

Appendix 2



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Report on Progress of the Play Sufficiency Action Plan 2020-21

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NB. In late 2020 Welsh Government requested a short update on what happened with regards to play sufficiency during the first six months of 2020, and this is appended a supplementary information.



Matter	Priorities	Targets 2020/ 2021	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2019/20	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber
Statutory Guidance- Policy framework	Maintain and review the Play Action Plan	Keep the Play Action Plan under review with reports to Children & Young People's Select / Cabinet as necessary Complete the review of the partnership arrangements for the play strategy group.	Ongoing – new Play Sufficiency Assessment required for 2022, and agreed revised play strategy group will be re-established (not having met due to Covid pressures and changes to the previous partnership arrangements) as sub group of the Children and Young Peoples Partnership, including a review of membership	Amber (as progress summary)
Matter A: Population	Using available data to contribute to a better understanding of the demand for, and sufficiency of play opportunities	Maintain progress, including working with schools, town and community councils; sharing existing data, building a fuller picture of existing provision and the play workforce.	Ongoing – new Play Sufficiency Assessment required for 2022, and reformed play strategy group will further address in 2021/22. Young People's Voices in Play Toolkit was due to be rolled out to schools in Spring 2020 but delayed as Covid hit	Amber
Matter B: Providing for diverse needs	Seek to gain a better understanding of the local demand for, and sufficiency of play opportunities for diverse needs groups	Continue to adopt a more integrated approach across the authority to join up provision and ensure the needs of children with disabilities and/or families with diverse needs are better supported to access play opportunities.	Had regular meetings with children services – continued to liaise on specific provision – need to restart / wrap into play strategy group	Amber
Matter C: Space available for children to play	Review our overall approach to fixed play provision and the opportunities for play within open spaces	Progress the review of fixed play in respect of the play value assessments via report to Children & Young People's Select Committee and Cabinet, recommending a pilot scheme in Monmouth. Implement a programme of fixed play area refurbishment in Monmouth - Overmonnow 2 LSOA	Reported to CYP Select Committee and approved by cabinet 20 Jan 2021 who also approved new approach to future fixed play provision via development – ongoing implementation incorporation of play assessments into GI comments on planning applications etc. Programme & planning underway Additionally delivered improvements	Green

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		<p>Commence the pilot working with partners and alongside the Community Nature Spaces feasibility study</p> <p>Undertake public consultation on the final design of the destination play area at Chippenham Fields, Monmouth to support implementation by Summer 2021</p> <p>Continue to support Playing Out (encouraging street play in communities) with interested parties; supporting and enabling wider community action.</p>	<p>including wild play In Cas Troggi Park, Caldicot</p> <p>Pilot underway - Local Places for Nature Capital Funding Preparatory Works (and £87k Local Places for Nature Capital allocated for delivery in 21/22 Potentially include groundwork required to extend programme to other areas within 21/22 Plan.</p> <p>Consultation completed, discharge of planning conditions application made</p> <p>Limited progress due to Covid</p>	
Matter D: Supervised provision	Continue to build on the community play framework for open access play provision	<p>Undertake forward planning for the delivery of open access playscheme / School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP) in Summer 2021 including improved coordination and reviewing delivery options.</p> <p>Continue to promote the importance of participation in play and active sports and continue to develop young people as sports ambassadors through schools and local voluntary clubs (Including links to the Monmouthshire Games, Playmakers and Positive Futures programmes and the wider youth offer)</p> <p>Deliver supervised play opportunities for primary aged children over the February half</p>	<p>Planned within a very limited lead-in time the 2020 summer provisions for Monmouthshire children consisted of three main strands, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The delivery of four activity hubs, one at each of the four leisure centres in the county; * The delivery of disability hubs at three community venues, specifically for children with more complex needs; * The creation and delivery of 1,500 play packs designed for children of primary school age. 	Green

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		term period and/or Easter 2021 in income-deprived LSOAs (Subject to prevailing Covid restrictions)	See supplementary report for more information. Successfully delivered outdoor open access play sessions on four sites over seven days during school Easter holidays. The schemes were full to capacity and attracted 1,100 attendances over the seven day period. Planning commenced for direct MonLife delivery of envisaged enhanced SHEP scheme in Summer 2021.	
Matter E: Charges for play provision	Enhance our information base, including building a fuller picture of existing provision. Develop the community play framework for free open access play provision	As Matter A above As Matter D above	As above	Amber (as progress summary in Matter A)
Matter F: Access to space/provision	Improve our information base and fully integrate these measures and to better understand the local barriers to play for children and young people so we can increase access to play opportunities Information, publicity and events	Continue to engage with children, young people and parents to better identify the limiting factors & barriers to accessing play opportunities, Coordinating with promotion of the wider youth offer and the Family Information Service	Ongoing - will be picked up further by play strategy group	Green
Matter G: Securing and	Enhance our information base, including building a	To form part of the approach to Matter A above	As above	Amber

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developing the workforce	fuller picture of existing provision and the play workforce Develop the community play framework for open access play	As Matter D above		(as progress summary in Matter A)
Matter H: Community engagement and participation	Develop the community play framework for open access play provision Support and enable wider community action to enhance play opportunities	As Matter D above Consider the options for repeating the play packs in summer 2021 and liaison with voluntary groups Continue to support Playing Out (encouraging street play in communities) with interested communities; support and enable wider community action to enhance play.	As above To be considered when funding clearer As above	Green
Matter I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas	Identify better links and integration with other programmes and partnerships through the Play Strategy Group	Complete the review of the partnership arrangements for the play strategy group.	Underway and agreed revised play strategy group will be re-established (not having met due to Covid pressures and changes to the previous partnership arrangements) as sub group of the Children and Young Peoples Partnership, including a review of membership	Amber (as progress summary)