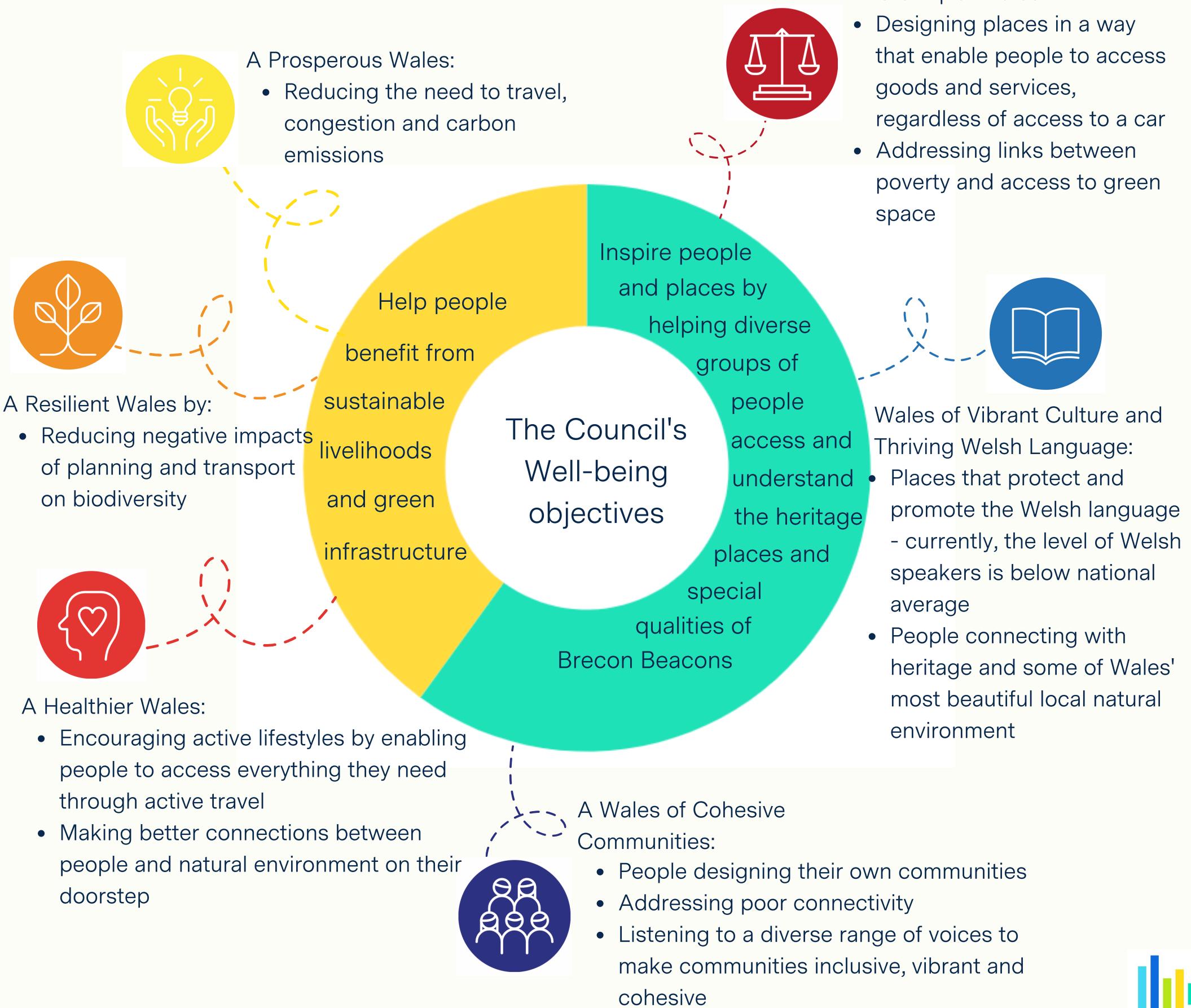




People shaping their future communities

Brecon Beacons is 835 mi² of some of Wales' most beautiful and richest in natural resources land. Despite the natural beauty of the land, the national park is also characterised by poor connectivity links and health inequalities. The planning authority serving the 33,500 people living in Brecon Beacons has chosen to address these challenges in an integrated way through their revised Local Development Plan, which will be based around the 20-minute neighbourhood concept. To ensure that people are involved in the design of their future places, the planning authority have undertaken multiple involvement methods and exercises. This work will help meet several of Brecon Beacons' well-being objective and contributes to multiple of the national well-being goals.

Contributes towards:



The Future Generations Commissioner's advice:

- This work aligns well with many of the steps in the Journey on Involvement.
- The Future Generations Report 2020 recommends that public bodies take more 'place-based approaches', embed meaningful citizen involvement and consider the '20-minute neighbourhoods' concept.
- “Keep doing what you’re doing, sharing initiatives and encouraging other organisations to have the same attitude. To build further momentum, we encourage you to explore opportunities in applying the 5 ways of working, helping not only your own authority, but others... We would like to see how you are involving more children, young people and members of the community in this year's reporting.”

Feedback to the Authority from the Commissioner's monitoring of progress



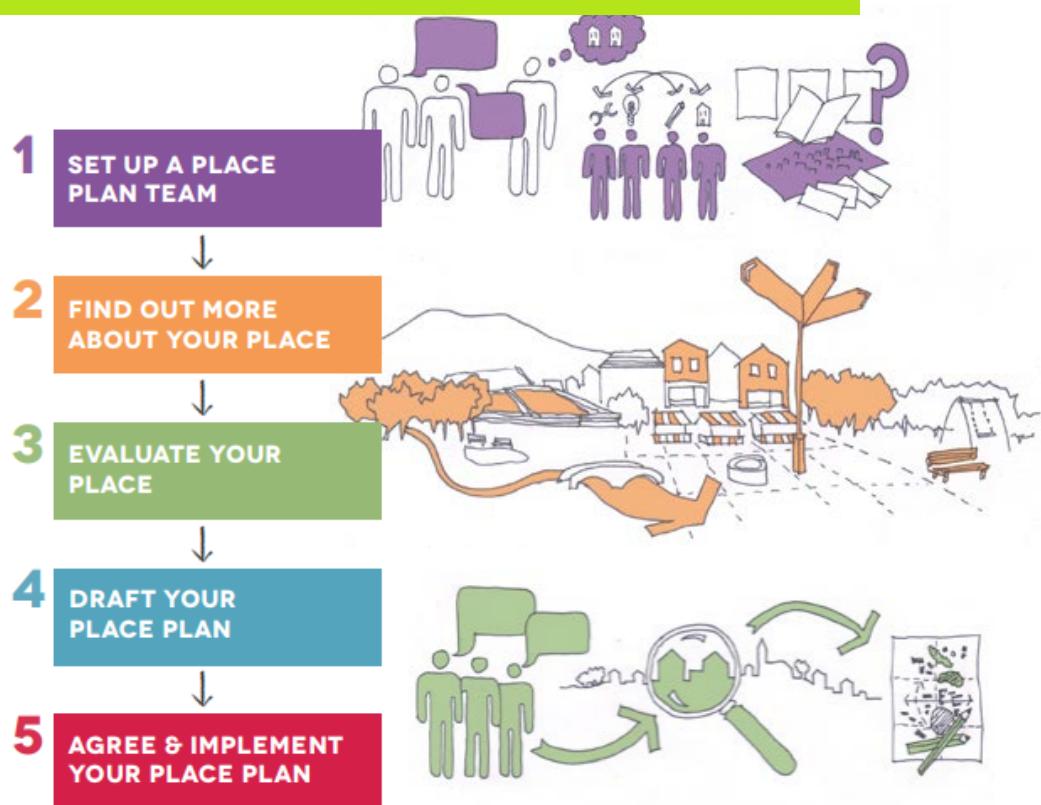
Examples

Shape my Brecon Beacons tool

- This is a guide that provides practical tips to communities on how to create Place Plans for their local area
- Collaboration with Design Commission for Wales and Shape My Town
- Enabling and empowering communities to shape the design of the places they live in
- Place Plans feeding into the Local Development Plan



Source: Brecon Beacons NRA



Examples

Engaging with children through Minecraft

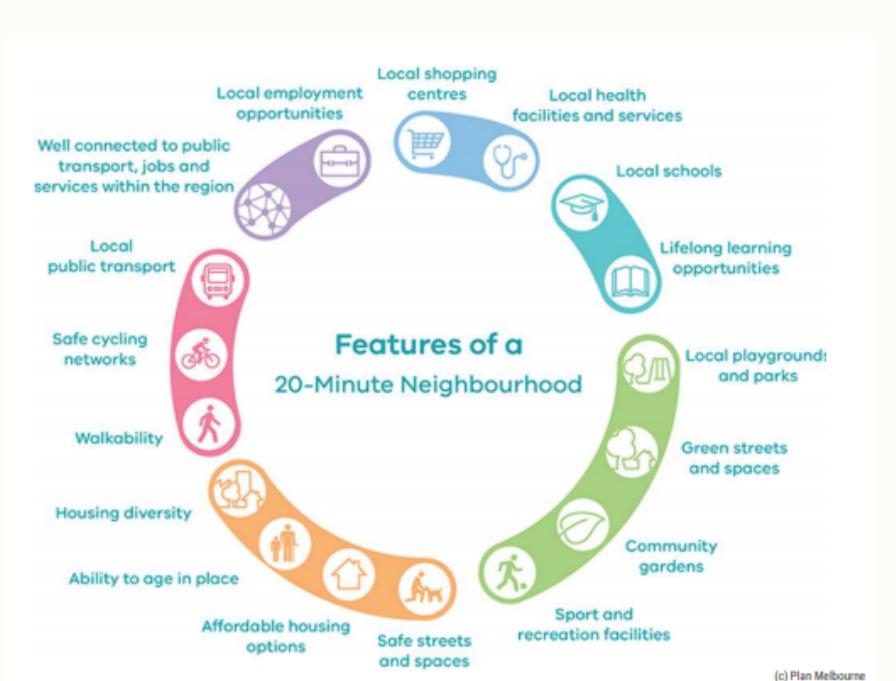
- Involving children in the production of a plan for development for Hay on Wye through innovative and engaging methods
- A virtual model of Hay on Wye in Minecraft
- The children were very engaged with this method
- Many of the ideas were considered and this led to the inclusion of plans for a new park as part of the development



Examples

A '20-minute neighbourhood' local development plan

- Influenced by the views of the community and the impact of COVID-19
- Aims to reduce the need to travel and promote active travel in the long-term
- Ensuring people have access to green space
- Helping reduce carbon emissions in the long-term
- Collaborating with voluntary organisations and businesses and involved the Commissioner
- Aligning Local Development Plan objectives to well-being objectives



Approach

Challenge

Getting people to shape their future communities and addressing multiple challenges, including connectivity and access to services through placemaking



Collaboration

- Collaboration with Planning Aid Wales to deliver training to town and community councils
- Collaboration with the Design Commission and Shape my Town on Shape My Brecon Beacons

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Prevention

- Connecting people to nature to utilise benefits to physical and mental health
- Aiming to minimise impact of future pandemic requirements to stay local by ensuring people can access services they need

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What next?



- Continuing the work on revised Local Development Plan
- Implementing the proposed changes in planning decisions

Involvement

- Extensively involving people in the production of Local Development Plans
- Helping communities produce Place Plans through the Shape my Brecon Beacons tool
- Finding innovative ways to engage with young people through games

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Integration

- Integrating their planning objectives with their well-being objectives and steps
- Integrating planning, transport and decarbonisation through 20-minute neighbourhoods

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Long Term

- Through 20-minute neighbourhoods, reducing the need to travel in the long-term
- Effecting behavioural change and promoting active travel
- Considering the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on planning

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