

Our County Plan - Reporting against our Well-Being Objectives 2024-25

Our County Plan 2022/27 commits the Council to nine high-level ambitions we want to deliver on or achieve, during the lifespan of the County Plan. These ambitions are reviewed on a regular basis and as schemes and projects are developed, form part of an annual delivery plan each year - moving our ambition into action. This approach is particularly important so that the plan can be iterative and agile and so that new initiatives, challenges, and opportunities can be responded to, throughout the lifespan of the plan (such as the emerging PSB regional Marmot work). A copy of the [County Plan Delivery Plan for 2024/25](#) is available to read or download.

The “basket” of activities and performance measures, set out within each year’s delivery plan will begin the Council’s journey towards each of our ambitions up to 2027 – linked to our well-being objectives and have formed the basis of our quarterly monitoring and reporting during 2024/25 and beyond.

Our third Delivery Plan highlights the key activities we planned for 2024-25 financial year, in meeting our ambitions, as set out within our County Plan. Our delivery plan focuses on commitments beyond the day-to-day services, to show how we will progress our priorities in meeting our vision. “Respecting our past, shaping our future, we will improve the sustainability, connectivity and wellbeing of our county, by strengthening our communities, by creating a thriving local economy and by protecting and enhancing our environment.”

An overview of progress against each objective is set out below:

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	BLUE (action completed)	GREEN (action on target)	AMBER (action off target but with a clear route back to 'Green')	RED (action off target - significant concerns)	GREY (action not yet due to start)	BLACK (action aborted)
1. We will raise educational attainment, helping young people and adults to gain the qualifications and skills needed to lead positive lives	8	9	3	-	-	-
2. We will encourage and champion children, young people and families so they can thrive	-	8	2	2	-	-
3. We will tackle inequality by focusing on early identification and prevention activities that support people to live independent and fulfilling lives	10	18	4	1	-	1
4. We will make Torfaen more sustainable by connecting people and communities, socially, digitally and physically	5	1	-	1	-	1
5. We will respond to the climate and nature emergencies, recycle more and make improvements to the local environment	11	6	4	-	-	-
6. We will make Torfaen a great place to do business by working with local employers, encouraging new business start-ups and entrepreneurial activities	5	3	6	-	-	-
7. We will promote healthier lifestyles in Torfaen to improve mental and physical wellbeing	7	2	1	-	-	-
8. We will support our local culture and heritage and make Torfaen a thriving, safe and attractive place to live and visit	-	6	6	-	-	-
9. We will provide efficient customer focused services that reflect the way people live their lives and wish to access services	2	5	9	1	-	-
OVERALL PROGRESS UPDATE	48	58	35	5	-	2

32.43%	39.20%	23.64%	3.38%	-	1.35%
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Overall, we have made good progress against each of our Well-Being Objectives, with the vast majority being reported as either on target or completed (72%). However, 27% of actions experienced some difficulties, though we are confident that there is a clear plan to get them back on track, and 1% are deemed as having more significant concerns.

The above analysis demonstrates that nearly three quarters of all projects were delivered, with a quarter delayed, but with an absolute commitment to deliver. Therefore, given there were 148 projects, having only 2 aborted and 5 causing concern, shows the scale and pace of delivery. Our progress, can to a large degree, be attributed to the hard work of our officers and the impact of the new performance and project management processes, which we have embedded across the Council. Many of the challenges associated with these projects are due to their complexity, with further difficulties associated with demand, funding, and lack of affordable housing.

A full report setting out in more detail the progress made against each of our Well-Being Objectives was received by Council in July 2025 and is available to [view here](#).

The following section of this report highlights our progress over the last year, against a selection of key activities, under each of our 9 County Plan Well-being Objectives: