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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is a mandatory requirement in the preparation of LDPs, covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the LDP. A Strategic Environmental Assessment is also a statutory requirement with the aim of improving the environmental performance of the plan and providing strategic environmental protection. SA, incorporating SEA, was fully integrated into the preparation of the adopted LDP.
- 1.2 SA monitoring is undertaken on an annual basis to check whether the LDP is contributing to the achievement of sustainable development and to identify any unforeseen adverse effects. By keeping matters under review it has been possible to identify trends and incrementally update the baseline data that informed the preparation of the LDP.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 updates the baseline data for the SASEA indicators. The updated data seeks to use the original source, where this is not possible another source is used. The table states where there is no data available.
- 1.4 The following sections seek to summarise the data in relation to socio economic data and environmental data.

2.0 Socio Economic Data

Economic

- 2.1 There has been no change in position for Blaenau Gwent in terms of GVA per head. In 2003 and 2015 Blaenau Gwent had the lowest GVA per head of all local authorities in Wales, behind the Isle of Anglesey and Caerphilly.
- 2.2 In 2006, men were earning over £130 a week more than women. However, in 2016 this had dropped to a £90 difference. The figures also show that there has been an increase in total weekly earnings since 2006, an increase of over £92. However total full time weekly pay in Blaenau Gwent remains less than the Welsh average and the gap in pay between Blaenau Gwent and Wales is greater in 2016 than in 2006. In 2016 the difference in pay was £60.70, whereas in 2006 it was significantly less with a £2.50 difference.
- 2.3 The percentage of the working age population unemployed has dropped significantly since 2008, falling from 9.2% to 5.8% in 2017. Although the percentage of unemployed remains higher in Blaenau Gwent than that for Wales, the percentage change, in terms of improvement is greater in Blaenau Gwent than that for Wales. The gap between Wales and Blaenau Gwent is narrowing with only a 1.4% difference instead of 2.9% in 2008.
- 2.4 Professional occupations in the County Borough has risen from 6.8% in 2008 to 11.4% in 2016, although in Wales as a whole they account for 18.2% of occupations and is the highest sector in terms of employee jobs. Employment in Blaenau Gwent continues to be dominated around the caring, leisure and service industry and manufacturing which may be the reason for the lower income rates. The lack of opportunities may lead to out migration and commuting elsewhere to work, particularly for those residents educated to degree level or higher.
- 2.5 The proportion of working population working mainly at or from home has increased slightly from 5.7% (Census 2001) to 6.1% (Census 2011). In Wales, 11.2% work mainly at or from home which is significantly higher than Blaenau Gwent.
- 2.6 The percentage of working age people claiming Job Seekers' Allowance in Blaenau Gwent was 2.7% in August 2016 which has significantly decreased since 2009 when the percentage was above 7%. The percentage for Wales has also decreased. The gap between Wales and Blaenau Gwent has narrowed with a 1.1% difference in 2016 rather than a 3.2% difference in 2009.

- 2.7 In 2016, the number of income support claimants in Blaenau Gwent is 8,910 (20.3%) this is significantly lower than in 2005 when the number was 12,170 which equated to 27.8%. This is higher than that in Wales (14.4%) and Great Britain (11.0%). However, the gap between Blaenau Gwent and Wales has narrowed, with a 5.9% difference in 2016 compared to a 9% difference in 2005.
- 2.8 Of the total claimants in Blaenau Gwent 59% claim incapacity benefit which has decreased since 2005 (62%); 7.6% claim lone parent which has significantly declined from 2005 (31%); and 15.5% claim carers and other related benefits, this is an increase from 8% in 2005. This is a new issue for Blaenau Gwent.

Crime

- 2.9 In terms of type of crime, violent crime and criminal damage and arson, although violent crime is on a decreasing trend, seems to be higher than other crime rates, possibly reflecting poor urban design and planning for safe communities.

Housing

- 2.10 The average house price for Blaenau Gwent in 2006 was nearly £50,000 less than the Welsh average (£136,419). This difference has increased further as the average house price for Blaenau Gwent in 2017 was £79,642 compared to £147,184 for Wales. However, it is worth noting that average house prices have increased in Blaenau Gwent (Refer to Annual Monitoring Report 2016-17).
- 2.11 The percentage of household spaces which are unoccupied has declined from 5.7% in 2001 to 4.8% in 2011.
- 2.12 In 2001, 55% of Blaenau Gwent's housing stock consisted of terraced properties built pre-1919. In 2011, although this house type remained the most significant in Blaenau Gwent at 52% there was a slight percentage decrease and a slight increase in semi-detached (27%) and detached (11%) properties.
- 2.13 The average household size has remained at 2.3 as shown in Census 2001 and 2011. This is also true of the average number of rooms per household which was 5.14 (2001) and 5.2 (2011). The average household size is similar to that of the Welsh average. However, the average number of rooms is slightly less than the Welsh average.

- 2.14 In 2017, 83.3% of housing in Blaenau Gwent is within council tax bands A and B, which is an increase of 0.96% since 2000. 0.206% of housing in Blaenau Gwent is within council tax bands G & H. This suggests that the overall size and quality of housing stock in the County Borough is relatively modest, particularly in the regional context.
- 2.15 According to the 2001 Census, a significant proportion of properties were owned outright (62.62%). This remained the same in 2011 (62.1%). There was however a significant decrease in the percentage of council housing rental from 24.34% in 2001 to 11.1% and an increase in rented households (36.8%).

Population

- 2.16 An LDP objective relates to increasing the population from 68,914 (census 2011) to 70,849 (WG population projections for 2021) as a result of natural change and people being attracted to the area. The latest mid year estimate (2016) is 69,928 which, although is not increasing to the 2021 projection but is higher than that of 2012 (69,822) indicating that the population is stabilising. However, the South East of Wales and Wales as a whole has experienced more significant increases.
- 2.17 Blaenau Gwent, like the majority of places in the UK, has an overall population which is ageing. Generally, this is because less people are being born than before, and those people that are alive are living longer. The proportion of people aged 65 and over is increasing (17.9% in 2011) In 2015, 19.5% of the population were aged 65 years or over in the Gwent Region compared to 20.2% for Wales (Blaenau Gwent Well Being Assessment, 2016).
- 2.18 The 2011 Census statistics showed Blaenau Gwent's Black and Ethnic Minority population to be 2.6% of the total population and well below the Welsh average of 6.7%. In 2001 the percentage of people in Blaenau Gwent from minority ethnic groups was 1.8%, approximately 1,300 people, which shows a notable increase from 2001 to 2011. Even so, Blaenau Gwent still has one of the lowest levels of people from minority ethnic groups in England and Wales.
- 2.19 It is difficult to make direct comparisons between the 2001 and 2011 census data on the percentage of Welsh speakers given that the data collected is different. It is likely that the figure relating to either speaks reads and writes Welsh in 2011 is comparable to people aged 3+ with skills in 2001. Using these figures there have been a slight increase in people aged 3+ with skills since 2001. Blaenau Gwent has the lowest population who can speak Welsh across the Gwent region.

Health and Well-being

- 2.20 In 2011, almost three quarters of the population felt that their health was ‘good’ or ‘very good’ (72.6%), but below that witnessed for Wales (77.7%). This data gap between Wales and Blaenau Gwent remains very similar at 5.1% in 2011 and 5.7% in 2001.
- 2.21 The proportion of people with a limiting long term illness has fallen slightly from 28.26% in 2011 to 27.2% in 2001 although the proportion remains higher than Wales (22.7%). The working age population in Blaenau Gwent (13.9%) with a limiting long term illness is also higher than Wales (10.8%). Between 2008 and 2014 long term sickness fell in Blaenau Gwent from 46.2% to 31.9%.
- 2.22 In relation to the people of working age with disabilities indicator no comparisons can be made as the source of information is different. The Annual Population Survey June 2016 shows that Blaenau Gwent has high levels of disability with a total of 31.6% of working age people being defined as disabled (economically active core or working limiting disabled) compared to 22.8% for Wales. The 2001 census records that the percentage of people of working age with disabilities in Blaenau Gwent as 21.2% and 15.2% for Wales.
- 2.23 Average male life expectancy, for babies born today, in Blaenau Gwent was 76 years (2010-14) slightly less than the Wales average of 78 years. Life expectancy for females is about four years more than males at 80 years which is also slightly less than the Wales rate of 82 years. These levels have increased for males and females from the Census 2001 data in line with Wales.
- 2.24 Deaths from circulatory disease are high in Blaenau Gwent compared to the majority of Gwent and Wales. The highest cancer mortality rate by local authority in Wales is in Blaenau Gwent. The rate is 12% higher than the Wales rate, whereas the local authority with the lowest cancer mortality rate is 16% lower than the Wales rate.
- 2.25 Rates of the majority of types of cancer in Blaenau Gwent are similar to rates in Wales. The exception is for lung cancer in women. Blaenau Gwent has a statistically higher rate of this type of cancer than Gwent and Wales. This is higher than other areas of Gwent (21% in 2014-15) and Wales (20% in 2014-15) but the rate has reduced from above 30% over the past decade.
- 2.26 The proportion of adult smokers has decreased in the last decade. In 2004 there were 31% of adult smokers in Blaenau Gwent, in 2014-15, the proportion of adult

smokers had dropped to 26% however it remains higher than in other areas of Gwent (21% 2014-15) and Wales (20% 2014-15).

- 2.27 However, in relation to obesity, the percentage of adults reported as overweight or obese in Blaenau Gwent has slightly increased from 2003-04 (59%) to 62% in 2014-15. This in part could be attributed to the proportion of people consuming five fruit or vegetables per day decreasing since 2003 from 35% to 26% in 2014-15. This follows a similar trend to Wales as there has been a 7% decrease between 2014-15 (32%) and 2003 (39%).
- 2.28 The percentage of babies born after 24 weeks with low birth weight (less than 2,500g) has fallen from 9.4% (65) in 2003 to 7.5% (58) in 2016. The percentage in Wales is on average less than Blaenau Gwent at 7.1% in 2003 and 6.7% in 2016. The gap between Blaenau Gwent and Wales has narrowed to 1.2% in 2016 compared to 2.3% in 2003.
- 2.29 The rate of teenage conceptions has fallen significantly since 2003. In Blaenau Gwent, the rate per 1,000 was 60.4, which was significantly higher than South East Wales. In 2014, the rate had fallen significantly to 26 which was only slightly higher than Wales (26).
- 2.30 There has been an increase in the provision of play areas in the County Borough. The number of static play areas has increased by 2 and the provision of multi use games areas have doubled. However there has been a slight decrease in the number of wheeled sports areas.

Education and Qualifications

- 2.31 The proportion of the population with no qualifications has fallen significantly since 2003 from 30.4% to 14.8% (2016), although the proportion remains than Wales (9.6%). The gap between Wales and Blaenau Gwent has narrowed from 12.6% in 2003 to 5.2% in 2016.
- 2.32 The percentage of people aged 16-74 with at least an NVQ level 2 qualifications or equivalent has slightly increased from 57.1% in 2008 to 58.2% in 2016, although the percentage in Wales is significantly higher at 73.4%. The gap between Blaenau Gwent and Wales has widened. The percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE A*- C or equivalent has also increased from 43% in 2000 to 50% in 2016. There is no data available to allow comparisons to be made with Wales.

2.33 Within Blaenau Gwent secondary schools, there was a range of attendance rates. The lowest school attendance was 91.2% and the highest was 93.2%. Overall attendance in Blaenau Gwent primary schools was 94.4%, with an improvement of 1.3% on the previous year. This was below the Wales average of 94.8%.

3.0 Environmental Data

Energy Efficiency

- 3.1 According to the data available from DECC, the CO₂ emissions in Blaenau Gwent per head of population has seen a decline since 2006 and is the lowest in Wales. The most recent data for 2015 shows an overall decrease in total emissions; industry and commercial; and domestic sectors. The level for transport emissions has remained the same.

Historic Environment

- 3.2 The boundary of the conservation area in Tredegar (Bedwellty House and Park) has been extended to include the southern end of Tredegar town centre (The Circle and Castle Street).
- 3.3 The number of listed buildings remains at 53. In terms of the listed buildings at risk, the number has decreased from 10 to 9, as the Ebbw Vale Education Centre is no longer at risk.
- 3.4 No further designations have been made in relation to Historic Park and Gardens. The baseline data recorded 9 Scheduled Ancient Monuments, this has increased to 13.

Natural Environment

- 3.5 There has been no change in terms of SACs in the County Borough. The Local Development Plan identifies 137 SINCs and designates them under Policy ENV3. In 2015, a further 11 were designated. The LDP identifies that there are 6 Local Nature Reserves. There have been a further 5 designated since 2012.
- 3.6 The 2015 Local Biodiversity Action Plan contains Habitat Action Plans for 26 priority habitats which have been identified within Blaenau Gwent. Six Species Action Plans have been prepared for individual species such as otter or groups of species such as bats.
- 3.7 The CCW LandMap data was updated in 2013 and records 23 Aspect areas in Blaenau Gwent. The Aspect Areas are rated the same as the baseline data.

- 3.8 The quality of the rivers in Blaenau Gwent has improved. The River Sirhowy is classified as good quality, and the rivers Ebbw Fawr and Ebbw Fach as moderate quality. No major watercourses are classified as poor quality.

Renewable Energy

- 3.9 As part of the Local Development Plan evidence base, a renewable energy assessment was prepared in accordance with the WG toolkit. A policy was included in the plan to provide evidence of consideration to renewable energy as part of major planning application. Monitoring indicators were also included to monitor the capacity of renewable and low zero carbon energy installed per annum.
- 3.10 The latest figures (2017 Annual Monitoring Report) show that 13 MW of renewable energy has been installed between 2013 and 2017 and 2.79 MW of low carbon energy in the same time period.
- 3.11 The average domestic gas consumption has decreased since 2003 from 21,854 kwh to 14,852 kwh.
- 3.12 The annual road fuel consumption has increased slightly between 2002 and 2012 in terms of both personal and freight use.

Accessibility

- 3.13 There has been a 2 km increase in public right of way since 2007.
- 3.14 There has been an increase in the total number of vehicles owned by households in Blaenau Gwent since 2001. In particular there are now more households owning 2 cars or van than in 2001, an increase of 4.6%. The number of households without a car remains higher than Wales but has fallen from 35.1% in 2001 to 28.9% in 2011. The most significant travel to work method remains by driving a car or van.

Waste

- 3.15 The only available data in terms of waste relates to household waste arisings per person (tonnes). The amount of household waste arisings has fallen from 648 kg per person tonnes in 04/05 to 453 kg in April 2017.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 As demonstrated above, the majority of SASEA indicators have improved from the baseline data proving that the Plan is moving in the right direction. There are no new sustainability issues and for most issues the gap is narrowing with Wales. However, a further reconsideration of the baseline data, along with a review of other plans, policies and programmes will be required as part of preparing a revised LDP if a full revision process is to be followed. The SA framework will also need to be reviewed to ensure that it remains appropriate for the assessment of a revised LDP.

APPENDIX 1: SASEA Baseline Data

Socio-Economic Baseline Data

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
Economic		
Gross Value Added (GVA) and GVA per head	GVA per head 9,500 ((£ per head) (2003) Source: ONS Regional GVA December 2006	10,980 (£ per head) (2015) Source: ONS - Gross Value Added per head (income approach by Local Authority)
Average Gross Weekly Earnings	<p>Blaenau Gwent (2006) Male full time weekly pay - £402.9 Female full time weekly pay - £267.20 Total full time mean weekly pay - £346.10</p> <p>Wales (2006) Male full time weekly pay - £447.30 Female full time weekly pay - £350.10 Total full time weekly pay - £344.60</p> <p>Source: Nomis</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent (2016) Male full time weekly pay - £492.80 Female full time weekly pay - £402.50 Total full time weekly pay - £438.50</p> <p>Wales (2016) Male full time weekly pay - £536.60 Female full time weekly pay - £449.60 Total full time weekly pay - £499.20</p> <p>Source: Nomis</p>
Gross Household Income (Ward data)	<p>1998 % less than £5,000pa Abertillery – 12.3 Badminton – 11.0 Beaufort – 10.8 Blaina – 14 Brynmawr – 12.8 Cwm – 11.2 Cwmtillery – 16.9 Ebbw Vale N – 14 Ebbw Vale S – 12.2 Georgetown – 10.5</p>	No update available

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	<p>Llanhilleth – 19.2 Nantyglo – 23.6 Rassau – 13.1 Sirhowy – 15.6 Six Bells – 13.8 Tredegar C & W – 16.1</p> <p>% less than 50% of £22.5k pa</p> <p>Abertillery – 36.8 Badminton 35.5 Beaufort – 32.2 Blaina – 39.1 Brynmawr 37.5 Cwm – 35 Cwmtillery – 43.8 Ebbw Vale N – 40.2 Ebbw Vale S – 36 Georgetown – 31.9 Llanhilleth – 48 Nantyglo – 51.3 Rassau – 37.8 Sirhowy – 40 Six Bells – 39 Tredegar c & w – 41.8</p> <p>Source: Health and Social Needs 2002</p>	
Working Age Economically Inactive	Jan 2008 – Dec 2008 Unemployed – 9.2% Wanting a job – 26.5% Not wanting a job – 73.5%	Apr 2016 – Mar 2017 Unemployed – 5.8% Wanting a job – 27.5% (3,500) Does not want a job – 72.5% (9,100)

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	<p>Wales Unemployed – 6.3% Wants a job – 23.5% Does not want a job – 76.5%</p> <p>Source: Nomis</p>	<p>Wales Unemployed – 4.4% Wants a job – 24.4% Does not want a job – 75.6%</p> <p>Source: Nomis</p>
<p>Working Age Economic Activity Rates</p>	<p>2001 – Blaenau Gwent All persons – 49,747 Economically Active – 27,564 In employment – 24,573 Self employed – 1,846 Unemployed – 2,315</p> <p>Males Economically Active – 15,282 In employment – 13,541 Self employed – 1,352 Unemployed – 1,551</p> <p>Females Economically active – 12,282 In employment – 11,122 Self employed – 494 Unemployed – 764</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>2011 – Blaenau Gwent All persons – 51,809 Economically Active – 32,145 In employment – 27,516 Self employed – 2,606 Unemployed – 3,557</p> <p>Males Economically Active – 17,246 In employment – 14,543 Self employed – 1,958 Unemployed – 2,238</p> <p>Females Economically Active – 14,899 In employment – 12,973 Self employed - 648 Unemployed - 1,319</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p>
<p>Employee jobs by occupation (%)</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent Jan 08 – Dec 08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managers and Senior Officials – 9.8% • Professional – 6.8% • Associate Prof & Tech – 12.1% 	<p>Blaenau Gwent Jan 16 – Dec 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managers and Senior Officials – 8.7% • Professional – 11.4% • Associate Prof & Tech – 9.8%

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative & Secretarial – 9.8% • Skilled Trades – 14.1% • Personal Services* – 11.1% • Sale and Customer Service – 6.2% • Process, Plant and Machine Operatives (14.4 • Elementary - 15.8% <p>Wales Jan 08 – Dec 08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managers and Senior Officials – 13.2% • Professional – 12.0% • Associate Prof & Tech – 13.5% • Administrative & Secretarial – 11.1% • Skilled Trades – 12.5% • Personal Services* – 9.0% • Sale and Customer Service – 7.7% • Process, Plant and Machine Operatives 8.3% • Elementary – 12.2% <p>*category changed to caring, leisure and other service occupations Source: Nomis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative & Secretarial – 9.8% • Skilled Trades – 10.4% • Personal Services* – 14.7% • Sale and Customer Service – 9.6% • Process, Plant and Machine Operatives – 12.0% • Elementary – 12.3% <p>Wales Jan 16 – Dec 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managers and Senior Officials – 9.6% • Professional – 18.2% • Associate Prof & Tech – 12.1% • Administrative & Secretarial – 10.2% • Skilled Trades – 12.5% • Caring, leisure and other service occupations – 10.4% • Sale and Customer Service – 8.1% • Process, Plant and Machine Operatives – 7.2% • Elementary – 11.0% <p>Source: Nomis</p>
Frequency of Home Working	<p>Blaenau Gwent Proportion of working population working mainly at or from home – 5.8% (2001)</p> <p>Wales proportion of working population working mainly at or from home – 9.7% (2001)</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent 1,682 persons work mainly at or from home which equates to 6.1% (2011)</p> <p>Wales 146,089 persons work mainly at or from home which equates to 11.2% (2011)</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
Percentage of Job Seekers Allowance Claimants	<p>August 2009 Blaenau Gwent All people: 7.2% Wales: 4.0% Source: Nomis</p>	<p>August 2016 Blaenau Gwent All People: 2.7% Wales: 1.6% Source: Nomis</p>
Percentage of Income Support Claimants	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2005 Total claimants – 12,170 (27.8%) Incapacity benefit: 62% Lone parent: 31% Carers and others: 8% Wales Total claimants: 18.8% 2006 – Income support claimants (16 and over) – 4,050 Source: Nomis</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2016 Total claimants – 8,910 (20.3%) Incapacity benefit: 59% Lone Parent: 7.6% Carers and other income related benefits: 15.5% Wales Total claimants: 14.4% Source: Nomis</p>
Housing benefit	<p>All claimants of housing benefit/council tax benefit 2005 – 9,585 Source: Health and Social Needs June 2005</p>	<p>Changes to the welfare reform system means that housing benefit entitlement for private tenants was changed to the Local Housing Allowance. The Welfare Reform Act 2012 introduced a range of additional changes introduced a range of additional changes, including removal of the spare room subsidy, universal credit and removal of direct housing payments.</p>
VAT Registered Businesses	<p>2007 Registrations: 100 (9.8%) De-registrations: 60 (5.9%) Stock (at end of year): 1,020</p>	<p>There are no scheduled releases for this data according to Nomis</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
Number of new VAT Registrations per annum	<p>Source: ONS and Nomis</p> <p>2007 Registrations: 9.8% De-registrations: 5.9%</p> <p>2005 Registrations – 100 (10.6%) De-registrations – 80 (8.5%) Stock at the end of year – 940</p> <p>Source: VAT registrations / deregistrations by Industry Nomis</p>	There are no scheduled releases for this data according to Nomis
Percentage of vacant properties	<p>Blaenau Gwent Percentage of household spaces which are unoccupied (second residences, holiday accommodation or otherwise vacant): 5.7% (2001)</p> <p>Wales Percentage of household spaces which are unoccupied (second residences, holiday accommodation or otherwise vacant): 5.2% (2001)</p> <p>Source: 2001 Census</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent Percentage of household spaces which are unoccupied (second residences, holiday accommodation or otherwise vacant): 4.8% (2011)</p> <p>Wales Percentage of household spaces which are unoccupied (second residences, holiday accommodation or otherwise vacant): 5.9%</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p>
Housing completions	<p>Housing completions of all tenures (2002): 35</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2004 Private Sector Starts (under construction) – 21 Completions – 6</p> <p>Registered Social Landlords</p>	<p>Apr 2016 – March 2017</p> <p>Private Sector Starts (under construction) – 12 Completions – 32</p> <p>Registered Social Landlords Starts (under construction) – 0</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	<p>Starts (under construction) – 0 Completions – 0</p> <p>Source: Welsh Housing Statistics 2002 Source: Welsh Housing Statistics quarterly Jan – Mar 2004</p>	<p>Completions – 44</p> <p>Source: Joint Housing Land Availability Study 2016-2017</p>
<p>Central Heating: characteristics of dwellings</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2001</p> <p>With central heating and sole use of bath/shower and toilet (households) Count – 28,802 Percentage – 97.35%</p> <p>Without central heating and sole use of bath/shower and toilet (households) Count – 27 Percentage 0.09%</p> <p>Without central heating, with sole use of bath/shower and toilet (households) Count – 712 Percentage – 2.41%</p> <p>With central heating, without sole use of bath/shower and toilet (households) Count – 44 Percentage – 0.15%</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>The indicators are no longer in the same format as the 2009 baseline data so a comparison cannot be made.</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent 2011</p> <p>Does not have central heating Count – 236 Percentage – 0.8%</p> <p>Does have central heating Count – 30,180 Percentage – 99.2%</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p>
<p>Average House Prices</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent Dec 2006 £88,608</p> <p>Wales Dec 2006</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent March 2017 £79,642</p> <p>Wales March 2017</p>

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	<p>£136,419</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent 2003 Detached - £106,004 Semi-detached - £58,501 Terraced - £40,226 Flat/Maisonette - £23,050</p> <p>Source: HM Land Registry Oct-Dec 2003</p>	<p>£147,184</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent 2017 Detached - £134,658 Semi-detached - £88,962 Terraced - £72,241 Flats/Maisonettes - £47,538</p> <p>Wales 2017 Detached - £223,744 Semi-detached - £141,357 Terraced - £113,272 Flats/Maisonettes - £106,114</p> <p>Source: Land registry http://landregistry.data.gov.uk/app/ukhpi/explore</p>
Condition of housing stock	<p>2003 – 31,387 households (total) (2.6% Welsh Housing Stock)</p> <p>2003 - 94% (29,585) have people residing; remaining 6% (1,802) vacant</p> <p>Terraced house – 55.3% Semi-detached – 24.5% Detached – 9.4% Purpose built flats – 8.5% Flats in commercial building – 1.1% Converted/shared house – 1% Caravans/mobile house – 0.2%</p>	<p>2011 – Household spaces 31,952</p> <p>Household spaces with at least one usual resident – 30416 (95.2%) Household spaces with no usual residents – 1,536 (4.8%)</p> <p>Terraced: 16,669 (52%) Semi-detached 8,517 (27%) Detached: 3,506 (11%) Purpose built flats: 2,551 (8%) Part of a converted or shared house: 298 (1%) Flats in commercial building: 385 (1%) Caravans/mobile house: 26 (0.1%)</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	<p>55% of housing stock was terraced properties built pre 1919</p> <p>(2001) 8% of private properties considered unfit (1,740) Further 12% needed substantial repair (2,610)</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Unitary Development Plan</p>	<p>No update available in terms of the percentage of properties that are rated unfit. However it is worth noting that 8,103 Registered Social Landlord houses meet the Welsh Quality Housing Standard (WHQS) as follows:</p> <p>United Welsh – 980 properties in Blaenau Gwent, all apart from 2 are WHQS</p> <p>Melin has 364 properties in Blaenau Gwent all are compliant</p> <p>Linc Cymru has 585 properties in Blaenau Gwent all are compliant</p> <p>Tai Calon has 6,176 properties in Blaenau Gwent all are compliant</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Annual Monitoring Report 2017</p>
Household size and tenure	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2001</p> <p>Average household size: 2.34</p> <p>Average Number of Rooms per Household: 5.14</p> <p>Housing Tenure</p> <p>Owner occupied – 62.62%</p> <p>Rented from Council – 24.34%</p> <p>Housing association / registered social landlord – 4.53%</p> <p>Private landlord or letting agency – 6.1%</p> <p>Other – 2.41%</p> <p>Communal Establishments</p> <p>People resident in communal establishments: 0.99%</p> <p>People resident in communal establishments of which people sleeping rough: 0.00</p> <p>People resident in households: 99.01%</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2011</p> <p>Average household size: 2.3</p> <p>Wales</p> <p>Average household size: 2.3</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent</p> <p>Average Number of Rooms per household: 5.2</p> <p>Wales</p> <p>Average Number of Rooms per household: 5.7</p> <p>Housing Tenure</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent</p> <p>Owner Occupied – 62.1%</p> <p>Rented Households – 36.8%</p> <p>Council (Local Authority) – 11.1%</p> <p>Social Landlord – 12.9%</p> <p>Private landlord / letting agency – 11.4%</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	Source: Census 2001	Private other – 1.4% Communal Establishments People resident in communal establishments: 0.8% People resident in communal establishments of which people sleeping rough: 0.00 People resident in households: 99.2% Source: Census 2011
Council tax bands (2000)	Blaenau Gwent 2000 A – 55.16% B – 27.18% C – 9.26% D – 4.91% E – 2.94% F – 0.44% G – 0.44% H – 0.06% X – 0% Source: Blaenau Gwent Health and Social Needs 2002	Blaenau Gwent 2017 A – 58.6% B – 24.7% C – 7.8% D – 4.9% E – 2.5% F – 0.9% G – 0.2% H – 0.006% I – 0.06% Source: Stats Wales
Crime		
Recorded crimes	Blaenau Gwent Apr 05-Mar 06 Violence against the person 1,436 Burglary in a dwelling 234 Theft of a motor vehicle 397 Theft from a motor vehicle 664 Source: Sustainable Development Indicators Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police series using data from ONS population estimates unit	Blaenau Gwent Jan 15-Dec 15 Violence (with and without injury) – 1,152 Burglary in a dwelling – 193 Vehicle crime – 454 Criminal damage and arson -1,058 Source: Blaenau Gwent Well-being Assessment 2016

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
Overall crime rate per 1000 population	<p>Total number of offences</p> <p>Apr-Jun 2005 -1,573</p> <p>Jul-Sep 2005 – 1,433</p> <p>Oct-Dec 2005 – 1,632</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2006 – 1,334</p> <p>Offences per 1,000 population</p> <p>Apr-Jun 2005 – 22.9</p> <p>Jul-Sep 2005 – 20.8</p> <p>Oct-Dec 2005 – 23.7</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2006 – 19.4</p> <p>Source: SD Indicators WSP Crime in England and Wales 2005/06</p> <p>British Crime Survey Home Office Crime Statistics</p>	No data available for Blaenau Gwent
Population Profile		
Population	<p>Blaenau Gwent</p> <p>2007: 69,200</p> <p>Census 2001: 70,064</p> <p>2003: 68,900 (UDP)</p> <p>2007 Wales: 2,980,000</p> <p>Ebbw Vale: 23,600</p> <p>Abertillery: 16,600</p> <p>Tredegar: 15,000</p> <p>Nantyglo & Blaina: 9,100</p> <p>Brynmawr: 5,600</p> <p>6.44 people per hectare (2001)</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent</p> <p>2011: 69,814</p> <p>Upper Ebbw Fach Valley: 14,973</p> <p>Lower Ebbw Fach Valley: 16,398</p> <p>Ebbw Fawr Valley: 23,340</p> <p>Sirhowy Valley: 15,103</p> <p>Wales Census 2011: 3,063,456</p> <p>6.4 people per hectare</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p> <p>Latest mid year estimates:</p> <p>2012: 69,822</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	Source: Census 2001 and Nomis	2013: 69,789 2014: 69,674 2015: 69,554 2016: 69,928 Source: WG Projections
Population Profile (%)	Age Blaenau Gwent Census 2001 0-4 – 5.6% 5-15 – 15.7% 16-19 – 4.91% 20-24 – 32.3% 45-64 – 24.6% 65+ – 16.89% Source: Census 2001	Blaenau Gwent Census 2011 0-4 – 5.8% 5-14 – 10.9% 15-24 – 13.3% 25-29 – 6.1% 30-44 – 19.4% 45-59 – 20.0% 60-64 – 6.6% 65-74 - 10.0% 75+ - 7.9% Source: Census 2011
Population density	Blaenau Gwent 2001 Area (hectares): 10.876 Density per hectare: 6.44 People per square km: 638 Source: Census 2001	Blaenau Gwent 2011 Area (hectares): 10.876 Density per hectare: 6.44 Source: Census 2011
Religion or Faith	Blaenau Gwent Christian – 44,973 Buddhist – 86 Hindu – 51 Jewish – 11 Muslim – 152 Sikh – 26	Blaenau Gwent Christian – 34,805 Buddhist – 112 Hindu – 72 Jewish – 8 Muslim – 179 Sikh – 39

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	<p>Any other religion – 161 No religion - 17,575 Not stated – 7,029</p> <p>Wales Christian – 2,087,242 Buddhist – 5,407 Hindu – 5,439 Jewish – 2,256 Muslim – 21,739 Sikh – 2,015 Any other religion – 6,909 No religion – 537, 935 Not stated – 234,143</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>Any other religion – 253 No religion – 28,676 Not stated – 5,670</p> <p>Wales Christian – 1,763,299 Buddhist – 9,117 Hindu – 10,434 Jewish – 2,064 Muslim – 45,950 Sikh – 2,962 Any other religion – 12,705 No religion – 982,997 Not stated – 233,928</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p>
Ethnic Diversity	<p>Blaenau Gwent Asian or Asian British – 0.31 Black or Black British – 0.09 Chinese or other – 0.17 Mixed – 0.25 White – 99.17</p> <p>People identifying themselves as welsh -12.01</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent White – 98.4% Asian or Asian British – 0.5% Black or Black British – 0.1% Chinese – 0.2% Mixed Ethnicity – 0.6% Other Ethnicity – 0.1%</p> <p>Wales White – 95.6% Asian or Asian British – 1.8% Black or Black British – 0.6% Chinese – 0.4% Mixed Ethnicity - 1.0% Other Ethnicity - %</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
Percentage of Welsh Speakers	<p>Blaenau Gwent Welsh speakers as a percentage of total population aged 3 and over</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either speaks reads and writes welsh – 11.13% • Reads Welsh – 8.58% • Speaks Welsh – 9.47% • Understands spoken Welsh – 9.02% • Writes Welsh – 7.84% <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>Source: Census 2011</p> <p>The information is no longer in the same format as the 2001 Census.</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People aged 3+ with skills – 11.5% • Understands spoken welsh only – 2.2% • Speaks Welsh only – 1.5% • Speaks and reads only – 0.6% • Speaks reads and writes welsh – 5.5% • Other combinations of Welsh – 1.7% <p>Wales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People aged 3+ with skills – 26.7% • Understands spoken welsh only – 5.3% • Speaks Welsh only – 2.7% • Speaks and reads only – 1.5% • Speaks reads and writes welsh – 14.6% • Other combinations of Welsh – 2.5% <p>Source: Census 2011</p>
Net Migration	<p>Blaenau Gwent Net migration of 16-24 year olds 1999-2001. -2.7%</p> <p>Net migration of 25-44 year olds 1999-2001. -1.1%</p> <p>Wales Net migration of 16-24 year olds 1999-2001.</p>	<p>This data was not collected in the 2011 Census</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	<p>-1.0%</p> <p>Net migration of 25-44 year olds 1999-2001 0.3%</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	
Dependent Children	<p>Blaenau Gwent Households with dependent children (all ages) Count – 9,447 Percentage 31.93%</p> <p>Wales 2001 Households with dependent children (all ages) Count – 365,553 Percentage 30.23%</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2011 Household with dependent children (all ages) Count – 14,581 Percentage – 47.9%</p> <p>Wales 2011 Household with dependent children (all ages) Count – 640,222</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent 2011 Households with an adult in employment with dependent children Count – 2,076 Percentage – 6.8%</p> <p>Wales 2011 Households with an adult in employment with dependent children Count – 60,272 Percentage – 4.6%</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p>
Lone Parent Households	<p>1991 Male – 224 (count) Full-time employment – 43.75% Part time employment – 4.91%</p>	<p>2011 Male – 277 (count) Full time employment – 41.9% (116) Part time employment – 9.0% (25) Not in employment – 49.1% (136)</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	Female - 2,427 (count) Full-time employment – 16.56% Part time employment – 19.61% Source: Blaenau Gwent Health and Social Needs 2002 Census 1991	Female 2,482 (count) Full time employment – 20.3% (505) Part time employment – 30.2% (750) Not in employment – 49.4% (1,227) Source: Census 2011
Percentage of second homes in the south east	2001 Unoccupied spaces (second home residence or holiday home accommodation) as a percentage of all unoccupied household spaces 2.1% Source: Census 2001	This data was not collected in the 2011 census
Percentage of population born outside Wales	2001 – 7.9% Source: Census 2001	This data was not collected in the 2011 census
Health and Well-Being		
Percentage of Low Birth Weight (LBW)	Percentage of babies born (live and still births) after 24 weeks gestation with low birth weight (less than 2,500g) (2003) Total: 65 (9.4%) Wales: Total 2,175 Average: 103.5 (7.1%) Source: Health and Social Needs June 2002	Blaenau Gwent – (58) 7.5% Newport – 5.8% Monmouthshire – 8.2% Wales – 6.7% Source: Welsh Government, 2016
Teenage	Rate per 1,000 (2003)	Rate per 1,000 (2014)

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
Conceptions	Blaenau Gwent - 60.4 South East Wales – 45.7 Source: ONS, Teenage Conceptions, 2003	Blaenau Gwent – 26 Monmouthshire – 14 Torfaen - 28 Wales -25 Source: Blaenau Gwent Well Being Assessment 2016
Number of Play Areas	2004 Static play areas – 53 Visitor Play Area – 3 Multi Use Game Area – 8 Wheeled sports area – 10 Static Play Areas Beaufort – 3 Cwm – 3 Badminton – 1 Rassau – 2 Ebbw Vale North – 3 Ebbw Vale South – 4 Brynmawr – 3 Abertillery – 2 Six Bells – 3 Llanhilleth – 6 Cwmtillery – 5 Nantyglo – 7 Blaina – 5 Tredegar C & W – 1 Sirhowy – 3 Georgetown – 2 Visitor Play Areas	2017 Static play areas – 55 Visitor Play Area – 9 Multi Use Game Area – 19 Wheeled sports area – 8 Static Play Areas Sirhowy – 5 Tredegar Central & West – 3 Georgetown – 2 Cwm – 3 Ebbw Vale North – 2 Ebbw Vale South – 4 Badminton – 1 Rassau – 2 Beaufort – 3 Brynmawr – 4 Nantyglo – 5 Blaina – 6 Cwmtillery – 4 Abertillery – 2 Six Bells – 2 Llanhilleth – 7 Visitor Play Areas (Bowling Green)

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	<p>Abertillery – 1 Tredegar – 1 Brynmawr – 1</p> <p>MUGAs Beaufort -1 Cwm – 1 Badminton – 1 Abertillery – 1 Llanhilleth – 1 Cwmtillery – 1 Nantyglo – 1 Blaina – 1</p> <p>Wheeled Sports Area Cwm – 1 Rassau -1 Ebbw Vale North -2 Brynmawr – 1 Six Bells – 1 Cwmtillery – 1 Blaina – 1 Tredegar C & W - 2</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Play Strategy 2004</p>	<p>Tredegar Central & West – 1 Ebbw Vale North – 1 Rassau – 1 Brynmawr – 1 Nantyglo – 1 Blaina – 1 Cwmtillery – 1 Six Bells – 1 Llanhilleth - 1</p> <p>MUGAs (includes tennis courts) Tredegar Central & West – 2 Georgetown – 2 Cwm – 1 Badminton – 1 Rassau – 2 Beaufort – 1 Brynmawr – 2 Nantyglo – 2 Blaina – 1 Abertillery -1 Six Bells – 2 Cwmtillery – 1</p> <p>Wheeled Sports Area Tredegar Central & West – 1 Cwm – 1 Ebbw Vale North – 1 Rassau – 1 Brynmawr – 1 Blaina – 1</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
		Cwmtillery – 1 Six Bells – 1 Source: BCGBC Open Space Assessment data 2017
General Health of Population	Blaenau Gwent 2001 Proportion with 'good' general state of health – 59.38% Wales 2001 Proportion with 'good health' – 65.1% Source: Census 2001	2011 Blaenau Gwent Very good health – 42% (29,269) Good health – 30.6% (21,385) Fair health – 16.7% (11,696) Bad health – 8.2% (5,692) Very bad health – 2.5% (1,772) Blaenau Gwent 'very good' or good health: 72.6% Wales 'very good' or good health: 77.7% Source: Census 2011
Proportion of people with a limiting long-term illness	2001 28.26% People with limiting long term illness – 19,798 People without a limiting long-term illness – 50,266 Source: Census 2001	2011 Blaenau Gwent People with long term illness - 27.2% Working age with long term illness - 13.9% Wales People with long term illness - 22.7% Working age with long term illness – 10.8% Source: Census 2011
Permanently sick persons	Percentage of people permanently sick (ward data) (1991) Tredegar C&W – 11.2 Sirhowy – 9.9 Blaina – 9.9 Nantyglo – 9.9	Between 2008 and 2014 long term sickness fell in Blaenau Gwent from 46.2% to 31.9%. In 2016, the percentage rose to 38.9% in 2016. Source: Blaenau Gwent Well Being Assessment 2016

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	<p>Cwm – 9.8 Llanhilleth – 9.0 Cwmtillery – 8.8 Rassau – 8.6 Six Bells – 8.2 Ebbw Vale North – 8.0 Brynmawr – 8.0 Beaufort – 7.9 Badminton – 7.9 Abertillery 7.6 Georgetown – 7.1 Ebbw Vale South – 7.1</p> <p>Source: Health and Social Needs June 2002</p>	
<p>People of working age with disabilities</p>	<p>2001 Blaenau Gwent Percentage of people of working age with disabilities (21.2%)</p> <p>Wales Percentage of people of working age with disabilities (15.2%)</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>The source of information for 2001 and the latest is different.</p> <p>31.6% of working age people being defined as disabled (economically active core or working limiting disabled) compared to 22.8% for Wales.</p> <p>Source: Annual Population Survey June 2016</p>
<p>Life expectancy at birth for (i) men (ii) women</p>	<p>2001 Life expectancy at birth – males: 73.80 Life expectancy at birth – females: 78.40</p> <p>Source: ONS, Census 2001</p>	<p>2010-14 Blaenau Gwent Life expectancy at birth – males: 76.0 Life expectancy at birth – females: 80.2</p> <p>Wales Life expectancy at birth – males: 76.0</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
		<p>Life expectancy at birth – females: 80.2</p> <p>Produced by Public Health Wales Observatory, using WHS & WIMD 2014 (WG), PHM & MYE (ONS)</p>
<p>Death rates by cause from (a) circulatory disease (b) cancer (c) external causes</p>	<p>Death rate per 1,000 population: 12.7</p> <p>Death from circulatory disease per 1,000 (2001) 40.9</p> <p>Death from cancer per 1,000 (2001) 26.1</p> <p>Deaths from all external causes per 1,000 (2001): 3</p> <p>Source: Unknown</p>	<p>Circulatory disease Deaths from circulatory disease are high in Blaenau Gwent compared to the majority of Gwent and Wales</p> <p>Rate per 100,000 population Blaenau Gwent: 353.4 Caerphilly: 322.5 Torfaen: 281.6 Monmouthshire: 242.7 Newport: 299.6 Gwent: 298.7 Wales: 284.7</p> <p>Cancer The highest cancer mortality rate by local authority in Wales is in Blaenau Gwent. The rate is 12% higher than the Wales rate, whereas the local authority with the lowest cancer mortality rate is 16% lower than the Wales rate.</p> <p>Rates of the majority of types of cancer in Blaenau Gwent are similar to rates in Wales. The exception is for lung cancer in women. Blaenau Gwent has a statistically higher rate of this type of cancer than Gwent and Wales.</p> <p>No data for external causes</p> <p>Source: NHS Wales Service</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
Prevalence of smoking by adults	<p>2004 – Blaenau Gwent Proportion of adult smokers – 34.0%</p> <p>2004 – Wales Proportion of adult smokers – 31%</p> <p>Source: Digest of Welsh Local Area Statistics 2004</p>	<p>2014-15 – Blaenau Gwent Proportion of adult smokers – 26%</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Well Being Assessment 2016</p>
Prevalence of obesity	<p>Proportion of overweight or obese adults (aged 16+): Blaenau Gwent 59% Wales 54%</p> <p>Source: Welsh Health Survey 2003/4</p>	<p>Percentage of adults reported as overweight or obese Blaenau Gwent: 62% Wales: 59%</p> <p>Source: Public Health Wales, using Welsh Health Survey 2014-15</p>
Proportion of (i) people consuming five or more portions of fruit and vegetables per day	<p>Proportion of people consuming five fruit or vegetables per day: Blaenau Gwent: 35% Wales: 39%</p> <p>Source: Welsh Health Survey 2003/4</p>	<p>Proportion of people consuming five fruit or vegetables per day: Blaenau Gwent: 26% Wales: 32%</p> <p>Source: Welsh Health Survey 2014-15</p>
Education and Qualifications		
Percentage of people aged 16-74 with at least an NVQ level 2 qualifications or equivalent	<p>Jan 2008 - Dec 2008 Blaenau Gwent: 57.1% Wales: 65.5%</p> <p>Source: Nomis</p>	<p>Jan 2016 - Dec 2016 Blaenau Gwent: 58.3% Wales: 73.4%</p> <p>This data focusses on the age range of 16-64)</p> <p>Source: Nomis</p>
Percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE grade A*-C or equivalent	<p>43% (2000)</p> <p>Source: Local Authority data</p>	<p>50% (2016)</p> <p>Source: Local Authority data</p>

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
Proportion of the population with no qualifications	Blaenau Gwent: 13,000 (30.4%) (2003) Wales: 17.8% (2003) Source: Nomis	Blaenau Gwent: 6,400 (14.8%) Wales: 9.6% Great Britain: 8.0% Source: Nomis
Number of adults engaged in adult education activities	Number of residents aged 19+ enrolled at further education institutions (2003/04): 4,360 6.3% of the total population Wales: 195,960 6.8% of total population Source: Further education, work based and learning community learning in Wales Statistics 2003/04 WG	No further update available
Percentage of non-attendance in primary and secondary schools	Percentage of non attendance for schools within each of the electoral divisions at primary and secondary school level combined (1999-2000) Tredegar C&W – 11.4 Ebbw Vale North – 10.1 Cwmtillery – 9.8 Rassau – 9.4 Nantyglo – 9.2 Blaina – 9.0 Sirhowy – 9.0 Cwmtillery – 8.9 Llanhilleth – 8.4 Badminton – 8.3 Abertillery – 8.3 Brynmawr – 8.0 Six Bells – 7.8 Georgetown – 7.4	No further update available

Indicator	SASEA Baseline Data (2009)	Latest Baseline Data (LDP Review 2017)
	Ebbw Vale South – 7.1 Beaufort – 7.1 Source: Health and Social Needs 2002	
Truancy Rates	Blaenau Gwent: Primary Schools (2006) Absence 8.4% Secondary Schools Absence 10.3% Wales Primary Schools (2006) Absence 7.5% Secondary Schools Absence 9.8% Source: http://new.wales.gov.uk	Within Blaenau Gwent secondary schools, there was a range of attendance rates. The lowest school attendance was 91.2% and the highest was 93.2%. Overall attendance in Blaenau Gwent primary schools was 94.4%, with an improvement of 1.3% on the previous year. This was below the Wales average of 94.8%. (Education 2015)
Level of literacy in adult population	No data sourced to date	No data available
Level of numeracy in adult population	No data sourced to date	No data available

Environmental Baseline Data

Indicator	Adopted LDP (November 2012)	Latest Data (LDP Review)
Air Quality		
PM ₁₀ Concentrations	Background Concentrations 2004: 15.9 µg/m ³ 2005: 16 µg/m ³	No data available
NO ² concentrations	Background Concentrations 2004: 10.1 µg/m ³ 2005: 9.8 µg/m ³	There are no air quality management areas within Blaenau Gwent
National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (levels of key air pollutants Benzene, 1,3-Butadiene, SO ₂)	Benzene – 0.12 1,3-Butadiene – 0.02 SO ₂ – 5.42	No data available
Carbon Emissions	Carbon Dioxide Emissions per capita, by sector in Blaenau Gwent (2006) Industry and Commercial – 3.5 Domestic – 4.0 Road Transport – 2.3 Source: 2005-2015 UK Local and Regional CO ₂ emissions dataset (Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC))	Carbon Dioxide Emissions per capita, by sector in Blaenau Gwent (2014) Industry and Commercial – 1.7 Domestic – 1.7 Road Transport – 1.1 Source: 2005-2015 UK Local and Regional CO ₂ emissions dataset (Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC))
Historic Environment		

No. of Conservation Areas	<p>One conservation area in Tredegar (Bedwellty House and Park)</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent data</p>	<p>The boundary of the conservation area in Tredegar (Bedwellty House and Park) has been extended to include the southern end of Tredegar town centre (The Circle and Castle Street)</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent LDP</p>
No. of Listed Buildings and proportion at risk	<p>53 listed buildings with 10 listed as Grade II* in recognition of their special historical and architectural importance. The following buildings are identified as at risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The General Offices, Ebbw Vale • Dunlop Semtex Former Boiler House • Ebbw Vale Adult Education Centre • Stables and Barn at the Fountain Inn • The Fountain Inn • Milgatw • Agricultural Range at Milgatw • Mount Pleasant Stores • Roundhouse at Roundhouse Farm (1863 AASW) • Roundhouse at Roundhouse Farm (17086 AB NE) • Agricultural range at Roundhouse farm • Former Tredegar company shop <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Heritage Officer</p>	<p>The number of listed buildings remains at 53. In terms of the listed buildings at risk, the number has decreased from 10 to 9, as the Ebbw Vale Education Centre is no longer at risk.</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Heritage Officer</p>
Archaeological Sites	<p>There is 1 Historic Park and Garden at Bedwellty Parks and Garden</p> <p>The baseline data listed 9 scheduled ancient monuments.</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Unitary Development Plan</p>	<p>No further designations have been made in relation to Historic Park and Gardens.</p> <p>There are 13 Scheduled Ancient Monuments.</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Heritage Officer</p>

Area of Historic Landscape	No data available	677.246 ha Source: BGCBC data
Natural Environment		
No. and area of designated sites for biodiversity	<p>There are no SACs within the County Borough. There are two SACs adjacent to the County Borough: Usk Site and Cwm Clydach Woodlands.</p> <p>The baseline data identified 60 potential SINCs.</p> <p>The baseline data identified one LNR and 10 candidate LNRs.</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Biodiversity</p>	<p>There has been no change in terms of SACs.</p> <p>The Local Development Plan identifies 137 SINCs and designates them under Policy ENV3. In 2015, a further 11 were designated.</p> <p>The LDP identifies that there are 6 Local Nature Reserves in Appendix 2. There have been a further 5 designated.</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan</p>
Population of species and areas of priority habitat	<p>The baseline data identified that the 2002 Local Biodiversity Action Plan provided a framework for reversing the decline of Blaenau Gwent's wildlife resource and includes 14 Habitat Action Plans and 21 Species Action Plans.</p> <p>Source: Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2002</p>	<p>The 2015 Local Biodiversity Action Plan contains Habitat Action Plans for 26 priority habitats which have been identified within Blaenau Gwent. Six Species Action Plans have been prepared for individual species such as otter or groups of species such as bats.</p> <p>Source: Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2015</p>
Geodiversity	<p>23 Aspect Areas have been described and recorded in LANDMAP. Evaluations are based on the potential for research and education as outlined in the Geological Conservation Review. Where outstanding evaluations are restricted to areas with prime geoconservation sites. Currently there are no RIGS sites listed, which typically include prime educational sites not covered by a SSSI designation. Of the 23 Aspect Areas, 26% are rated as Outstanding or High, 61% as moderate, and 13% low.</p> <p>Source: Natural Resource Wales</p>	<p>The CCW LandMap data was updated in 2013 and records 23 Aspect areas in Blaenau Gwent. The Aspect Areas are rated the same, as follows:</p> <p>Outstanding – 4% High – 22% Moderate – 61% Low – 13%</p> <p>Source: Natural Resources Wales</p>

Land utilisation	<p>Open countryside – 45% Defined urban area – 23% Enclosed agricultural land – 20% Urban fringe – 9% Recreation sites – 3%</p> <p>Source: The Countryside and Landscape Strategy 1998</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent Farmland – 9% Natural – 67% Built on – 20% Green Urban – 5%</p> <p>Wales Farmland – 59.3% Natural – 35.1% Built on – 4.2% Green Urban – 1.4%</p> <p>Source: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-41901294</p>
Contaminated Land	<p>1607 potentially contaminated sites of which: - High risk (previous or current uses include gas works, landfill sites, petrol station and military land) Medium risk – 880 Low Risk – 676</p> <p>Sites with a history of contaminative usage, which have been remediated: The former British Coal workshops at Tredegar and the Dunlop Semtex site at Brynmawr</p> <p>Source: Contaminated Strategy Review2003</p>	No update available

<p>Water Quality</p>	<p>Chemical Water Quality 2003/05: Clydach STW Discharge Point – Good</p> <p>Ebbw Fach at: Afon Tyleri – Trib. Henwaun. Coll – Good Conf. Trib Henwaun Coll-Conf Nant Ystruth – Good Ebbw Fawr Conf – Afon Tyleri – Very Good</p> <p>Ebbw Fawr at: Conf. Ebbw Fach – Conf. Nant Big – Very Good Conf. Nant Big Conf Nant Merddog – Very Good Conf. Nant Kendon – Glandwr – Very Good Conf. Nant Merddog Culvert Inlet – Fair Culvert Inlet Rassau Bk – Very Good Glandwr Bk – Conf. Ebbw Fach – Very Good</p> <p>Sirhowy at: Nant Melyn – Outlet Shon Shefris Res – Very Good Nant yr Helyg – Scotch Peter Trib – Very Good Scotch Peter Trib. Nant Melyn – Poor</p> <p>Biological Water Quality 2005: Cylydach at: STW Discharge Pt-Conf Trib. Abv B.m’r Rndabt – Good</p> <p>Ebbw Fawr at: Glandwr Bk – Conf. Ebbw Fach – Fairly Good</p> <p>Sirhowy at: Nant Melyn Outlet Shon Shefris Res – Fairly Good Nant yr Helyg Scotch Peter Trib – Fairly Good Scotch Peter Trib. Nant Melyn -</p>	<p>The quality of the rivers in Blaenau Gwent has improved. The River Sirhowy is classified as good quality, and the rivers Ebbw Fawr and Ebbw Fach as moderate quality. No major watercourses are classified as poor quality.</p> <p>BGCBC: Blaenau Gwent Well Being Assessment</p>
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Area of Registered Common Land	No data available	3,749.993 ha Source: BGCBC data
Area of Open Country	No data available	No data available
Area of Public Forest	No data available	No data available
Area of Other Statutory Access	No data available	No data available
Areas of Country Park	No data available	0 ha Source: BGCBC data
Area of National Park	No data available	315.520 ha Source: BGCBC data
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	0 ha	0 ha Source: BGCBC data
Energy Efficiency		
Renewable Energy	No information was available as part of the baseline information.	As part of the Local Development Plan evidence base, a renewable energy assessment was prepared in accordance with the WG toolkit. A policy was included in the plan to provide evidence of consideration to renewable energy as part of major planning application. Monitoring indicators were also included to monitor the capacity of renewable and low zero carbon energy installed per annum. The latest figures (2017 Annual Monitoring Report) show that 13 MW of renewable energy has been installed between 2013 and 2017 and 2.79 MW of low carbon energy in the same time period. Source: Blaenau Gwent Annual Monitoring Report 2017

Energy Efficiency: Average SAP	No information sourced to date	No data available
Annual Energy Consumption (Gwh)	2003 Industry & Commercial 841.1 Domestic – 780.3 Transport – 252.5 Source: DECC	No data available
Average Annual Gas Consumption (Kwh)	The average domestic gas consumption for Blaenau Gwent is 21,854 Kwh (2003) Source: DECC	The average domestic gas consumption is 14,852 Kwh (2012) Source: DECC
Annual Road Fuel Consumption (Kwh) thousand tonnes	2002 Personal 13.2 Freight 6.4 Source: DECC	2012 Personal 14.5 Freight 6.8 Source: DECC
Accessibility		
Lengths of Public Right of Way	299.4 km comprising: Footpaths: 68% Bridleway: 18% CRB (carriageway mainly used as a Bridleway: 12% CRF (carriageway mainly used as a footpath): 1% BOAT (byway to open all traffic): 1% Source: ROWIP 2007	Total length of PROW in 2016-2017: 301,392km. 80.9% is accessible to the general public. There has been a 2 km increase. Source: BGCBC Data
Use of Public Rights of Way	25% of population use footpaths on a daily basis. Most walk less than 4 miles, some walk 15 miles or more. Source: Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2007- 2017	There has been no update to the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Length of National Trail	0 km	No data available
Travel to Work Method	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2001</p> <p>Train – 75 Bus – 1,010 Taxi – 201 Car or van – 15,507 Motorcycle/scooter – 142 Bicycle – 146 Walking – 3,135</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2011</p> <p>Work mainly at home – 561 Underground, metro, light rail, tram – 16 Train -225 Bus, minibus or coach – 870 Taxi – 175 Motorcycle, scooter or moped – 151 Driving a car or van – 20,403 Passenger in a car or van – 2,846 Bicycle – 134 On foot – 2,774 Other method of travel – 136</p> <p>Wales 2011</p> <p>Work mainly at home – 73,140 Underground, metro, light rail, tram –1,175 Train -27,341 Bus, minibus or coach – 62,903 Taxi – 6,523 Motorcycle, scooter or moped – 7,694 Driving a car or van – 918,645 Passenger in a car or van – 92,727 Bicycle – 19,659 On foot – 145,135 Other method of travel – 8,673</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p>

Distance travelled to work	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2001</p> <p>Less 2km – 6,059 2km – 5km – 5,993 5km – 10km – 3,696 10km – 20km – 4,059 20km - 30km – 1,684 30km – 40km – 646 40km – 60km – 325 60+km - 345</p> <p>Source: Census 2001</p>	<p>Blaenau Gwent 2011</p> <p>Less 2km – 4,964 2km – 5km – 5,510 5km – 10km – 4,205 10km – 20km – 5,391 20km - 30km – 2,123 30km – 40km – 878 40km – 60km – 673 60+km – 873 Work mainly from home – 1,660 Other – 2,014</p> <p>Wales 2011</p> <p>Less 2km – 233,969 2km – 5km – 223,884 5km – 10km – 230,182 10km – 20km – 219,329 20km - 30km – 91,306 30km – 40km – 38,210 40km – 60km – 29,844 60+km – 48,322 Work mainly from home – 142,178 Other – 106,391</p> <p>Source: Census 2011</p>
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Road Accidents	Blaenau Gwent 2001 – 15 2002 – 7 2003 – 15 Source: Neighbourhood Statistics	Blaenau Gwent 2012 – 12 2013 – 16 2014 – 12 2015 – 5 2016 – 13 2017 – 7 Source: Neighbourhood Statistics
Distance to Services	No data sourced to date	No data available
Car Ownership	Blaenau Gwent 2001 All households – 29,585 No car or van – 10,393 (35.1%) 1 car or van – 13,351 (45.1%) 2 car or van – 4,784 (16.2%) 3 car or van – 826 (2.8%) 4+ - 231 (0.85%) Total vehicles – 26,412 Source: Census 2001	Blaenau Gwent 2011 All households – 30,416 No car or van – 8,811 (28.9%) 1 car or van – 13,315 (43.7%) 2 car or van – 6,342 (20.8%) 3 car or van – 1,484 (4.8%) 4+ - 464 (1.5%) Total vehicles – 32,478 Source: Census 2011
Waste		
Municipal Solid Waste Arisings (tonnes)	98/99 – 46,350 99/00 – 46,690 99/01 – 43,242 01/02 – 47,530 02/03 – 47,867 03/04 – 50,737 04/05 – 54,853 Source: South East Wales Regional Waste Group, Annual Monitoring Report 2006	No data available

Household Waste Arisings (tonnes)	<p>98/99 – 36,415 99/00 – 37,209 99/01 – 35,886 01/02 – 38,142 02/03 – 35,586 03/04 – 38,402 04/05 – 44,578</p> <p>Source: South East Wales Regional Waste Group, Annual Monitoring Report 2006</p>	<p>32,000 tonnes (July 2016 – June 2017)</p> <p>Source: Data Unit Wales</p>
Household Waste Arisings (per household/tonne)	<p>98/99 – 1,321 99/00 – 1,258 99/01 – 1,213 01/02 – 1,289 02/03 – 1,169 03/04 – 1,298 04/05 – 1,507</p> <p>Source: South East Wales Regional Waste Group, Annual Monitoring Report 2006</p>	<p>No data available</p>
Household Waste Arisings per person (tonnes)	<p>98/99 – 511 kg 99/00 – 524 kg 99/01 – 509 kg 01/02 – 545 kg 02/03 – 499 kg 03/04 – 557 kg 04/05 – 648 kg</p> <p>Source: South East Wales Regional Waste Group, Annual Monitoring Report 2006</p>	<p>Wales = 511 kg person (0.511 tonnes) Blaenau Gwent 453 kg per person (0.453 tonnes) – April 2017</p> <p>Source: Blaenau Gwent Waste data</p>

Municipal Solid Waste Recycled or Composted (tonnes)	<p>98/99 – 1,493 (3.2%) 99/00 – 1,476 (3.1%) 99/01 – 1,075 (2.5%) 01/02 – 1,401 (2.9%) 02/03 – 3,102 (6.5%) 03/04 – 9,389 (18.5%) 04/05 – 12,228 (22.3%)</p> <p>Source: South East Wales Regional Waste Group, Annual Monitoring Report 2006</p>	<p>57.6% (July 2016 – June 2017)</p> <p>Source: Data Unit Wales</p>
Land filled biodegradable Municipal Solid Waste (tonnes)	<p>2002/03 – 27,891 2003/04 – 25,498</p> <p>Source: South East Wales Regional Waste Group, Annual Monitoring Report 2006</p>	<p>No data available</p>
Industrial and Commercial Waste by Management method 2003/03	<p>Land disposal – 17,422 Land recovery – 257 Reused – 4,006 Recycled – 18,729 Thermal – 827 Transfer – 2,485 Treatment – 922 Unrecorded / unsampled – 12,323 Total 56,971</p> <p>Source: South East Wales Regional Waste Group, Annual Monitoring Report 2006</p>	<p>This data is no longer collected at a Blaenau Gwent level</p>

Special Waste	1999 – 18,307 200 – 17,528 2001 – 21,763 2002 – 9,525 2003 – 11,426 Source: South East Wales Regional Waste Group, Annual Monitoring Report 2006	No data available
IPCC Sites	In Blaenau Gwent there are currently 30 installations regulated under the Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations. Source: BGCBC	No data available