

The Vale of Glamorgan Partnership

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WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY?

The Council is required, in partnership with other organisations providing services in the Vale of Glamorgan, to prepare a Community Strategy to promote the economic, social and environmental well being of its area. The main purposes of the Community Strategy are:

- To improve the quality of life of local communities in the Vale of Glamorgan
- To provide a focus for improved joint working and planning between public agencies and the voluntary and business sectors
- To contribute to the achievement of sustainable development

The Vale of Glamorgan Strategy was published in 2003 and looks forward 10 years. It seeks to ensure that the aims and targets of all the organisations active in the Vale of Glamorgan are geared towards providing a focused and consistent quality of services to residents, visitors and businesses.

A VISION FOR THE VALE

The Partnership's vision for the Vale is a place:

- That is safe, clean and attractive, where individuals and communities have opportunities to improve their health, prosperity and well-being, and
- Where there is a strong sense of community in which local groups and individuals have the capacity and incentive to make an effective contribution to the future of the area.

Overall, the Vale of Glamorgan is comparatively wealthy and many of its residents enjoy a high standard of living in a good quality environment. However, there are areas within the Vale which suffer from significant

economic, environmental and social difficulties such as high unemployment, sub-standard housing, low education achievement, poor health and high levels of crime. The Partnership aims to target those areas for improvement while seeking to conserve and enhance the best features of the Vale so as to raise the quality of life for all who live in the area or visit it for work or recreation.

AIMS OF THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

In addressing those issues that matter to local communities the Community Strategy will aim to:

- Develop a **diversified and sustainable economy** which will provide a wide range of jobs, increase labour market participation and raise skill levels, where employers take seriously their environmental and social responsibilities
- Promote **lifelong learning** opportunities which break down barriers to participation and provide opportunities for all members of the community
- Reduce levels of **crime and disorder**, targeting the social and economic factors which can often encourage anti-social activities
- Provide improved and better co-ordinated opportunities for **health, social care and well-being**, tackling the disadvantages of vulnerable people and encouraging individuals to develop healthier lifestyles
- Promote a sustainable future by ensuring environmental resources are used wisely, the rich bio-diversity of habitats and species is protected and enhanced and people are encouraged to value their local **environment**.

THE ACTION PLAN

This Action Plan sets out specific actions to be undertaken by the various partners over the next four years to help achieve the above aims. The actions are addressed under five broad themes, namely:

- Economic Regeneration
- Lifelong Learning
- Community Safety
- Health and Well Being
- Environmental Improvement

The Action Plan will be reviewed annually and will assess how far the objectives of the Strategy are being met. Feedback will be provided regularly through the Vale Partnership to key service providers and local communities.

LEAD AGENCIES - ABBREVIATIONS

ABP	Associated British Ports
CCW	Countryside Council for Wales
CHC	Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council
CP	Children's Partnership
CYPFP	Children and Young People's Framework Partnership
EAW	Environment Agency Wales
EYDP	Early Years Development Partnership
ELWa	Education and Learning Wales
FC	Forestry Commission
HSCWBP	Health, Social Care and Well-being Partnership
LHB	Vale of Glamorgan Local Health Board
MOD	Ministry of Defence
NCH	National Children's Home
NPHS	National Public Health Service
SCW	Sports Council for Wales
SEWTA	South East Wales Transport Alliance
UWIC	University of Wales Institute Cardiff
VCVS	Vale Centre for Voluntary Services
VGC	Vale of Glamorgan Council
VLN	Vale Learning Network (formerly Vale Consortium for Education and Training)
WAG	Welsh Assembly Government
WDA	Welsh Development Agency
WLGA	Welsh Local Government Association
WTB	Wales Tourist Board
YPP	Young People's Partnership

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THEME: ECONOMIC REGENERATION

Strategic Priority 1: Implementation of urban regeneration schemes and town centre improvements						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER1	Complete Barry Action Regeneration Strategy	VGC, WDA	2004	Funded by VGC and WDA through Barry Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised and updated policy guidance for Barry Action 	
ER2	Refurbish and extend Barry Town Hall	VGC, WDA	Completion 2006	Barry Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of extended and improved central library Enhanced public spaces at Central Park and King Square Improved car parking and additional community facilities Regeneration of Barry town centre 	
ER3	Redevelop 57-71 Holton Road, Barry	VGC, WDA	Completion 2006	Barry Action and private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New investment in Barry town centre Landmark building improving the environment Improved retail offer and job opportunities 	
ER4	Extend redevelopment of The Waterfront Barry to include land south of Number 1 Dock	WDA, ABP, VGC	From 2006	Barry Action and private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of brownfield site New land uses Enhanced value of earlier phases of The Waterfront development 	Planning application to be submitted 2004/5
ER5	Improve car parking provision in Barry and other town centres	WDA, VGC	From 2004	Barry Action, VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car Parking Strategy completed Increased numbers of short term car parking spaces provided Court Road multi-storey car park up-graded Improved road signage provided 	

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Strategic Priority 1: Implementation of urban regeneration schemes and town centre improvements (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER6	Redevelop Penarth Heights	VGC	Select developer and submit planning application 2004/5	VGC, private developers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major regeneration of landmark site overlooking Cardiff Bay Provision of improved housing 	Development programme dependent on vacant possession being achieved

Strategic Priority 2: Encourage inward investment and support local business development						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER7	Raise profile of development opportunities at St Athan airfield through Project Red Dragon	WDA	From 2004	MOD, WDA, private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of existing DARA facilities with a new state of the art integrated aircraft maintenance facility including a new super-hangar Future of workforce secured 	
ER8	Development of Entrepreneurship Centre at The Waterfront Barry	VGC, WDA,	Completion 2005/6	Barry Action, WAG, European Regional Development Fund, Local Regeneration Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved partnership working Increased capacity to respond to enquiries Increased number of new businesses started Increased number of SMEs supported 	
ER9	Increase number of job opportunities in growth sectors	Capital Wales	Ongoing	Barry Action, VGC, WDA, ELWa, private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased inward investment and job creation Simplified and co-ordinated advice provided to prospective businesses Key sectors targeted: biotechnology, engineering, service groups, medical and food 	

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Strategic Priority 2: Encourage inward investment and support local business development (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER10	Develop the Vale's potential as a location for film and media production	Wales Screen Commission (Sgrin)	Ongoing	Barry Action, WDA, VGC, private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased spending by film and media companies in the region • Improved business development and job creation 	
ER11	Upgrade the infrastructure and environment in established and new employment areas	VGC, WDA	Ongoing	Barry Action. VGC, WDA, private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved environment and job opportunities at Cardiff International Airport Business Park, Llandow and Atlantic Trading Estates 	

Strategic Priority 3: Develop and promote the tourism potential of the Vale						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER12	Complete Barry Steam Railway project	WDA, VGC	Ongoing. Phase 3 main contract scheduled for completion 2003/4	Barry Action, private and voluntary sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New landmark destination for visitors to Barry • Historic buildings and features protected • Opportunities created for training and employment • Environmental improvements 	
ER13	Regenerate and refurbish Cold Knap, Barry	VGC, WDA	2004/5	Barry Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of derelict swimming pool • Extension to Knap Gardens public open space 	
ER14	Refurbish Penarth Pier Pavilion	VGC	Invite expressions of interest 2004/5; Planning and listed building applications made 2005/6	VGC, private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbished listed building • New activity on Penarth Esplanade 	

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Strategic Priority 3: Develop and promote the tourism potential of the Vale (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER15	Revise and up-date the tourism and marketing strategy for the Vale	VGC, Regional Tourism Partnership	2004/5	VGC	Increased visitor numbers and visitor spending	

Strategic Priority 4: Develop a learning economy for training and employment						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER16	Establish a university faculty at Barry Island related to tourism and leisure	WDA, VGC, University of Wales Institute Cardiff	Complete feasibility study 2004	WAG, WDA, VGC, WTB, ELWa, UWIC, private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education facility established in Barry • International centre of excellence created • Development of brownfield site • New employment opportunities created 	
ER17	Develop an IT Skills Centre at The Waterfront Barry	WDA, VGC, Barry College	Completion 2004	WAG, WDA, Barry College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of existing Further Education facilities in Barry • Development of brownfield site 	
ER18	Establish a Commercial, Heritage and Education quarter at Barry Waterfront	VGC, WDA, VLN	2004 onwards. Completion of health centre and 26 unit 'Live-Work' development 2004/5	Barry Action, private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved facilities for education and vocational training • Development of brownfield site 	

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Strategic Priority 5: Raise awareness in the local business community of environmental and sustainability issues						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER19	Encourage investment in clean technologies and waste minimisation	VGC, WDA, Arena Network, EAW	2004-6	WDA, VGC, European Regional Development Fund, private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in number of businesses and other organisations accredited to Environmental Management Systems • Reduced proportion of industrial waste disposed of in land fill sites • Environmental improvements at Vale Business Park • More efficient use of water resources 	

Strategic Priority 6: Encourage enterprise and development of business activity in the Rural Vale						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER20	Make the rural economy more sustainable	WDA, VGC, VCVS	2004-2006	WAG, WDA, VGC, voluntary and private sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups assisted • More local employment opportunities created • Four key sectors developed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tourism, arts and crafts ➤ Food ➤ Access to services ➤ Rural enterprise 	
ER21	Support projects that help integrate tourism business more closely with outdoor recreation, outdoor leisure and the natural environment	CCW, Wales Tourist Board	2004	Decision on next round of funding not yet made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aid rural recovery in the aftermath of the Foot and Mouth outbreak • Celebration of cultural history and archaeological heritage • Provision of up to date information on access opportunities and visitor attractions 	

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Strategic Priority 7: Secure sustainable improvements to the transport infrastructure to improve access for all to employment and recreational opportunities and reduce traffic congestion						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
ER22	Reopen for passenger services the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line with new or improved stations	VGC, SEWTA, Rail/Bus Operators, WAG, WDA	May 2005	Subject to Transport Grant funding being made available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New passenger stations at Llantwit Major and Rhoose • Refurbished station at Barry Docks 	
ER23	Strategic highway investment to address traffic problems at Culverhouse Cross and improve links to Cardiff International Airport and Barry Waterfront	VGC, WAG	Short, medium and long term measures have been identified by WAG to improve access to Cardiff International Airport	Subject to Transport Grant funding; the short term measures could commence in 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new improved link provided from Culverhouse Cross to Cardiff International Airport • Reduced congestion at Culverhouse Cross • Improved journey times to airport and Barry Waterfront from M4 motorway 	
ER24	Improve road links between Barry Waterfront and Cardiff Bay	VGC, WDA, WAG	Review of alternative schemes 2004/5	The Council is lobbying WAG to allow the scheme to be considered eligible for Transport Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced road congestion • Shorter journey times • Increased visitor numbers to Barry Waterfront 	

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THEME: LIFELONG LEARNING

Strategic Priority 1: Develop integrated Early Years provision which enhances opportunities for all pre-school children						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL1	Ensure Early Years provision is made available to all pre-school pupils, delivered in co-operation with voluntary and private sectors	VGC, EYDP	Currently provision is made for all 4 year olds; the Assembly target is that from September 2004 there should be 100% provision for all 3 year olds as well	The capital investment required is in excess of £2m. Grant is available from WAG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient early years provision that will cater for the needs of early years children 	
LL2	Provide stimulating and enjoyable play opportunities for young children, improving language, physical, creative and social skills	VGC, EYDP	The Council is currently preparing for the implementation of the Foundation Phase	The Foundation Phase will have significant resource implications. Basic Skills Grant is available to support the Language and Play (LAP) Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools adequately prepared for the implementation of the Foundation Phase Sustain the LAP Programme across all Early Years Providers 	

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Strategic Priority 1: Develop integrated Early Years provision which enhances opportunities for all pre-school children (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL3	Provide for early identification and support for children with learning difficulties	VGC	This will be incorporated in the strategy for Special Educational Needs to be completed by March 2005	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All schools adopt the agreed strategy and mechanisms are in place to support the implementation 	Early identification and referral for assessment of Early Years children is in accordance with the SEN Code of Practice for Wales
LL4	Achieve positive teacher assessments at Key Stage 1	VGC	Ongoing	Schools and VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater consistency achieved in teacher assessment at key stage 1 	Effective support and monitoring of schools by the Advisory Service

Strategic Priority 2 : Provide high quality education provision to support school aged pupils						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL5	Achieve upper quartile performance on Welsh Assembly Government education indicators for all key stages	VGC, Schools	Ongoing	Schools and VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved education indicators for all stages, including percentage of pupils achieving at least Level 4-KS2 or Level 5-KS3 in English or Welsh, Mathematics and Science GCSE 5 A*-C 	Effective support and monitoring of schools by the Advisory Service
LL6	To facilitate improvement in the standards of pupil attainment in primary and secondary schools, particularly among socially excluded groups	VGC	Ongoing	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved standards in identified schools and groups 	Improvement will be sought via the arrangements indicated in the Inclusion Framework and targeting support in inverse proportion to success

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Strategic Priority 2: Provide high quality education provision to support school aged pupils (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL7	Increase attendance at schools and reduce exclusions	VGC and schools	Ongoing	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved attendance and reduced exclusions 	Attendance and exclusion are incorporated as part of the Inclusion Framework and Behaviour Support Plan
LL8	Ensure Looked After Children continue their education or training to achieve qualifications in line with the general school population	VGC	Ongoing	VGC, grant support also available from GEST and Children First.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looked After Children are properly supported 	The Vale's corporate parents role is supported by the Inclusion Framework and the Children First Plan in meeting the needs of Looked After Children
LL9	Ensure an inclusive approach provides opportunities for those with special educational needs	VGC	Ongoing	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity provided to ensure that pupils reach their full potential 	The SEN Strategy will be incorporated within the Inclusion Framework
LL10	Develop entrepreneurship and business management skills in schools	VGC, schools, 14-19 Learning Network	From 2004	Various agencies, including WAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More business literate population Enhanced links between schools and the business sector, particularly in relation to aerospace industries, catering/hospitality and building/construction 	Linked to Education Strategic Plan, Lifelong Learning Operational Plan and VLN Annual Recommendations to ELWa

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Strategic Priority 2: Provide high quality education provision to support school aged pupils (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL11	Develop effective training programmes to support the learning of Welsh and the development of Curriculum Cymraeg in schools	VGC, schools	From 2004	VGC, WAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness of the Welsh Language and culture Increased proportion of population competent in Welsh 	

Strategic Priority 3: Improve school accommodation to ensure all schools are fit for purpose by 2010						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL12	Agree and implement a School Asset Management Plan	VGC	A draft School Asset Management Plan will be prepared by 2004 and will inform the Schools Capital Investment Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least £85m is required to ensure schools in the Vale of Glamorgan are 'fit for purpose' The investment strategy will identify available funding streams, explore innovative sources of funding and also identify gaps in the required funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A coherent Schools Capital Investment Strategy will be developed in response to the Welsh Assembly's target that all school buildings be fit for purpose by 2010 	Dependent on WAG funding
LL13	Redevelop three secondary schools	VGC	By 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The re-development of the secondary schools is included in the Capital Investment Strategy. The three secondary schools will require a significant part of the total £85m 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three secondary schools in the Vale will be developed. Two will be transferred from split-site arrangements to operate on a single site 	Incorporated as part of the Capital Investment Strategy to ensure Welsh Assembly target is actioned by 2010.

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Strategic Priority 3: Improve school accommodation to ensure all schools are fit for purpose by 2010 (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL14	Reduce the maintenance backlog for schools by £10m	VGC	Ongoing	The maintenance backlog forms part of the total £85m required investment within the Schools Capital Investment Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All schools in the Vale of Glamorgan will be fit for purpose 	
LL15	Undertake discussions with all stakeholders to develop the concept of community focused schools	VGC schools, VCVS	From 2004	Will be considered as part of the Schools Capital Investment Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools in the Vale will be part of a shared vision to ensure maximum community participation Greater use made of schools for community activities 	In line with the Education Strategic Plan

Strategic Priority 4: Provide seamless progression for all young people through and beyond compulsory schooling						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL16	Facilitate curriculum collaboration between providers for 14-19 year olds	VGC, schools, VLN	From 2004	Limited resources supplied by Learning Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved collaboration Curriculum developed appropriate to the needs of all young people 	
LL17	Provide continuity in Welsh Medium Education and the transition to further education	VGC, VLN	From 2004	VGC and Further Education sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved continuity in Welsh Medium education Successful transfer arrangements to further and higher education 	

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Strategic Priority 4: Provide seamless progression for all young people through and beyond compulsory schooling (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL18	Prepare and implement Vale 14-19 Network Action Plans	VGC/VLN/ Vale 14-19 Network	First Network Action Plan by September 2004. Implementation 2005-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under review by WAG 14-19 team • Partly funded from existing VGC, schools and ELWa budgets for curriculum and collaborative developments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vale 14-19 Network established • Vale-wide collaborative curriculum development • Pilots and some new permanent arrangements in place • Funding bids submitted and approved • More curriculum choice from 13+ for all pupils/students • Reduction in number of school leavers without qualifications • Development of existing alternative curriculum arrangements and their inclusion within a wider provision for all • Reduction in exclusions • More disadvantaged pupils in mainstream education 	Included within the Education Strategic Plan

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Strategic Priority 5: Create high level of essential skills among adult learners						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL19	Raise levels of literacy and numeracy well above Welsh national averages	VLN	January 2004 - December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing provider budgets from ELWa • Approved funding applications to ELWa and European Social Fund Objective 3, amounting to £416,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved adult literacy rate • Improved adult numeracy rate • Increased learning provision, assessment and intervention rates • Increased levels of workbased training • Improved skills for employment 	Linked to Education Strategic Plan, Lifelong Learning Operational Plan and VLN Annual Recommendations to ELWa. Basic and essential skills improvements are one aspect of the integrated development of the Vale Learning Network over the next few years.

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Strategic Priority 6: Achieve high levels of participation in lifelong learning by removing barriers to learning						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL20	Raise participation in lifelong learning well above the Welsh average	VLN	January 2004-December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing provider budgets • Approved funding applications to ELWa, European Social Fund, Objective 3 and New Opportunities Fund • Additional core/mainstream funding in line with VLN Annual Recommendations to ELWa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased lifelong learning participation rates • Learner progression and tracking system • Quality of provision standards agreed • Training Consortium • Marketing and Publicity Strategy • All other Vale Learning Network targets met 	Linked to Education Strategic Plan, Lifelong Learning Operational Plan and VLN Annual Recommendations to ELWa

Strategic Priority 7: Develop a highly skilled local workforce						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
LL21	Provide targeted training to improve workforce skill levels and increase the number of employers offering work-based training	VLN, Cardiff Chamber	July 2003 - July 2005 (Phases 1 and 2 of the Learning Skills Network)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing SME training budgets • Approved WAG and ESF funding secured by Cardiff Chamber for the development of the Learning Skills Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations of training and skills needs of local SMEs • Development of sector-based training programmes • Training Hub developed • New learning programmes with local providers, as required 	Related to Cardiff Chamber's "Learning Chamber" Strategy and VLN Annual Recommendations to ELWa

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THEME: COMMUNITY SAFETY

Strategic Priority 1: Reduce the level of crime						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
CS1	Target and reduce autocrime	Community Safety Partnership (Autocrime Task Group)	2004/5	Community Safety Partnership, WAG, Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced level of crime to that of the top 25% of Police Divisions in Wales Number of autocrime incidents limited to 1,862 in 2004-5 	Detailed actions set out in the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002-2005. In formulating the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy Action Plans consideration was given to the objectives and policies of other strategic partnerships in so far as they related to community safety issues. These strategies include the Children and Young People's Framework Plan, the Youth justice Plan, Policing Plan, Probation Service Business Plan and the Social Care Plan.
CS2	Further reduce the level of house burglary	Community Safety Partnership (House Burglary Task Group)	2004/5	Community Safety Partnership, WAG, Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced level of crime to that of the top 25% of Police Divisions in Wales Number of house burglaries limited to 546 in 2004-5 	
CS3	Reduce levels of drug and alcohol related crime	Community Safety Partnership (Substance Misuse Action Team)	2004/5	Community Safety Partnership, WAG, Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced level of crime to that of the top 25% of Police Divisions in Wales Number of detections of Class A drugs 26, including 3 for cocaine and 14 for heroin 	

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Strategic Priority 1: Reduce the level of crime (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDNG	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
CS4	Reduce youth offending and youth annoyance	Community Safety Partnership (Youth Offending/Youth Annoyance Task Group)	2004/5	Community Safety Partnership, WAG, Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced level of crime to that of the top 25% of Police Divisions in Wales • Youth re-offending rates reduced by 5% by December 2005 	Detailed actions are set out in the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002-2005. In formulating the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy Action Plans consideration was given to the objectives of other strategic partnerships and their existing policies in so far as they related to community safety issues. These strategies include the Children and Young People's Framework Plan, the Youth Justice Plan, Policing Plan, Probation Service Business Plan, Social Care Plan and the EAW South East Area Annual Business Plan
CS5	Target violent crime	Community Safety Partnership (Violent Crime Task Group)	2004/5	Community Safety Partnership, WAG, Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced level of crime to that of the top 25% of Police Divisions in Wales • Number of violent crime incidents limited to 1,740 in 2004-5 	
CS6	Reduce incidents of crime against vulnerable individuals and groups	Community Safety Partnership (Vulnerable Individuals and Groups Task Group)	2004/5	Community Safety Partnership, WAG, Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced level of crime to that of the top 25% of Police Divisions in Wales • Baselines determined 	

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Strategic Priority 1: Reduce the level of crime (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDNG	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
CS7	Help create a safer environment for communities	Community Safety Partnership (Create a Safer Environment Task Group), EAW, CCW	2004/5	Community Safety Partnership, WAG, Home Office, EAW, CCW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced level of crime to that of the top 25% of Police Divisions in Wales • Reduction in number of fly tipping incidents • Reduction in graffiti • Increased percentage of residents in flood risk areas having the means to taking effective action when flooding is forecast • Reduced proportion of 'at risk' properties exposed to a 'high risk' of flooding • Better forecasting methods developed for flood risk 	Detailed actions are set out in the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002-2005. In formulating the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy Action Plans consideration was given to the objectives of other strategic partnerships and their existing policies in so far as they related to community safety issues. These strategies include the Children and Young People's Framework Plan, the Youth Justice Plan, Policing Plan, Probation Service Business Plan, Social Care Plan and the EAW South East Area Annual Business Plan

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Strategic Priority 2: Change public perception about levels of crime in the Vale						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
CS8	Improve public perception about actual levels of crime in the Vale through media campaigns, education initiatives and proactive crime prevention	Community Safety Partnership	Ongoing	Community Safety Partnership, WAG, Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced fear of crime • Reduced social exclusion • Improved quality of life for vulnerable groups 	

Strategic Priority 3: Target misuse of controlled drugs						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
CS9	Develop and implement a Substance Misuse Action Plan to deliver the 8 year strategy 'Tackling Substance Misuse in Wales – A Partnership Approach'	Community Safety Partnership	By 2005	Community Safety Partnership, WAG, Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced misuse of controlled drugs, particularly heroin and other Class A drugs • Increased number of substance misuse support services • Improved well-being of those at risk 	

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Strategic Priority 4: Reduce the incidence of accidental and deliberate fires						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
CS10	Increase education, partnership initiatives and campaigns to combat arson	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Fire & Rescue Service Personnel and Resources with other Partner Agencies • Ad hoc funding applications for various initiatives • Training and Educational interventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction by 10% in number of deliberate fires by 31st March 2110 from the 2001/02 baseline 	National Target set by Government White Paper
CS11	Increase the provision of Smoke detection apparatus and Home Fire Safety Risk Assessments for those at risk	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Fire and Rescue Personnel and Resources • Media Interventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in number of accidental fire related deaths in the home by 20% averaged over the 11yr period to 2010 compared with the average recorded in the five year period to 1999 - with no Local Authority Fire Brigade having a fatality rate more than 1.25 times higher than the National average 	National Target set by Government White Paper
CS12	Reduce the number of dwelling house fires and associated casualties	South Wales Fire and Rescue	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Fire & Rescue Service Personnel and Resources • Educational Interventions • Media Interventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in number of accidental fire related deaths in the home by 20% averaged over the 11 year period to 2010 compared with the average recorded in the five year period to 1999 - with no Local Authority Fire Brigade having a fatality rate of more than 1.25 times higher than the National average 	National Target set by Government White Paper

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Strategic Priority 4: Reduce the incidence of accidental and deliberate fires (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
CS13	Improve standards of houses in multiple occupation, including means of escape from fire	VGC	Ongoing	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of pro-active inspections implemented • Increased number of dwelling units made fit 	

Strategic Priority 5: Reduce the number of accidents, with particular emphasis on older people, children and other vulnerable groups						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
CS14	Develop and implement a 'Valesafe Injury Prevention Strategy	Vale of Glamorgan Health Alliance	Completion of Strategy 2004; implementation 2004-2006	Health Alliance partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced number of accidents, particularly affecting older people and children • Action plans prepared for improving road safety and reducing injuries resulting from falls, burns and scalds, accidental poisonings, drownings and other water related accidents and sport and recreational injuries 	
CS15	Prepare and implement a road safety strategy	VGC, Police	2004-5	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in number of road traffic accidents • Reduction in RTA related casualties 	National targets set by WAG in Road Safety Strategy for Wales, January 2003

COMMUNITY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2004-2008

THEME: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Strategic Priority 1: Develop a Health, Social Care and Well-Being Strategy						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB1	Provide a common needs assessment and improved service planning	NPHS, LHB, VGC, Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust, Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust, VCVS, CHC, Health Commission Wales, HSCWBP	Consultation on Draft Strategy May-September 2004 Strategy adopted December 2004	Flexibilities grant 2003/04; future funding to be confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed joint needs assessment for Vale of Glamorgan • Consultation document completed for public, all stakeholders and service providers • Draft Health Social Care and Well-being strategy completed, integrating Social Care Plan, Children's Services plan & Health Improvement Plan • Consultation carried out on draft strategy • Health Social Care and Well-Being Strategy (2005-08) adopted by VGC and LHB 	Strategy to be published in English & Welsh and on internet sites. Distributed to all partners, stakeholders and local libraries

THEME: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Strategic Priority 1: Develop a Health, Social Care and Well-Being Strategy (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB2	Improve the co-ordination and delivery of health and social care services to vulnerable residents	VGC,LHB, NHS Trusts CHC, VCVS, Health Commission Wales	From April 2005	Resources to commission services prioritised through Health Service and Financial Framework (SaFF) and local authority allocation of funds. Any additional funds through specific grants etc will be identified and utilised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy jointly implemented and reviewed to improve service planning and commissioning relating to jointly agreed needs and priorities • Future services planned and developed through agreed planning process • Current services reviewed to ensure co-ordination and delivery of health and social care services 	
HWB3	Improve the health and well-being of the local workforce through joint action plans on workplace health	VGC, Health Alliance	March 2005	VGC, local employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved the silver Corporate Workplace Health within the Council • Improved health amongst employees • Working with agencies to develop principles in relation to work /life balance for employees 	
HWB4	Improve health and well-being of vulnerable groups enabling them to live as independently as possible within the community	VGC, LHB, VCVS	Ongoing	VGC, LHB, VCVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved working across sectors to address determinants of health • Raised profile of the links between health determinants and health and wellbeing in all sectors and in the community 	

THEME: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Strategic Priority 2: Develop a Children & Young People's Framework Plan						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB5	Prepare a common framework of values, objectives and priorities to tackle uneven provision, raise standards and improve quality outcomes for all young people aged 0-25 years in the Vale of Glamorgan	CYPFP, CP, YPP	From 2004	Funding from number of sources including Cymorth, VGC, LHB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services and funding are targeted to address priorities • Agreed priorities for improving the life chances of children and young people across the Vale of Glamorgan • Services and funding are targeted to address priorities 	Regular review and monitoring of services against agreed priorities
HWB6	Improve the co-ordination and delivery of services to vulnerable children and their families	CYPFP, CP, YPP	From 2004	Funding from number of sources including Cymorth, VGC, LHB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services and funding are targeted to address priorities • Children's Partnership, Young People's Partnership and Children and Young People's Framework Partnership are well established to plan and co-ordinate services 	

THEME: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Strategic Priority 3: Promotion of healthy lifestyles						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB7	Improve health generally and reduce health inequalities	VGC, LHB Health Alliance NHS Trusts CHC VCVS	Ongoing	VGC, LHB, NHS Trusts, VCVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and improve access to facilities in Communities First areas • Develop new initiatives in housing and health • Develop and support multi agency working on healthy communities • Develop and support multi agency working on injury prevention and operational initiative development 	
HWB8	Provide greater opportunities to participate in sport and other physical activity, including walking and outdoor recreation	Health Alliance, VGC, Sports Council for Wales	Ongoing	VGC, SCW, CCW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Active for Life’ Project developed and launched • Co-ordinated multi agency work developed on promoting and enabling increased physical activity • Preparation and implementation of a ‘culture strategy’ to promote active and healthy lifestyles • Passport to Leisure scheme implemented providing affordable access to leisure facilities • Participation rates in sports raised for adults, young people and children 	
HWB9	Prepare Rights of Way Improvement Plan to assess the extent to which local rights of way meet present and likely future needs of the public	CCW, VGC in consultation with Local Access Forum	By 2007	VGC with support for related activities through CCW partnership programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved and modernised footpath network • Improved accessibility, including for the blind or partially sighted and those with mobility problems 	

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Strategic Priority 3: Promotion of healthy lifestyles (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB10	Implement 'Walking: the Way to Health' Project to encourage people leading sedentary lifestyles to take up regular walking	Valeways, CCW, LHB	2004-6	Grant assistance from CCW, NOF, BHF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in number of people walking as a regular exercise • Reduction in number of deaths from coronary heart disease, stroke and respiratory illnesses 	

Strategic Priority 4: Explicit assessment of the impact on well-being of policies and proposals outside the generally accepted fields of health and social care						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB11	Develop the use of the Health Impact Assessment within the local authority and other sectors	VGC, LHB, Health Alliance	Ongoing	VGC, LHB, WAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot of health impact assessment undertaken within 2003/4 • Greater use made of Health Impact Assessment procedures, for example within Communities First areas 	

Strategic Priority 5: Greater protection against environmental hazards and communicable diseases						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB12	Improve environmental health indicators	VGC, LHB	Ongoing	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform of licensing controls implemented in accordance with Licensing Act 2003 • Food Law Enforcement Plan prepared and implemented to ensure high standards of food safety 	

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Strategic Priority 5: Greater protection against environmental hazards and communicable diseases (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB13	Improve health indicators pertaining to communicable diseases	LHB, NHS Trusts, NPHS, VGC	Ongoing	LHB, WAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased uptake of childhood vaccination, especially Mumps Measles and Rubella • Increased uptake of influenza vaccination for the elderly and other high risk groups • Reduced incidence of sexually transmitted diseases 	

Strategic Priority 6: Improvement in the standards of housing provision						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB14	Improve health and well-being through good quality and affordable housing provision	VGC	Ongoing	VGC, WAG, Housing Associations, private landlords	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing improved in Cadoxton and Penarth Renewal Areas • Residents supported in finding suitable accommodation and accessing appropriate benefits • Housing Revenue Account Business Plan developed to ensure a sustainable long term landlord service • Strategy developed to deliver the Welsh Housing Quality Standard • Local Housing Strategy developed • Homelessness Strategy adopted 	

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Strategic Priority 7: Improve the health and well-being of vulnerable children and their families						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB15	Implement the National Assessment Framework for Children	VGC	From 2004	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved and more timely assessment of the needs of children and young people Increased proportion of vulnerable children enabled to live with their families or in the local community by early social care intervention Respite and support services developed including a new respite care centre to meet the needs of disabled children and their families 	Initial implementation in 2002, now subject to multi-disciplinary review. Revised inter-agency protocol to be launched Autumn 2004
HWB16	Reduce number of Looked After Children in the Vale of Glamorgan year on year	VGC, LHB, NCH, Voluntary Sector	From 2004	VGC, Children First, LHB, NHS Trusts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people are able to stay within the family setting Develop a range of preventative services with partner agencies which respond early to problems before crisis intervention is required 	Family Support Strategy being developed with partners, to be finalised 2004
HWB17	Reduce the number of Looked After Children requiring specialist therapeutic services	VGC, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service	From April 2004	VGC, Children First, LHB, NHS Trusts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people are able to stay within the family setting Develop a range of preventative services with partner agencies which respond early to problems before crisis intervention is required 	Family Support Strategy in preparation

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Strategic Priority 8: Implement a unified health and social care assessment process for adults						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB18	Improve the co-ordination of individual needs assessments for vulnerable adults	VGC, LHB NHS Trusts	During 2004	VGC, LHB, NHS Trusts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of any issues to be considered before introducing the full programme of unified assessments • Introduction of unified assessments throughout adult services • Completed training for all staff groups involved in unified assessment process 	Completed pilot study of contact assessments
HWB19	Increase the number of completed carers' assessments	VGC	March 2005	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved acknowledgement of carers' needs • Increased number of carers' assessments • Innovative services in place as a result of responding to needs and aspirations • Benchmark the number of completed assessments in 2003/4 and establish a target for improvement for 2004/5. • Monitor and review progress against targets • Identify and resolve problems in meeting targets through a working group 	

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Strategic Priority 8: Implement a unified health and social care assessment process for adults (CONT.,)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
HWB20	Increase the options and opportunities for older people to live independently in the community	VGC, LHB	Ongoing from 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocated funding available from WAG • Joint management of risk may identify opportunities to manage resources differently eg pooled budgets • Resource implications of alternative models and joint policies depends on service plans developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced engagement of users and improvement of services • Older People's Strategy for the Vale developed and implemented • Joint approaches to commissioning and provision of services developed • Duplication of effort minimised and new initiatives supported 	<p>Completed an audit of user / carer participation in the joint development of services for older people.</p> <p>Introduced joint commissioning group (VGC/LHB) to manage the financial and operational risks associated with residential and nursing home provision and consider opportunities for alternative models for long-term care and support of independence.</p>

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THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Strategic Priority 1: Improvement of local environmental quality						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 1	Increase number of public open spaces and coastal assets with green or blue flag status	VGC	2005	VOGC, Heritage Lottery Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue flag status achieved for two rural beaches • Green flag status achieved for three parks • Restoration of Victoria Park, Barry 	
EI 2	Increase air pollution controls at Aberthaw Power Station	RWE Innogy, EAW	2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £100m – RWE Innogy • EAW South East Area Business Plan (annual) 	Reduction in SO2 to meet new EU standards	EAW South East Wales Corporate Strategy (Local Contribution)
EI 3	Carry out pollution prevention campaigns including visits to industrial and commercial businesses	EAW	2007	EAW South East Area Business Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better water quality which enhances environment and protects human health • Increased percentage of main rivers and bathing waters rated as good or fair quality • Reduced number of pollution incidents to air, land and water 	EAW South East Area Corporate Strategy (Local Contribution)

THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Strategic Priority 1: Improvement of local environmental quality (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 4	Develop and implement a Noise Reduction Strategy and Action Plan	VGC	Draft for consultation (March 2004) Consultation (May-August 2004) Adoption of Strategy (October 2004)	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced percentage of residents concerned with different types of noise in their area • Reduced impact of licensed premises on quality of life of residents • Reduced noise impact of new development • Reduction in anti-social behaviour • Increased awareness of noise and its effects on health 	
EI 5	Develop the 'Streetcare Initiative' and implement action plans	VGC	Ongoing	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reductions in litter, fly tipping, graffiti and dog fouling • Increased percentage of highways that are of a high or a acceptable standard of cleanliness 	Crime and Disorder Strategy Streetcare Working Group
EI 6	Balance appropriate leisure opportunities with continuing conservation of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast	VGC, CCW	Annual Partnership Programme	Grant aid from CCW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of footpaths, re-building of stone walls, tree planting scheme and other environmental improvements • Enhanced visitor experience 	

Strategic Priority 2: Increase use of sustainable drainage systems						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 7	Develop a strategy and action plan to tackle land and highway drainage issues	VGC, EAW	2004	VGC, EAW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced risks of flooding and pollution • Inappropriate development inside floodplains prevented 	EWA South East Area Corporate Strategy (Local Contribution)

THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Strategic Priority 3: Promotion of recycling of domestic, agricultural, industrial and aggregate waste						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 8	Publish and implement a Waste Management Strategy to promote provision of extended kerbside-recycling collections and waste minimisation	VGC, EAW	2004-8	VGC, WAG, EAW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased percentage of waste recycled, composted or used to recover heat, power or other energy • By 2006/7 achieved at least 25% recycling or composting with a minimum of 10% composting and 10% recycling • By 2006/7 a maximum of 84% of municipal waste sent to landfill • Waste Resource park (or similar) built to facilitate greater recycling • Waste minimisation education in schools and businesses extended 	Welsh Assembly Targets EAW South East Area Corporate Strategy (Local Contribution)

Strategic Priority 4: Promotion of energy conservation measures						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 9	Reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions per household through energy efficiency measures and sustainable energy planning	VGC, SE Wales Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, WLGA	Ongoing	VGC, Energy Saving Trust Wales, WLGA, Energy in Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in energy use per household, and in subsequent CO2 production • Greater use of renewable energy sources 	

THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Strategic Priority 5: Protection and enhancement of the biodiversity of The Vale						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 10	Prepare and implement a Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)	VGC, Local Biodiversity Action Plan Partnership	Ongoing; 2007: Review of LBAP (published 2002)	A CCW grant (£9,000 in 2002/3) is available for biodiversity projects in the Vale, subject to equal match funding from other sources. It is administered by the Council under the guidance of the Vale LBAP Steering Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No net loss of biodiversity • Increased awareness of biodiversity • The LBAP is incorporate into Supplementary Planning Guidance forming part of the VGC Unitary Development Plan 	
EI 11	Protect and enhance sites of special importance for biodiversity, ie National Nature Reserves, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) and Local Nature Reserves	Local Biodiversity Action Plan Partnership	Ongoing	Some funding through CCW, Woodland Grant Scheme, Tir Gofal, Heritage Lottery Fund and landowners. Funding for survey of SINCs needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reduction in the total area of such sites • Maintain or enhance the biodiversity interest in them • Maintain or increase the area of Local Nature Reserves • Evaluation and designation of SINCs 	These sites are protected by policies in the VGC Unitary Development Plan
EI 12	Establish South East Wales Biological Records Centre for South East Wales containing comprehensive data on habitats and species	CCW, WDA, FC, Wildlife Trusts, VGC, EAW	2004-2005	Contribution required from VGC (and other local authorities) for establishment phase and a service level agreement thereafter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More informed decisions about developments where biodiversity is involved • Standardisation and gathering together of information which is currently inconsistent and inaccessible 	

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Strategic Priority 6: Encouragement of sustainable agricultural practices						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 13	Encourage farmers and rural landowners to enter into Tir Gofal Agri-Environmental Scheme	CCW	Ongoing	Funded by WAG and administered by CCW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More sustainable agricultural practices • Promotion of bio-diversity on farmland • Increased access to the countryside • Historical integrity of agricultural infrastructure through renovation of farm buildings, walls etc. 	Tir Gofal will assist in achieving LBAP targets through sustainable management of priority habitats. Specific options are also available for certain species listed in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan

Strategic Priority 7: Protection of the natural and built environment from development pressures through the Unitary Development Plan						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 14	Increase proportion of new development on brownfield sites	VGC, CADW, EAW, WAG	UDP to be adopted 2005/6	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased re-use of brownfield sites • Better use of existing buildings • Reduced development of greenfield sites 	Detailed policies contained in Unitary Development Plan

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Strategic Priority 7: Protection of the natural and built environment from development pressures through the Unitary Development Plan (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 15	Protect historic buildings and conservation areas and increase numbers of older buildings recycled	VGC, CADW	Ongoing	VGC, CADW, private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important historic buildings and conservation areas protected 	Detailed policies contained in Unitary Development Plan
EI 16	Significantly reduce new development on coastal areas and flood plains	EAW, VGC, EAW	Ongoing	VGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New development restricted in the undeveloped coastal zone Development restricted in areas liable to flooding 	Detailed policies contained in Unitary Development Plan. EAW maintain Flood Risk Maps

Strategic Priority 8: Promotion of the use and development of sustainable transport						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 17	Reduce dependence on the private car in favour of increased use of public transport and cycling	VGC, SEWTA, WAG	<p>LTP Adopted 2000, Annual Reviews 2002 and 2003</p> <p>SEWTA established 2002.</p> <p>Travel Plan for VOG 2005.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources are available in the existing budget to monitor and review the LTP Transport Grant and Road Safety Grant are available from WAG to assist in influencing modal shift 	Increased use of public transport, cycling and walking	Detailed proposals in Local Transport Plan
EI 18	Improve the Rights of Way network and produce promotional literature	CCW, VGC and Valeways	Annual partnership programme	Annual grant from CCW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved network of Public Rights of Way focussing on popular, useful and scenically attractive routes 	

THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Strategic Priority 8: Promotion of the use and development of sustainable transport (CONT.)						
	ACTION	LEAD AGENCIES	TIMETABLE	FUNDING	OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS	NOTES
EI 19	Launch and promote the new Countryside Code for land-users and land-owners	CCW	2004 onwards	CCW Corporate Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to leisure facilities, local green areas and the countryside • More responsible use of the countryside • New and existing partnership opportunities developed 	Coincides with the new right of access to open country and common land coming into force 2005