the LDP for this purpose though.

12.2.3 In order to address demand in the County Borough and in response to national legislation and guidance, the Local Development Plan should make provision for the following social services facilities in the Southern Connections Corridor:

- Castlegate, Caerphilly – GP Surgery/ residential home for the elderly.

13.1 OTHER CIVIC FACILITIES (Courts/Registry Offices) – Current Facilities

13.1.1 There are currently two primary court facilities in Caerphilly County Borough. There is a central registry office in Ystrad Mynach and subsidiary registry offices at Bargoed, Pontllanfraith, Rhymney, Risca and Trethomas where residents can record births, marriages and deaths.

13.1.2 The following tables illustrate the current civic facilities provision in the County Borough.

<i>Courts & Registry</i>			
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward	Comments
Blackwood	NCC	Blackwood	County Court – Civil & Family
Bargoed – Hanbury Square	NCC	Bargoed	Branch of District Register Office
Caerphilly	SCC	St Martins	Magistrates Court
Pontllanfraith – Pontllanfraith House	NCC	Pontllanfraith	Branch of District Register Office
Rhymney – Old Health Centre	HoV	Moriah	Branch of District Register Office
Risca – Oxford House	SCC	Risca West	Branch of District Register Office
Trethomas – Old Health Centre	SCC	Bedwas Trethomas & Machen	Branch of District Register Office
Ystrad Mynach – Penallta House	NCC	Ystrad Mynach	District Register Office

13.2 OTHER CIVIC FACILITIES (Courts/Registry Offices) - Future Provision

13.2.1 Following the recent centralisation of court facilities at Blackwood and the disposal of some premises, there are no courts or registry office developments proposed in the foreseeable future.

Appendix 1 – Current List of Community Centres (July 2008)

Community Centres			
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward	Comments
Aberbargoed	NCC		Youth, Hanger 81
Abercarn – Llanfach*	SCC	Abercarn	
Abertridwr	SCC	Aber Valley	Youth
Abertysswg	HoV	Moriah	
Argoed	HoV	Argoed	
Bargoed	HoV	Bargoed	
Bedwas – Workmens Hall*		Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	
Blackwood – Miners Institute*	NCC	Blackwood	
Blackwood – Plasmawr	NCC	Blackwood	
Brithdir*	HoV	New Tredegar	
Caerphilly – Pwllypant*	SCC	Llanbradach	
Caerphilly – Penyrheol	SCC	Penyrheol	
Caerphilly – Treceenydd	SCC	Penyrheol	
Caerphilly – Twyn	SCC	St Martins	
Caerphilly – Van	SCC	St James	
Cefn Fforest	NCC	Cefn Fforest	
Cefn Hengoed	NCC	Hengoed	
Crumlin – Croespenmaen*	NCC	Penmaen	
Crumlin – OAP*	NCC	Crumlin	
Cwmfelinfach	SCC	Ynysddu	
Deri	HoV	Darran Valley	
Fleur de Lys	NCC	Pengam	
Fochriw	HoV	Darran Valley	
Gelligaer	NCC	St Cattwg	
Gelligaer – Penybryn	NCC	St Cattwg	
Gelligaer – St Cattwg*	NCC	St Cattwg	
Glanynant*	NCC	St Cattwg	
Hengoed	NCC	Hengoed	
Hollybush*	HoV	Argoed	
Llanbradach	SCC	Llanbradach	
Machen	SCC	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	

Machen – Graig y Rhacca	SCC	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	
Maesycwmmmer	NCC	Maesycwmmmer	
Manmoel*	HoV	Argoed	
Markham	HoV	Argoed	
Nelson	NCC	Nelson	
Newbridge – Kendon*	NCC	Crumlin	
Newbridge – Memorial Institute*	NCC	Newbridge	
Newbridge – Pentwynmawr	NCC	Newbridge	
Newbridge – Treowen*	NCC	Crumlin	
New Tredegar	HoV	New Tredegar	
New Tredegar – Phillipstown	HoV	New Tredegar	
Oakdale	NCC	Penmaen	
Penpedairheol – Cascade	NCC	St Cattwg	
Pontllanfraith – Penllwyn*	NCC	Pontllanfraith	
Pontlottyn	NCC	Pontlottyn	
Rhymney – Ael y Bryn	HoV	Twyn Carno	
Rhymney – Day Centre	HoV	Moriah	
Rhymney – St David's	HoV	Moriah	
Rhymney – Lower Rhymney	HoV	Moriah	
Risca – Channel View	SCC	Risca East	
Rudry*	SCC	St James	
Senghenydd	SCC	Aber Valley	
Tirphil	HoV	New Tredegar	
Tiryberth	NCC	St Cattwg	
Trinant*	NCC	Crumlin	
Ynysddu – Sardis*	SCC	Ynysddu	
Ystrad Mynach – Siloh*	NCC	Ystrad Mynach	

Appendix 2 – Current List of Schools (July 2008)

Table of Schools		
<i>*Capacity(pupils) Sep 2006/Jan 2007 shown in brackets, latest available figures</i>		
Secondary schools		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Bargoed – Heolddu Comprehensive (888)	NCC	Bargoed
Bedwas (809)	SCC	Bedwas Trethomas & Machen
Blackwood (1079)	NCC	Blackwood
Caerphilly – St Cenydd (1156)	SCC	Penyrheol
Caerphilly – St Martins Comprehensive (1060)	SCC	St Martins
Newbridge Comprehensive (925)	NCC	Newbridge
Oakdale Comprehensive (826)	NCC	Penmaen
Pengam – Lewis School Pengam (1172)	NCC	Pengam
Pontllanfraith Comprehensive (1002)	NCC	Pontllanfraith
Rhymney Comprehensive (912)	HoV	Moriah
Risca Comprehensive (747)	SCC	Risca East
Ystrad Mynach – Lewis Girls Comprehensive (999)	NCC	Ystrad Mynach
Secondary schools (Foundation)		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Cwmcarn High (892)	SCC	Abercarn
Secondary schools (Welsh Medium)		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Fleur De Lys – Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni (1578)	NCC	Pengam
Secondary schools (Welsh Medium)		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Aberbargoed Primary (Infant & Junior split site) (222)	HoV	Aberbargoed
Abercarn Primary (186)	SCC	Abercarn

Abertyswg Primary (160)	HoV	Moriah
Abertridwr – Cwmaber Infants (162)	SCC	Aber Valley
Abertridwr – Cwmaber Junior (202)	SCC	Aber Valley
Bargoed – Park Primary (150)	HoV	Bargoed
Bargoed – St Gwladys Bargoed Primary (300)	HoV	Bargoed
Bedwas Infants (120)	SCC	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen
Bedwas Junior (196)	SCC	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen
Blackwood Primary (415)	NCC	Blackwood
Blackwood – Libanus Primary (363)	NCC	Blackwood
Blackwood – Cefn Fforest Primary (Infant & Junior split site) (405)	NCC	Cefn Fforest
Caerphilly – Cwm lfor Primary (239)	SCC	Penyrheol
Caerphilly – Cwrt Rawlin Primary (328)	SCC	St Martins
Caerphilly – Hendre Infants (146)	SCC	Penyrheol
Caerphilly – Hendre Junior School (219)	SCC	Penyrheol
Caerphilly – Hendredenny Park Primary (181)	SCC	Penyrheol
Caerphilly – Plasyfelin Primary (401)	SCC	Morgan Jones
Caerphilly – St James Primary (317)	SCC	St James
Caerphilly – The Twyn (513)	SCC	St Martins
Crumlin Primary (228)	NCC	Crumlin
Cross Keys – Waunfawr Primary (153)	SCC	Cross Keys
Cwmcarn Primary (307)	SCC	Abercarn
Cwmfelinfach Primary (244)	SCC	Ynysddu
Deri Primary (89)	HoV	Darran Valley
Fleur de Lys Primary (182)	NCC	Pengam
Fochriw Primary	HoV	Darran Valley

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Gelligaer – Glyngaer Primary (Infant & Junior split site) (300)	NCC	St Cattwg
Gelligaer – Greenhill Primary School (208)	NCC	St Cattwg
Gilfach Fargoed Primary (203)	HoV	Gilfach
Hengoed Primary (268)	NCC	Hengoed
Hengoed – Derwendeg Primary (328)	NCC	Hengoed
Llanbradach – Coed y Brain Primary (279)	SCC	Llanbradach
Llanbradach – Cwm Glas Infants (72)	SCC	Llanbradach
Machen Primary (188)	SCC	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen
Machen – Graig y Rhacca Primary and Nursery Community School (190)	SCC	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen
Maesycwmmmer Primary (171)	NCC	Maesycwmmmer
Markham Primary (169)	HoV	Argoed
Nelson – Llancaeath Junior (240)	NCC	Nelson
Nelson – Llanfabon Infants (150)	NCC	Nelson
Newbridge – Pantside Primary (171)	NCC	Newbridge
Newbridge – Pentwynmawr Primary (109)	NCC	Newbridge
Newbridge – Tynewydd Primary (255)	NCC	Newbridge
New Tredegar – White Rose Primary (377)	HoV	New Tredegar
New Tredegar – Phillipstown Primary (186)	HoV	New Tredegar
Oakdale – Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary (503)	NCC	Penmaen
Pengam Primary (223)	NCC	Pengam
Pontllanfraith Primary (320)	NCC	Pontllanfraith
Pontllanfraith – Bryn Primary (147)	NCC	Pontllanfraith

Pontllanfraith – Penllwyn Primary (176)	NCC	Pontllanfraith
Pontlottyn – Pontlottyn Primary (118)	HoV	Pontlottyn
Rudry – Rhydri Primary (89)	SCC	St James
Rhymney – Bryn Awel Primary (150)	HoV	Moriah
Rhymney – Upper Rhymney Primary (186)	HoV	Twyn Carno
Risca Primary (326)	SCC	Risca West
Risca – Ty Isaf Infants (144)	SCC	Risca West
Risca – Ty Sign Primary (567)	SCC	Risca East
Senghenydd – Nant y Parc Primary (196)	SCC	Aber Valley
Tiryberth Primary (191)	NCC	St Cattwg
Trethomas – Tynywern Primary (295)	SCC	Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen
Trinant Primary (191)	NCC	Crumlin
Ynysddu Primary (168)	SCC	Ynysddu
Ystrad Mynach Primary (353)	NCC	Ystrad Mynach
Primary & Nursery schools/facilities (Voluntary Aided)		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Caerphilly – St Helens Roman Catholic Primary (248)	SCC	Morgan Jones
Primary & Nursery schools/facilities (Welsh Medium)		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Aberbargoed – Ysgol Bro Sannan (180)	NCC	Aberbargoed
Abercarn – Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Gwyddon (344)	SCC	Abercarn
Bargoed – Ysgol Gymraeg Gilfach Fargoed (191)	HoV	Gilfach
Caerphilly – Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Caerffili (282)	SCC	Morgan Jones
Caerphilly – Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg y Castell (193)	SCC	Morgan Jones
Pengam – Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn	NCC	Pengam

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Senghenydd – Ysgol Ifor Bach (224)	SCC	Aber Valley
Rhymney – Ysgol y Lawnt (348)	HoV	Moriah
Ystrad Mynach – Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Allta (261)	NCC	Ystrad Mynach
<i>Pupil Referral Unit</i>		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Pengam – Learning Centre	NCC	Pengam
<i>Special schools</i>		
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward
Ystrad Mynach – Trinity Fields	NCC	Ystrad Mynach

Appendix 3 – Current List of Surgeries (July 2008)

Surgeries			
Facility	Strategy Area	Ward	Comments
Aberbargoed - Health Centre	HoV	Aberbargoed	Main
Abercarn – St Lukes	SCC	Abercarn	Main
Abertridwr – Llan Aber	SCC	Aber Valley	Branch of Llan Aber, Llanbradach
Abertridwr – Tridwr	SCC	Aber Valley	Main
Abertyswg – Community Centre	HoV	Moriah	Branch of Rhymney Health Centre
Abertyswg – Community Centre	HoV	Moriah	Branch of Victoria
Bargoed – Bargoed Hall	HoV	Bargoed	Main
Bargoed – Bryntirion	HoV	Bargoed	Main
Bargoed – South Street	HoV	Bargoed	Main
Bedwas	SCC	Bedwas Trethomas & Machen	Branch of Tridwr, Abertridwr
Blackwood – The Bryn, Cefn Fforest	NCC	Cefn Fforest	Branch of Bargoed Hall
Blackwood – Surgery, Cefn Fforest	NCC	Cefn Fforest	Branch of South Street, Bargoed
Blackwood – Sunnybank, Cefn Fforest	NCC	Cefn Fforest	Main
Caerphilly – Court House	SCC	Morgan Jones	Main
Caerphilly – Lansbury	SCC	St James	Main
Caerphilly – Nantgarw Road	SCC	Morgan Jones	Main
Caerphilly – St Cenydd Road, Trecenydd	SCC	Penyrheol	Main
Caerphilly – Tonyfelin	SCC	Morgan Jones	Main
Caerphilly – Troed y Bryn, Penyrheol	SCC	Penyrheol	Branch of Lansbury
Crumlin – Surgery	NCC	Crumlin	Main
Cwmfelinfach – Castle	SCC	Ynysddu	Branch of Risca
Deri – Medical Centre	HoV	Darran Valley	Branch of White Rose
Fochriw – Health Centre	HoV	Darran Valley	Branch of Rhymney Health Centre
Fochriw – Health Centre	HoV	Darran Valley	Branch of White Rose
Gelligaer – Surgery	NCC	St Cattwg	Main
Gilfach – Surgery	NCC	Gilfach	Branch of Gelligaer
Llanbradach – The	SCC	Llanbradach	Main

Village			
Llanbradach – Llan Aber	SCC	Llanbradach	Main
Machen – Graig y Rhacca	SCC	Bedwas Trethomas & Machen	Branch of Ty Bryn
Machen – Surgery	SCC	Bedwas Trethomas & Machen	Branch of Ty Bryn
Markham – Medical Centre	HoV	Cefn Fforest	Main
Nelson – Clinic Premises	NCC	Nelson	Main
Newbridge – Surgery	NCC	Newbridge	Main
Newbridge – Branch	NCC	Newbridge	Branch of Newbridge
New Tredegar – White Rose Medical Centre	HoV	New Tredegar	Main
Oakdale – Medical Centre	NCC	Penmaen	Main
Pengam – Health Centre	NCC	Pengam	Main
Pengam – Health Centre	NCC	Pengam	Main
Pontllanfraith – Avicenna Medical Centre	NCC	Pontllanfraith	Branch of Oakdale
Pontllanfraith – Health Centre	NCC	Pontllanfraith	Main
Pontlottyn – Surgery	HoV	Pontlottyn	Branch of Rhymney Health Centre
Rhymney – Health Centre	HoV	Moriah	Main
Rhymney – Victoria	HoV	Twyn Carno	Main
Risca – Surgery	SCC	Risca West	Main
Risca – Wellspring	SCC	Risca East	Main
Senghenydd – Surgery	SCC	Aber Valley	Branch of St Cenydd Road
Senghenydd – Health Centre	SCC	Aber Valley	Branch of Nantgarw Road
Trethomas – Ty Bryn	SCC	Bedwas Trethomas & Machen	Main
Ystrad Mynach – Oakfield St	NCC	Ystrad Mynach	Main
Ystrad Mynach – Health & Education Centre	NCC	Ystrad Mynach	Branch of Oakfield St