

HSC&WB Strategy 2008 - 2011

THEME : HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

Action Plan 2008 - 2009

Cross Cutting Priority Goal – *To influence strategic and operational processes relating to the natural and built environment to improve health and well being.*

Outcome Measure: *That the principles of healthy urban planning are applied within pertinent strategic and operational policy processes.*

Actions	Timescales	Lead Partner	Funding Implications	Links to other Themes/ Strategies/Partnerships	Performance Indicators
To explore the potential for applying “healthy urban planning” to pertinent policymaking processes within Rhondda Cynon Taf.	March 2009 and thereafter	LHB Public Health Team; Economic Development & Regeneration (Forward Planning); Development Control; Leisure Services; Public Health & Protection	To be determined once implications have been explored	Economic Development Partnership Local Development Plan Community Plan Local Housing Strategy Children & Young People’s Plan Community Collaboration & Prevention theme - HSCWB	Principles of “healthy urban planning” applied to Local Development Plan

Priority Goal 1: *That housing makes a positive contribution to improving health and wellbeing*

Outcome measure: *Improvements in the availability and condition of affordable, good quality housing across all tenures*

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<p>To complete the “Health & Homelessness: Developing Good Practice in Tackling Homelessness” Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake an audit to identify best practice and gaps in service provision leading to a report and recommendations for service improvements. 	<p>March 2009</p>	<p>Public Health & Protection (Housing Strategy); Local Health Board; Community Care (Housing Advice Centre, Supporting People, Substance Misuse Action Team)</p>	<p>Funding secured for 2008/09.</p>	<p>Local Housing Strategy Community Plan Substance Misuse Strategy Children & Young Peoples Plan Older Peoples Strategy Homelessness Strategy Supporting People Operational Plan</p>	<p>Adopted policy and protocols in place</p> <p>The percentage of households accepted as statutorily homeless during the year to whom a full homelessness duty has been discharged by the same local authority within the last two years (HHA/011)</p> <p>The percentage of all potentially homeless households for whom homelessness was prevented for at least 6 months (HHA/013)</p>

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<p>Where appropriate, develop and implement specific arrangements with the LHB to ensure homeless and vulnerable service users are able to take up and have timely and appropriate access to health services and health professionals. Respond to the Assembly Government's introduction of the "Health of Homeless & Specific Vulnerable Groups: Standards" through the development of a Homeless & Vulnerable Groups Health Action Plan</p>	<p>March 2009</p>	<p>Local Health Board; Community Care; Public Health & Protection Cwm Taf NHS Trust</p>	<p>To be confirmed as part of production of HaVGAP</p>	<p>Local Housing Strategy Community Plan Children & Young Peoples Plan Older Peoples Strategy Homelessness Strategy Supporting People Operational Plan Substance Misuse Strategy</p>	<p>Performance to be measured against standards once finalised</p>

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<p>Through effective commissioning arrangements ensure supported housing services take account of individuals needs and support access to services that will meet individual health and well being needs.</p> <p>Develop clear and consistent multi agency, cross authority mechanisms that support individuals and partner agencies to identify the housing, health and support needs of vulnerable people.</p>	<p>March 2009</p> <p>March 2009 and thereafter</p>	<p>Community Care (Supporting People, Housing Advice Centre); Local Health Board; Public Health & Protection (Housing Strategy)</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Local Housing Strategy Community Plan Children & Young Peoples Plan Older Peoples Strategy Homelessness Strategy Supporting People Operational Plan</p>	<p>The average number of units of housing related support, per 1,000 head of population, for each of the following types of housing related support service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Floating support ii. Direct access iii. Temporary accommodation iv. Sheltered accommodation for older people v. Community alarm services <p>(SPP/001) Disaggregated to each client group</p>

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<p>Collate accurate and comparable local information to aid Housing Providers and wider stakeholders develop a range of housing and supported housing solutions that are needs led and commissioned through a joined up, coordinated and consistent approach</p> <p>Develop existing and where necessary new planning and consultation arrangements that ensure service user and stakeholder involvement in the development of services and service responses to meet the needs of homeless and vulnerable groups and contribute to the development of higher level plans.</p>	<p>March 2009 ongoing</p>	<p>Community Care (Supporting People, Housing Advice Centre); Local Health Board; Public Health & Protection (Housing Strategy)</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Local Housing Strategy Community Plan Children & Young Peoples Plan Older Peoples Strategy Homelessness Strategy Supporting People Operational Plan</p>	<p>The average number of units of housing related support, per 1,000 head of population, for each of the following types of housing related support service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Floating support ii. Direct access iii. Temporary accommodation iv. Sheltered accommodation for older people v. Community alarm services <p>(SPP/001) Disaggregated to each client group</p>

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Explore the possibility of extending the “housing move on” arrangements to consider the needs of all vulnerable and inappropriately housed individuals.	March 2009	Community Care (Housing Advice Centre, Supporting People); Homelessness Strategy Working Group; Local Health Board; Public Health & Protection (Housing Strategy)	None	Local Housing Strategy Homelessness Strategy Children & Young People’s Strategy Supporting People Operational Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Number of people referrals via move on arrangements by client group/support provider b) Number of people assisted to access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Social Housing ii. Private Sector Housing c) Number of people still residing in their accommodation after a six month period

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As part of the review the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy, integrate the Housing Health and Safety Rating System into property eligibility criteria to ensure that investment targets deficiencies of significant health impact.	January 2009	Public Health & Protection; Community Care; Local Health Board	None	Local Housing Strategy Private Sector Renewal Policy Affordable Warmth Strategy Falls Prevention Strategy Older Persons Strategy Children's & Young Peoples Single Plan	New Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy approved. PI to be introduced by WAG from April 2009.
To increase the supply of affordable housing in Rhondda Cynon Taf in accordance with housing need by ensuring that the appropriate policy framework is in place.	March 2009 ongoing	Economic Development & Regeneration; Development Control; Public Health & Protection (Housing Strategy)	To be determined.	Local Housing Strategy Local Development Plan Economic Development Strategy	Affordable Housing Policy adopted. Supplementary Planning Guidance in place. The number of additional affordable housing units provided during the year as a percentage of all additional housing units provided during the year (PLA/006)

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Work with Supporting People Team to ensure that vulnerable adults who choose to live in the private sector can make informed choices and access housing that is suitable and in satisfactory condition thereby promoting health & well being.	April 2009	Public Health & Protection; Community Care (Supporting People)	None	Local Housing Strategy, Supporting People Operational Plan.	Toolkit in place for supporting people providers to use. Training provided.

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<p>Improving energy efficiency of housing across all tenures to eradicate fuel poverty in vulnerable households through our Private Sector Renewal Policy, achievement of WHQS in the social rented sector, encouraging uptake of investment opportunities particularly in relation to vulnerable groups.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Affordable Warmth Steering Group; Public Health & Protection (Housing Strategy)</p>	<p>Many within existing resources, others to be identified.</p>	<p>Local Housing Strategy Affordable Warmth Strategy Communities First Community Plan Older Persons Strategy Children & Young Peoples Strategy Private Sector Renewal Policy</p>	<p>See Affordable Warmth Strategy Action Plan.</p> <p>Percentage reduction in carbon dioxide emissions in the non domestic public building stock Percentage reduction in energy use in the housing stock Percentage reduction in carbon dioxide emissions in the housing stock (EEF/002)</p> <p>Vulnerable Households and all social rented by 2012.</p> <p>All households by 2018</p>

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<p>Raising awareness of grants available through events and campaigns.</p> <p>Encouraging energy efficient behaviour through provision of a home energy advice service for residents.</p> <p>Providing support for excluded and vulnerable groups by developing a network of support organisations and staff from voluntary & statutory sectors who will identify those at risk and refer them through an established referral mechanism.</p>	Ongoing	Affordable Warmth Steering Group; Public Health & Protection (Housing Strategy)	Many within existing resources, others to be identified.	Local Housing Strategy Affordable Warmth Strategy Communities First Community Plan Older Persons Strategy Children & Young Peoples Strategy Private Sector Renewal Policy	<p>See Affordable warmth Strategy Action Plan</p> <p>Percentage reduction in carbon dioxide emissions in the non domestic public building stock Percentage reduction in energy use in the housing stock Percentage reduction in carbon dioxide emissions in the housing stock (EEF/002).</p> <p>Vulnerable Households and all social rented by 2012.</p> <p>All households by 2018</p>

Priority Goal 2: *Provide a clean, safe physical environment that is of high quality and promotes civic pride*

Outcome measure: *That the perception of residents is that environmental quality has improved and they have a sense of pride in their surroundings and community.*

Actions	Timescales	Lead Partner	Funding Implications	Links to other Themes/ Strategies/Partnerships	Performance Indicators
To implement a range of initiatives aimed at returning into useful occupation empty dwellings across the county borough to remove blight on local communities, increase provision of affordable homes and contribute to improving social well being.	March 2009 and thereafter	Public Health & Protection; Registered Social Landlords; Communities First	Commitment to fund staff through Communities First agreed until September 2008. Need to mainstream thereafter.	Local Housing Strategy Community Plan Private Sector Renewal Policy	The percentage of private sector dwellings that had been vacant for more than 6 months at 1 April that were returned to occupation during the year through direct action by the local authority (PSR/002)

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Develop an environmental awards scheme to promote environmental improvements and initiatives within our communities, celebrate success and promote civic pride.	March 2009	Streetcare Services	Staff Commitment	Environmental Improvement Partnership	Awards scheme established
Implement educational and promotional initiatives, linking with Communities First and Education Services to promote environmental and social responsibility.	Ongoing	Streetcare Services	Continued budget support	Environmental Improvement Partnership Communities First	Initiatives delivered

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<p>Proactively pursue enforcement action in relation to a range of environmental crimes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fly tipping, b) Litter c) Fly Posting d) Graffiti 	<p>March 2009 ongoing</p>	<p>Public Health & Protection; Streetcare Services</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Environmental Improvement Partnership Community Safety Partnership</p>	<p>The percentage of reported fly tipping incidents which lead to enforcement activity (STS/007)</p>

Priority Goal 3: *That air quality in Rhondda Cynon Taf meets health based air quality standards*

Outcome measure: *Compliance with statutory air quality standards for the seven pollutants of concern*

Actions	Timescales	Lead Partner	Funding Implications	Links to other Themes/ Strategies/Partnerships	Performance Indicators
Produce and publish Progress Report for 2007 on air quality in Rhondda Cynon Taf.	June 2008	Public Health & Protection	None	Local Development Plan National Air Quality Strategy Regional Transport Plan	Report published and accepted by National Assembly for Wales
Fourth Stage Further Assessment for Nitrogen Dioxide in declared AQMAs: refining them, modifying or extending them if necessary allowing for source apportionment and identifying reduction targets for air quality.	February 2009	Public Health & Protection	Funding for air quality monitoring equipment and analysis already secured	National Air Quality Strategy	Acceptance and approval by National Assembly for Wales

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Develop an Air Quality Action Plan specific to each AQMA to implement cost effective measures to improve air quality.	March 2009 and thereafter	Public Health & Protection	Dependent on interventions required.	Local Development Plan National Air Quality Strategy Regional Transport Plan	Acceptance by National Assembly for Wales Annual progress report against AQ Action Plan.
Prepare an "Updating & Screening Assessment" for all pollutants of concern identifying any new breaches of air quality standards	March 2009 and thereafter	Public Health & Protection	None	Local Development Plan National Air Quality Strategy Regional Transport Plan	Acceptance by National Assembly for Wales