



Play Sufficiency Action Plan 15/16

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Actions to be taken to address the issues/shortcomings recorded in the Play Sufficiency Assessment

Proposed Actions for the period of 2015/16

(Funding source: funding from Local Authority own budgets and to be included in the Single Integrated Plan)

Matter	Priorities	Targets	Milestones	Resources including costs	Funding Source (new or existing funding streams)
Statutory Guidance – policy framework	To achieve a child friendly approach to play provision and, where there is an evidenced need for improvements, to ensure that there is equality of access and opportunity.	Work in collaboration with partners and the voluntary sector to secure improvements to play provision in Monmouthshire.	Continue to support the Monmouthshire Play Strategy Group. Complete the three yearly review of the Play Sufficiency Assessment	Management resources	Existing staffing budget

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			<p>(PSA) utilising the revised tool kit by 31 March 2016 leading to an Action Plan for 16/17 to be reviewed on an annual basis.</p> <p>The Tourism, Leisure & Culture service will take a lead and a lead officer has been identified.</p>		
<p>Matter A: Population</p>	<p>The Council has an up to date set of data relating to play planning and provision, held at ward level but with the ability to interrogate data down to smaller area populations.</p> <p>Monmouthshire has robust population data for forward planning.</p>	<p>Develop better integrated set of data relating to play and agree a mechanism for producing forward population projections.</p>	<p>Audit current data sources and identify future data / forecast requirements as part of the review of the PSA.</p>	<p>Management resources</p>	<p>Existing staffing budget</p>
<p>Matter B: Providing for Diverse Needs</p>	<p>The Council takes into account requirements of children and/or families with diverse needs when considering decisions relating to play provision.</p>	<p>Identify play requirements of disabled children, Welsh speaking children and those from different cultural backgrounds.</p>	<p>Continue the development of the Play Strategy Group and its links with the LSB.</p> <p>Carry out further consultations as part of the PSA review.</p>	<p>Management resources</p>	<p>Existing staffing budget, working with partners</p>
	<p>To ensure that we have an up to date list of carers in the county and that we fully understand their needs and requirements.</p>	<p>Work with Crossroads Care South East Wales and other agencies to try and identify those carers with whom we do not currently engage.</p>	<p>Review action as part of PSA review</p>		

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Matter C: Space available for children to play	Ensure up to date records are held by the Council regarding access to open spaces and play areas in the county.	Carry out access audits for all open spaces and play areas and identify priority sites for improvement.	Ongoing	Management and staffing resources	Existing staffing budget
	To develop one good quality "destination" play area with a range of accessible play equipment in each of the five towns plus one in the Magor/Undy area.	One new destination play area to be open and available to the public.	Review action as part of PSA review, including application of play space standards required to reflect budget pressures / S106 & CIL; of existing and new opportunities; incorporating in the "Green Infrastructure" approach, multi-use spaces / natural play etc.	To be determined following review	Possible source of funding through Section 106 off site play and recreation developer contributions / CIL or other grant sources
Matter D: Supervised Provision	There is a range of supervised play provisions available to the local community during the school summer holidays and at other times of the year.	Examine with other partners the possibility of extending the playscheme and other play provision to holiday periods other than summer holidays.	Review options for future summer play schemes, including the impact of regulatory changes. Work with town and community councils and other partners and neighbouring authorities to develop a community play framework for open access provision.	To be determined following review	Existing staffing budget, contributions from town and community councils or other grant sources
	To ensure that staffed play provisions provided by the Council's partners meet the regulatory requirements and the National Minimum Standards.	Work with Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Clubs to help the non-registered play provisions operating on school sites to move towards becoming	Review current provision to understand issues in relation to cost, transport and availability of places.	To be determined following review	Funding source(s) to be identified

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Matter E: Charges for play provision	The Council has in place sufficient funding to provide access to play provisions for children with disabilities.	Seek continued funding to employ support workers to provide access for disabled children to play provisions (currently funded by Families First grant). Identify possible funding sources or any potential for budget adjustments.	Review Family First funding along with other sources of funding that are currently contributing to Play in Monmouthshire to gain a whole overview of how funding is being utilised in comparison to need.	Management resources	Existing staffing budget
	To ensure that there is no cost/low cost play provision in areas of disadvantage or areas with low income families.	Review existing provision and work with local families & relevant Town Councils to agree possible solutions.	Forms part of review of options for play schemes	Management resources	Existing staffing budget
Matter F: Access to space/provision	The Council has a comprehensive range of information in place, in an accessible format, about children's play facilities and activities.	Set up a designated section on the Family Information Service (FIS) website, setting out the full range of play opportunities for children and families.	Continue to develop information for families about play opportunities in Monmouthshire.	Management resources	Existing staffing budget
	To ensure that any new or improved play provision provided through Section 106 funding are easily and safely accessible.	Ensure that Section 106 contributions for access to play areas are mindful of any public transport or transport requirements.	Review action as part of PSA review, accessibility of existing and new opportunities; incorporating in the "Green Infrastructure" approach, multi-use spaces / natural play etc.	Management resources	Existing staffing budget
	To ensure that the Council has	To coordinate current and	Incorporate training	Management	Existing staffing

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Matter G: Securing and developing the play workforce	in place the resources necessary to co-ordinate play provisions and activities in Monmouthshire in an effective manner.	future play provisions & activities.	awareness sessions about play for professionals and key decision makers as part of PSA review.	resources	budget
	To ensure that all people working in play in Monmouthshire are identified and are given access to suitable training opportunities.	Work with partners from other agencies and the voluntary sector to undertake a training needs analysis for the county's play workforce.	Forms part of PSA review to continue to audit and develop play skills and training across Monmouthshire.	Management resources Cost of providing suitable training courses for play workforce in the county	Existing staffing budget
Matter H: Community engagement and participation	The Council engages with other statutory & non statutory organisations when considering decisions in relation to play provision.	Investigate the possibility of collaborative approaches to community led play in the county.	Partners work together to contribute to the PSA review and deliver activities.	Management resources	Existing staffing budget
Matter I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas	To ensure that the Play Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan makes a significant contribution to the Council's Single Integrated Plan and that the Local Service Board (LSB) takes into account the legal framework relating to play when developing and reviewing its actions and work programmes.	Ensure that the Play Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan forms part of the Single Integrated Plan (SIP).	Ongoing: The SIP Performance Group oversees links and clarity around the PSA and action plan delivery.	Management resources	Existing staffing budget
	To ensure that all play provision in the county is properly risk	Obtain information from other relevant Local Authorities on	Ongoing	Management resources	Existing staffing budget

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	assessed and that adequate insurance cover is in place for all Town/Community Council and/or third sector provisions	the provision of insurance to third sector play providers/Community Councils and consider whether to introduce such provision in Monmouthshire			