

Table 2: RLDP Objectives Revisit in Light of COVID-19

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A Prosperous Wales (Well-being Goal 1)						
Objective 1	Economic Growth/ Employment	To support a thriving, well-connected, diverse economy, which provides a range of good quality employment opportunities to enable and encourage indigenous business growth and attract inward investment and competitive innovative businesses in appropriate growth sectors, including through the provision of start-ups and grow on spaces.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 24	Productive and enterprising places	Develop opportunities for communities and business to be part of an economically thriving and well-connected county.	Still relevant. The planning system can play a key role in supporting economic recovery following COVID-19 should there be an economic downturn. The increase in home/agile working may mean that business location focuses more on quality of life than transport infrastructure.

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Objective 2	Retail centres	To sustain and enhance the County towns of Abergavenny, Chepstow, Monmouth, Caldicot and Usk as vibrant and attractive retail centres serving their own populations and those of their surrounding hinterlands, along with increasing the potential customer base through future growth whilst recognising that the role of these centres is evolving.	8	Active and social places	Develop opportunities for communities and business to be part of an economically thriving and well-connected county.	Still relevant. Although the long term implications of COVID-19 on our High Streets will not be known for some time, flexible policies can support the evolution and re-imagining of our town centres.
A Resilient Wales (Well-being Goal 2)						
Objective 3	Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Landscape	To protect, enhance and manage Monmouthshire's natural environment and ecosystems. This includes, the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the County's other high quality and distinctive landscapes, protected sites, protected species and other biodiversity interests, along with the connectivity between them by creating new linkages for them to adapt while at the same time maximising benefits for the economy, tourism, health and well-being.	11, 12, 35	Distinctive and natural places	Protect and enhance the resilience of our natural environment whilst mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change.	Still relevant - COVID-19 has sharpened the public focus on the quality of their home environment. Place-making and green infrastructure will be increasingly important to community wellbeing and as a choice for home-buyers.

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Objective 4	Flood risk	To ensure that new development takes account of the risk of flooding, both existing and in the future, including the need to avoid inappropriate development in areas that are at risk from flooding or that may increase the risk of flooding elsewhere and the need to design development to appropriately manage surface water run-off.	12, 13	Distinctive and natural places	Protect and enhance the resilience of our natural environment whilst mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change.	Increased relevance given recent floods experienced in parts of Monmouthshire.
Objective 5	Minerals and Waste	To meet the County's regional and local obligations to manage and dispose of its waste and to safeguard and exploit its mineral resource in a sustainable fashion.	14, 15	Productive and enterprising places	Protect and enhance the resilience of our natural environment whilst mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change.	Still relevant
Objective 6	Land	To promote the efficient use of land, including the need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maximise opportunities for development on previously developed land, whilst recognising that brownfield opportunities are limited in Monmouthshire. • protect the best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land whilst at the same time recognising that this 	16, 17	Strategic and spatial choices	Protect and enhance the resilience of our natural environment whilst mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change.	Still relevant - there may be an increased emphasis on local food production and therefore the protection of the best and most versatile agricultural land, however this must be seen in the context that

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		will not always be possible given high proportion of BMV land in the County and the limited opportunities for brownfield development.				the RLDP Preferred Strategy would result in just 3.4% of the county being 'built up', compared to 3% now.
Objective 7	Natural resources	To promote the efficient use of natural resources including providing increased opportunities for water efficiency, energy efficiency, renewable energy, recycling and waste reduction.	14, 15, 31, 37	Productive and enterprising places	Protect and enhance the resilience of our natural environment whilst mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change.	Still relevant - increased importance of renewable energy and energy efficiency due to increased home working.
A Healthier Wales (Well-being Goal 3)						
Objective 8	Health and Well-being	To improve access for all to recreation, sport, leisure activities, open space and the countryside and to enable healthier lifestyles.	18, 20, 21, 33, 35	Active and social places	Provide children and young people with the best possible start in life.	Still relevant – increased importance of provision of locally accessible open space for health and well-being.
A More Equal Wales (Well-being Goal 4)						
Objective 9	Demography	To increase opportunities for the younger population to both live and work within Monmouthshire to assist in ensuring a balanced demography.	2, 3, 4, 5, 24	Active and social places	Respond to the challenges associated with demographic change.	Still relevant – increased importance to enable sustainable and resilient communities. Enabling balanced communities (range of ages) remains

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						essential – younger people are needed to support older people across our communities, as demonstrated by the current pandemic.
A Wales of Cohesive Communities (Well-being Goal 5)						
Objective 10	Housing	To provide a level of housing that is sufficient to provide a wide ranging choice of homes both for existing and future residents, while ensuring that local needs for appropriate, affordable and accessible housing are met as far as possible, particularly in towns but also in rural areas, so long as such housing can assist in building sustainable balanced communities.	23, 25, 26, 27, 28	Active and social places	Respond to the challenges associated with demographic change.	Still relevant. Enabling a range and choice of homes (housing mix) in future housing development remains a key objective in order to create sustainable and resilient communities. Linked to provision of older person housing (possible future changes to the Care Home model) and homelessness. Quality of life may become a greater home-buyer priority than proximity

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						to work, due to home/agile working.
Objective 11	Place-making	To promote good quality sustainable places through design, layout and mix of uses that enhance the character and identity of Monmouthshire's settlements and countryside; create attractive, safe and accessible places to live, work and visit; and promote people's prosperity, health, happiness and well-being.	1, 11, 12, 18, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35	Strategic and spatial choices	Respond to the challenges associated with demographic change.	Still relevant - COVID-19 has sharpened the public focus on the quality of their home environment. Place-making and green infrastructure will be increasingly important to community wellbeing and as a choice for home-buyers.
Objective 12	Communities	To build sustainable resilient communities where people have good access to employment, shops, housing, public transport, active travel, healthcare, community and cultural facilities.	1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 18, 20, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35	Strategic and spatial choices	Develop opportunities for communities and business to be part of an economically thriving and well-connected county.	Still relevant. Increased importance of creating sustainable and resilient communities. Community volunteer support during COVID-19 has been strong. It is hoped this community spirit will be maintained and will be harnessed to support local businesses.

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Objective 13	Rural Communities	To sustain existing rural communities as far as possible by providing development opportunities of an appropriate scale and location in rural areas in order to assist in building sustainable rural communities and strengthening the rural economy.	6, 7, 20, 22, 26, 29, 30, 34	Productive and enterprising places	Develop opportunities for communities and business to be part of an economically thriving and well-connected county.	Still relevant. Increased importance of creating sustainable and resilient rural communities.
Objective 14	Infrastructure	To ensure that appropriate physical and digital infrastructure (including community and recreational facilities, sewerage, water, transport, schools, health care and broadband etc.) is in place or can be provided to accommodate new development.	12, 19, 20, 31	Productive and enterprising places	Develop opportunities for communities and business to be part of an economically thriving and well-connected county.	Increased importance of digital infrastructure linked to agile/home working.
Objective 15	Accessibility	To seek to reduce the need to travel by promoting a mix of land use allocations and improved internet connectivity, and where travel is required, to provide opportunities for active travel and integrated sustainable transport.	10, 30, 36	Active and social places	Develop opportunities for communities and business to be part of an economically thriving and well-connected county.	Still relevant. Working from home and active travel may become more important than public transport, although public transport improvements are still much needed.

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A Wales of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language (Well-being Goal 6)						
Objective 16	Culture, Heritage and Welsh Language	To protect and enhance the built environment, culture and heritage of Monmouthshire for the future while maximising benefits for the economy, tourism and social well-being, including supporting and safeguarding the Welsh Language.	9, 32, 33, 34, 35	Distinctive and natural places	Protect and enhance the resilience of our natural environment whilst mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change.	Still relevant – staycations rather than holidays abroad are likely to increase in popularity at least in the short term. Monmouthshire’s open countryside offers an attractive alternative to crowded beaches or urban spaces.
A Globally Responsible Wales (Well-being Goal 7)						
Objective 17	Climate Change	To strive to limit the increase in global temperatures to 1.5°C, supporting carbon reduction through a variety of measures including the use of renewable energy, the design and location of new development, encouraging balanced job and population growth to reduce out-commuting, the provision of broadband connectivity to reduce the need to travel, the provision of ultra-low emission vehicle charging infrastructure to reduce emissions and improve air quality, and the	10, 12, 36, 37, 38	Distinctive and natural places	Protect and enhance the resilience of our natural environment whilst mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change.	Still relevant. Change in travel patterns due to the current pandemic has shown what can be achieved.

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		provision of quality Green Infrastructure.				