

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 02.03.22

LOCATION: Virtual

TITLE: Ceredigion Play Sufficiency Assessment 2022 (Draft)

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To consider the first draft of the Play Sufficiency Assessment 2022.

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: For information and an opportunity for discussion to allow the committee to feed into the PSA 2022 prior to submission to Welsh Government.

BACKGROUND:

The Welsh Government recognises its aim of creating a play friendly Wales and to provide excellent opportunities for our children to play. Under section 11(1) of the Children's and Families Wales Measure 2010 there is an obligation on each County Council regarding play opportunities.

Since 2013 and every 3 years since, each local authority has to complete a Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA). Each PSA should be published on the LA website. The duty consists of two elements; firstly, an assessment of local play sufficiency; and secondly, an action plan to secure sufficient play opportunities so far as reasonably practicable.

The Welsh Government defines Play as any recreational activity and sufficiency, in relation to play opportunities, is about the quantity and quality of opportunities for children to play.

The PSA includes:

- Demographic profiles of the area;
- An assessment of:
 - Open space and potential play area;
 - Dedicated play provision;
 - Recreational provision;
- Other factors that promote play opportunities including planning, traffic, transport, information, publicity and workforce development.

CURRENT SITUATION:

This is the 4th Play Sufficiency Assessment carried out by Ceredigion County Council. An assessment toolkit is provided by Welsh Government to support the process which is split into 9 sections (matters). There is a requirement to consult widely with partners, the community, children & young people and parents. Some of these consultations are still ongoing and this is highlighted in specific areas throughout the draft.

The 9 matters are:

- A. Population
- B. Diverse needs
- C. Space available to play
- D. Supervised provision
- E. Charges for play provision
- F. Access to space/provision
- G. Workforce
- H. Community Engagement & Participation
- I. Policies & Implementation

Relevant sections of the toolkit were sent to the following internal and external partners/organisations:

Internal	External
Performance & Research	DASH
Childcare	Red Cross
Economy & Regeneration	RAY Ceredigion
Safe & Active Travel	CAVO
Health & Safety	Action for Children
Economy & Community Services	Family Centres
Wellbeing Centres	PSB
Theatr Felinfach	West Wales Care Partnership
Youth Service	Sustrans
Schools Service	Homestart
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Flying Start	
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The attached report sets out the Ceredigion PSA 2022 (Draft) and includes an action plan at the end. The finalised document must be submitted to Welsh Governments by June 30th 2022.

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS: **Has an Integrated Impact To follow Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why**
Summary:

Long term:	The assessment is undertaken every 3 years with a view to long term improvements to play opportunities.
Integration:	The action plan aims to have a positive impact on families, the environments and our culture.
Collaboration:	The action plan required collaboration between internal and external partners and community members.
Involvement:	The assessment involves a number of stakeholders whose views have been considered.
Prevention:	Lack of play opportunities has a detrimental effect on children. The action plan enables us to work together to maintain and improve Ceredigion play opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To consider the findings of the Play Sufficiency Assessment and its action plan.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

To receive the views of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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