

Vale of Glamorgan Council
Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026 (LDP)
Annual Monitoring Report

Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

22nd October 2024

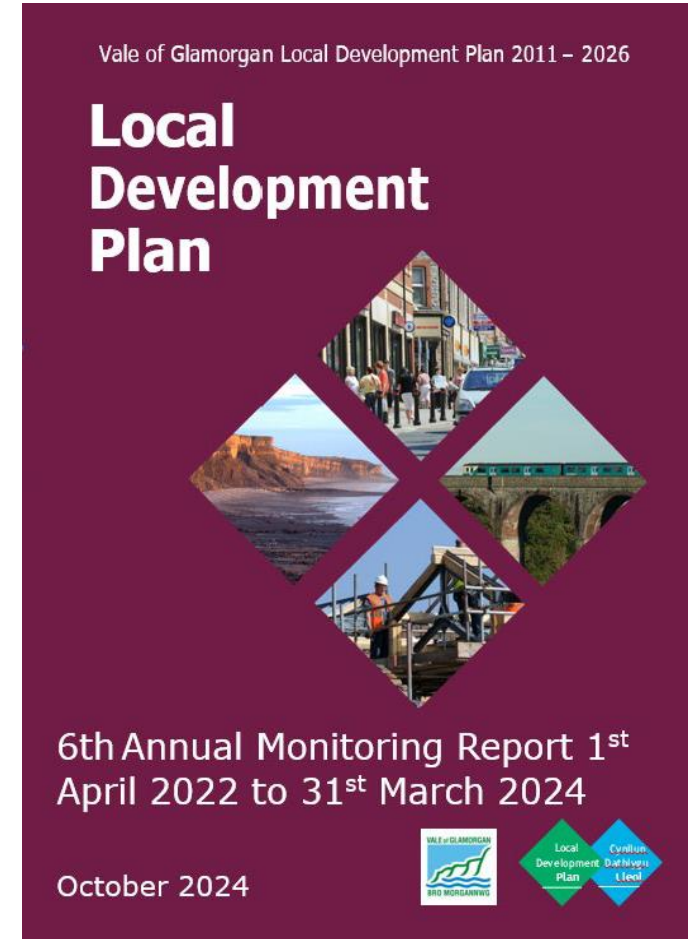
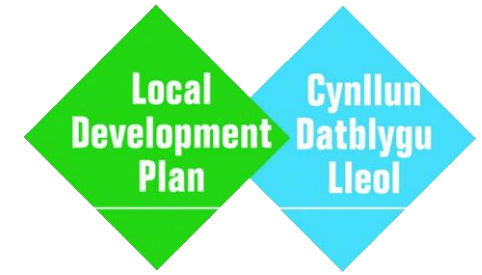
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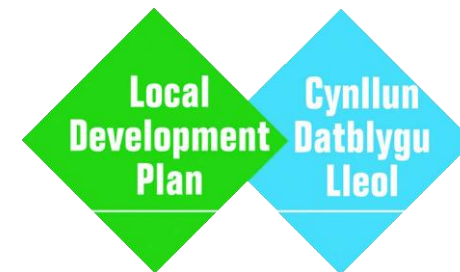
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Introduction

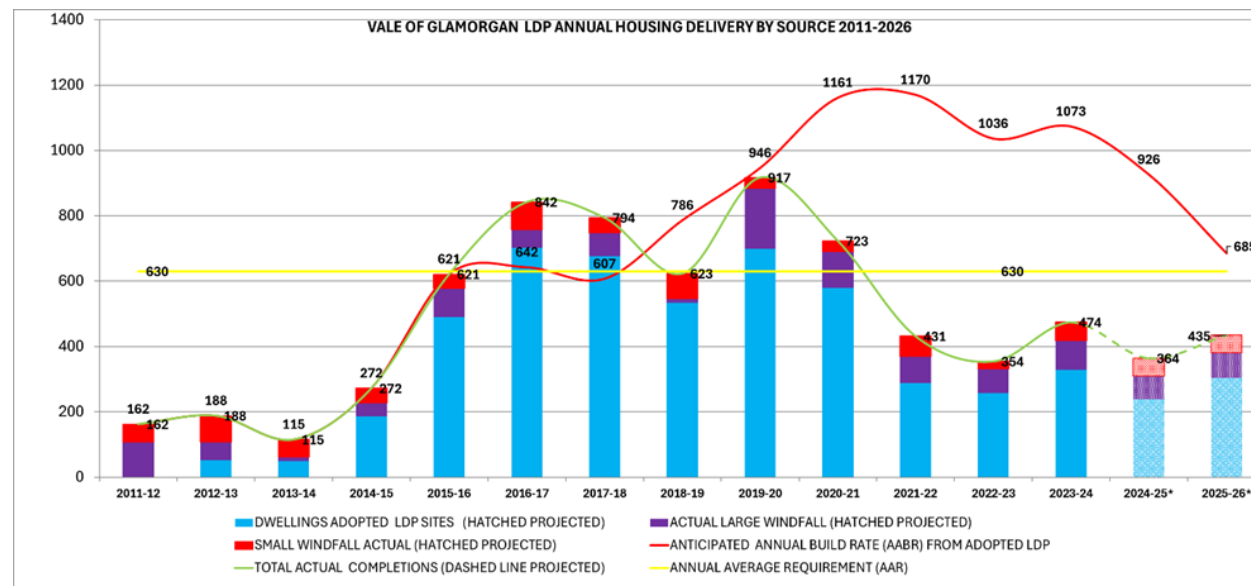
- The Local Development Plan for the period 2011-2026 was adopted in June 2017
- Following adoption, there is a requirement for the Council to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to consider how the LDP strategy, policies and allocations are being delivered
- Monitoring period is 1st April to 31st March 2024
- AMR must be submitted to WG by 31st October 2024
- This is the sixth AMR since plan adoption



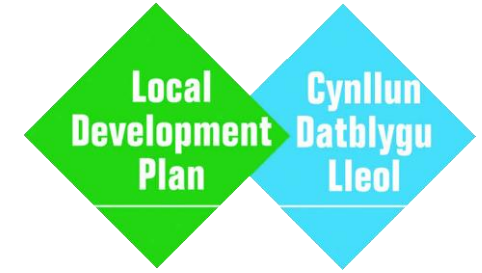
Housing Delivery



- LDP housing requirement is 9,460 dwellings— an average of 630 per annum
- Completions high in the years following adoption but since the Covid pandemic, the annual build rate has been lower
- In total 6,516 dwellings have been built – approx. 20% below the number that would have been expected at this point in the plan period.
- Whilst completions have been lower than the monitoring targets, approvals on allocated housing sites have been higher than the target
- 2,138 affordable homes have been delivered – only slightly below monitoring target of 2,555 dwellings by 2024 – this includes 170 additional affordable homes this year

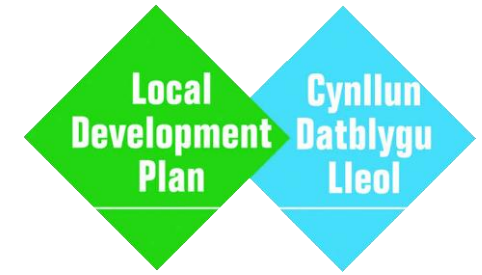


Employment and Retail



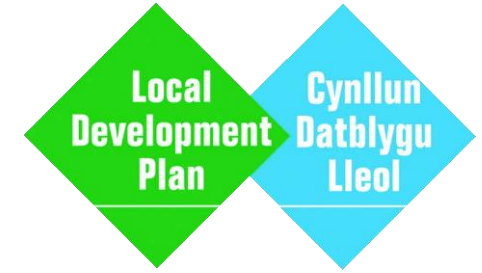
- Since adoption there have been 96.6 Ha of land approved for employment – this is below the 2024 monitoring target of 251 Ha, but reflective of current economic conditions
- Only one planning application granted on a local employment allocation in the monitoring period
- Evidence of changing nature of town centres with a 6.8% reduction in retail floorspace since plan adoption, but increases in office and leisure floorspace within the town and district centres
- Vacancy rates in the town and district centres have all decreased or remained static in the previous year indicating that the centres remain attractive places to operate businesses
- Most local and neighbourhood centres have maintained high levels of occupancy

Community Facilities



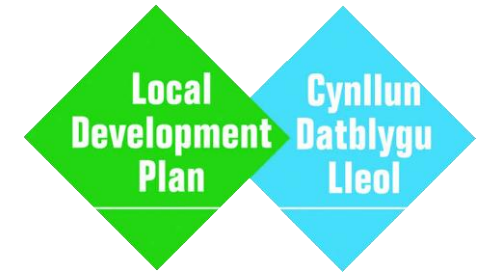
- There has been good progress with the delivery of community facilities
- Ysgol St Baruc at Barry Waterfront was completed in line with the monitoring date of 2024
- Land has been transferred to the Council at Darren Farm, Cowbridge for the delivery of a Welsh Medium Primary and it is anticipated this will be delivered in accordance with monitoring targets
- Resolution to grant permission at Cosmeston for a mixed-use development including a primary school and community facility
- Following the requirement of open space as part of new developments, there has been a net gain in open space of 0.61 Ha
- The delivery of some schemes are dependant on housing sites being delivered
- There have been no unacceptable losses of community facilities

Transport



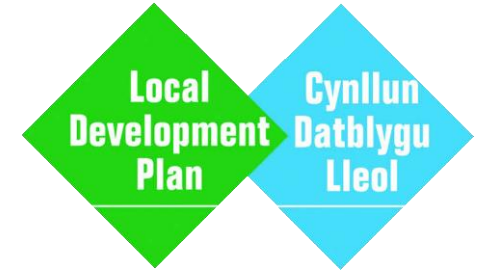
- The monitoring target of completing 6 local transport schemes by 2020 was completed early in the plan period
- This monitoring period has seen the completion of Barry Docks interchange earlier than the target date of 2026
- Funding secured to progress to detailed design stage on active travel routes between Sully to Cosmeston and Barry to Dinas Powys
- All relevant planning were accompanied by a Travel Plan, or this was secured by condition

Natural and Built Environment



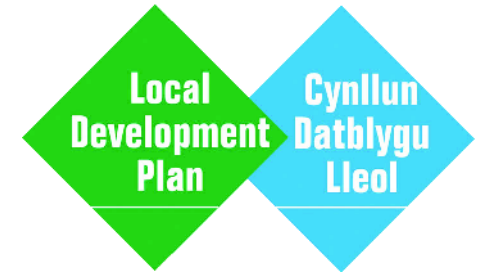
- No planning applications were approved in the monitoring period against the advice of NRW or CADW
- No applications granted on greenfield land that did not comply with national or local planning policies
- No inappropriate windfall developments granted on Best and Most Versatile agricultural land
- No development approved in C1 or C2 flood plains that did not meet the TAN 15 tests

Next steps



- Where LDP targets are not being met or significant progress is not being made, these will be considered as part of the RLDP preparation process.
- If scrutiny committee resolves to accept the AMR, it will be submitted to WG by the deadline of 31st October 2024

Recommendations



- 1. That Cabinet considers and endorses the sixth Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) (subject to consideration of any recommended changes by the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee) for submission to the Welsh Government by 31st October 2024 and for publication on the Council's website.**
- 2. That the LDP AMR is referred to the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for its consideration. Should Scrutiny Committee resolve to accept Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) Cabinet would consider the LDP AMR as agreed and can be submitted to the Welsh Government by 31st October 2024.**
- 3. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Sustainable Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services to make typographical or other minor changes as necessary prior to publication**

Any Questions?