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Editorial

At the time of writing, Welsh Government have set out their plans for lifting all covid restrictions by the end of March - of course this is caveated - so perhaps we can have some form of new normality, which we will all need to adapt to.

We are very alarmed about the news from Ukraine and our thoughts are with the people directly affected and those with family and friends affected.

This Spring edition of Cynllunio comes filled with news and reports on a variety of planning issues including, NRW's current all-encompassing consultation on nature and us, the latest from PEDW, Welsh Housing Market, healthy spaces from Public Health Wales, and the Digital Task Force report.

We also include the latest on RTPI news, including welcoming our latest Chartered Planners.

A big piece of work for us over the past six months, has been the development of our discussion paper on living sustainably in rural Wales - the paper discusses whether the 15 minute (or 20 minute for some) neighbourhood which has been developed for urban areas, could in some way be applied to rural areas. Is this something we should use to guide our planning of rural areas? We continue this discussion at our Spring Conference on 30th March, which returns to North Wales for the first time since March 2019.

We will also be holding the Wales Planning Conference in Cardiff on 23rd June - details of the programme will be announced shortly. We are very grateful to Savills and FTB for their generous sponsorship.

March 2022 is also an important time for RTPI Cymru as we welcome our new Member Services

Officer - Dorine Chantepie - to the team. We are also in the process of recruiting a Planning Policy Assistant (Student Placement) from the RTPI accredited undergraduate courses from the School of Geography and Planning at Cardiff University, to support our planning policy and practice work.

I hope that many of you have taken the opportunity to showcase your work through the Awards for Planning Excellence - the last opportunity to enter is 11th March 2022. The awards are valuable for us, not only to celebrate the excellent work which takes place across Wales, but also gives us a supply of good case studies to use in our research and other work.

Roisin Willmott
Editor

RTPI Cymru Chair looks to One Profession

So another year of uncertainty has passed, and whilst I'm sure I said this last year, it really does feel like there is an air of optimism at the start of 2022.

Whilst this may be the reality in our day to day lives, the pandemic has had a debilitating impact on the planning system, which is being felt throughout our profession.

Having spoken to numerous colleagues, tension has been building between the private and public sector as a result. It is clearly apparent that the public sector are going through an extremely difficult time, underpinned by budget and resource constraints.

As Chair, we are asked to consider a theme for the year, and I can think of none more fitting in the current climate than 'One Profession'. My objective for the year ahead is to bridge the gap between Local Authority and private sector planners, and explore how RTPI Cymru can assist to build stronger relationships.

In breaking down these barriers, we can strive to achieve more collaborative working and better planning outcomes for all concerned. I have therefore engaged with Head of Services to establish how our professional body can support them, and will be following this up by hosting a break out session at the Wales Planning Conference. I would welcome your constructive input prior to the event on how we can achieve this.

Personally, as restrictions ease, I look forward to the reintroduction of face to face meetings with planning officers. Throughout my career in both the public and private sector, I have championed the dark art of negotiation, and can honestly say it has been instrumental in my growth as a professional Town Planner.

Discussion, conversation, negotiation are in my view at the core of delivering high quality and well-designed places, and more importantly developing Town Planners. This can only be achieved by establishing and maintaining relationships between Local Authority and private sector planners.

Turning to the year ahead, RTPI Cymru have a number of 'in person' events including the Spring Conference and Wales Planning Conference, so I encourage you to book early and look forward to seeing you at one of the events.

Finally, I'd like to thank our outgoing Chair, Jane Jones, for her commitment and hard work during 2021, and as always Roisin and Rhian for the continued first rate service and support they provide to our members.

*Rob Chichester MRTPI
RTPI Cymru Chair 2022*



Member Services Officer joins RTPI Cymru

A warm welcome to Dorine Chantepie who started with RTPI Cymru as our new Member Services Officer on 1st March. Dorine joins us from the British Medical Association and will be leading on our services to members based in Wales and also our work to promote planning as a career and diversity in the profession.

This is the latest change in the RTPI's investment in our services in Wales and will be followed in the summer with the appointment of a student placement from Cardiff University to boost our policy and practice work.

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Dweud eich dweud am ddyfodol amgylchedd naturiol Cymru

Have your say on the future of Wales's natural environment

Mae argyfwng hinsawdd ac ym myd natur yn wynebu ein byd ac mae angen inni gael **sgwrs genedlaethol** ar frys am ddyfodol ein hadnoddau naturiol, gan wneud rhywbeth amdano cyn ei bod yn rhy hwyr. Bwriad **Natur a Ni** yw annog pawb yng Nghymru i ddechrau meddwl a thrafod am y dyfodol rydym am ei gael ar gyfer ein hamgylchedd naturiol, a'r hyn y gallwn ei wneud i'w ddiogelu.

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Gallwch ddweud eich dweud heddiw yn www.naturani.cymru

Daw'r ymgynghoriad i ben ar 29 Ebrill 2022.



With the world experiencing a climate and a nature emergency, we urgently need a **national conversation** about the future of our natural resources, and to do something about it, before it's too late. **Nature and Us** aims to get everyone in Wales thinking and talking about the future we want for our natural environment, and what we can all do to protect it.

Nature and Us provides an opportunity for everyone in Wales to have their say on the future of our natural environment. What needs to change about the way we live our lives – especially the food we grow, buy and eat, the way we travel and how we generate and use energy? How can we help reduce the effects of climate change and reverse biodiversity loss? We want practical ideas for governments, organisations and individuals to focus on, so we can all work towards sustainability together.

Hosted jointly by NRW and Welsh Government, the national conversation will examine our relationship with nature and

our food, energy and travel systems – and explore how they all affect climate change and the natural environment.

Nature and Us is an opportunity to share your thoughts today and help decide what path Wales takes towards a more sustainable future.

Have your say today at www.natureandus.wales

The consultation closes on 29th April 2022.

Nature and Us

Nature and Us is part of a year-long project to involve the people of Wales in a national conversation about the future of our natural environment. The aim is to develop shared visions for 2050, 2030, and the pathways needed to get there. This will be achieved by offering a range of opportunities for participation - thinking about the way our actions impact on the natural environment, to consider how society's relationship with nature needs to change, and to explore changes we need to adopt ourselves now and over the next 30 years. Once the initial involvement phase comes to an end, we will be looking for groups to help us analyse the results – ensuring that people's views are thoroughly considered, amplified, and heard, as part of the ongoing conversation.

Introducing Wales' Chief Planning Inspector

I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as the first Chief Planning Inspector of Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW), which was launched on 1st October 2021 when PINS Wales transferred to Welsh Government. The move recognised the increasing divergence between the English and Welsh planning systems in terms of both planning policy and law and reflects the unique framework for decision making in Wales.

PEDW deals with a wide range of planning and environmental appeals and other case work including processing applications for infrastructure projects, examining Local Development Plans (LDPs), rights of way and common land applications. It does so in an open, transparent and impartial way, as it did when it was part of the Planning Inspectorate for England and Wales (PINS).

It is the Inspector, not PEDW, who is appointed by Welsh Ministers to report and make recommendations to them and to determine appeals, and to examine and report on the soundness of Local Development Plans. Decisions and reports are subject to Quality Assurance procedures but the sole responsibility for the decision or recommendation and associated report lies with the Inspector. No one within Welsh Government or PEDW may overturn an Inspector's decision or recommendation. Ministers may recover cases for their determination and in these cases, Ministers cannot interfere with the Inspector's recommendation, although they are not bound to accept the recommendation.

To avoid conflicts of interest, Inspectors are precluded from working in the area they live. If Inspectors join PEDW from a local planning authority they are precluded from working in that area. If Inspectors join PEDW from the private sector they are precluded from casework involving the consultancy they worked for. I have taken this role after working at the Vale of Glamorgan Council for many years and it is important that I reinforce the fact that I will not be involved directly or indirectly in any case work in the Vale of Glamorgan for the foreseeable future.

I am looking forward to working with my new colleagues at PEDW and with those of you working in planning and the environment across Wales to deliver a better place to live, work and enjoy. If you would like more information about PEDW visit gov.wales/planning-and-environment-decisions-wales

Victoria Robinson

Chief Planning Inspector of Planning and Environment Decisions Wales



Congratulations to our latest Chartered Town Planners

Congratulations to our latest members elected in Wales:

Chartered Members:

- Owain George, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
- Michael Higgins, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
- Ruth Potts, Cardiff University
- Sion Roberts, Conwy County Borough Council
- Gwen Thomas, Asbri Planning

Associate Member:

- Imogen Holgate

(Note those more recently elected will appear in the next edition of Cynllunio).

Employers recognise the high quality of skills and experience that are held by Chartered Town Planners and Associates. They know that they can rely upon the designation as a sign of professionalism.

www.rtpi.org.uk/membership/assessment-of-professional-competence/



Casework Portal and Virtual Events

One of the many new things we knew we'd need when PEDW came into being was a new interface with appellants, local planning authorities and the public. The Appeals Casework Portal which for over a decade has been available to make and view appeals and make submissions was owned by the Planning Inspectorate and PEDW was not allowed access to it after 1 October 2021.



A lot of hard work has gone into the creation of our new Portal and we are very grateful to our colleagues in IT and to those outside PEDW who help test the new service. This work took longer than we hoped but the Portal is now open planningcasework.service.gov.wales/.

As PEDW retains responsibility for decisions made on behalf of Welsh Ministers by Planning Inspectorate Wales we had to transfer around 120,000 documents from PINs to PEDW. We will not be uploading all those documents to the new portal. There is a statutory requirement for applications for Developments of National Significance to be hosted on line. This duty does not extend to our other casework.

Our priority will be to upload documents for cases which have not passed the period for comment and cases proceeding to a Hearing or Inquiry. Should you wish to see documents from older cases please try the local planning authority website and if that fails contact us at PEDW.Procedure@gov.wales.

It is currently only possible to view documents on the portal but we hope to be able to receive appeals and other submissions through the Portal later this year.

Although Wales has moved to Alert Level 0 (at time of writing) in accordance with Welsh Government guidance and to ensure the safety of both our staff and the wider public, we are continuing to hold Hearing and Inquiries virtually.

In order to enable us to manage our programme of virtual oral events we will offer 3 dates to the main parties and request them to mutually agree one of the three dates. Failure to agree a date will result in a date being imposed by PEDW and both parties will be expected to attend the event.

We are not ruling out a return to in person events. Hearings and Inquiries are traditionally hosted by the local planning authority (LPA) and we have written to LPAs to ascertain their appetite for and ability to provide venues. More to follow on this.

We've found virtual events a challenge, they are more resource intensive than in person events but, a few minor glitches aside, all parties have been able to engage fully and in some ways virtual events are more accessible and less daunting for those not used to engaging in the appeal process.

At one of my virtual Hearings a local resident who was a paramedic just off a night shift joined us sitting up in his bed. He told us he'd not have been able to attend had the event been in the Council's offices and he stayed awake for the whole thing which I took as a positive. If you have been involved in a virtual event I'd be interested to hear how you think it went and your thoughts on the pros and cons in comparison to events held in person. Please send any comments to PEDW.CentralServices@gov.wales marked for my attention.

Tony Thickett

Deputy Chief Planning Inspector

Diary Marker

Wales Planning Conference 2022



RTPI Cymru
**Wales
Planning Conference**
Cynhadledd Cynllunio
Cymru

The Wales Planning Conference returns in person this year and will be discussing planning and health and wellbeing.

When: 23rd June 2022, 9:30am - 5:00pm

Where: Holland House Hotel, Newport Road, Cardiff

Programme details to be announced shortly.



RTPI Cymru Policy Roundup

We have recently responded to the Welsh Government consultations on permitted development rights and second homes in Wales, both key issues over the pandemic and heightened by lockdowns. With this in mind, our response did not support the proposal to retain Covid19 related permitted development rights. We believe that changes to permitted development rights should not be used to address what can be highly complex planning and place-based issues, such as town centres. Rather we should address these important issues, holistically and collaboratively, with context specific actions based on strong evidence and data. In relation to the extension of temporary uses we raised the important issue of resources within planning, particular enforcement teams. We have suggested that the GPDO be more thoroughly reviewed than proposed to ensure that it supports recent updates in policy and guidance and in responding to the climate emergency.



Our policy work is available at www.rtpi.org.uk/find-your-rtpi/rtpi-nations/rtpi-cymru/policy-and-research/

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RTPI Presidential inauguration 2022

The inauguration of Timothy Crawshaw MRTPI as President of the RTPI in 2022 took place on 19 January 2022. You can view the full video including the valedictory speech and presidential handover by Wei Yang, RTPI President for 2021, followed by the inaugural speech by our new President Timothy Crawshaw via this link: www.rtpi.org.uk/about-the-rtpi/rtpi-presidents/presidential-inauguration-2022/.

Tim Crawshaw, an international planning and development consultant, brings decades of planning expertise to the role. As RTPI President for 2022, he focuses on wellbeing, climate change and levelling up within the industry.

“My interest and practice is in the interconnected issues of wellbeing, climate change and tackling inequalities,” said Crawshaw. “The impact of these three factors on the ability to change lives is central to why I am a planner. It is my hope that leading such an influential institution and talking about these issues will have an untold impact on the progression of the planning industry.

“I’ve long shared the RTPI’s belief that planning has the potential to improve lives and create healthier communities,” said Crawshaw. “It’s an honour to become the RTPI’s President, and to be part of an organisation that’s constantly striving to create a better environment for our citizens to live in.”

Victoria Hills, RTPI Chief Executive, has worked closely with Crawshaw throughout his time serving as Vice President of the RTPI, and believes that his dedication to benefiting the way we live will help RTPI continue to

make a positive impact within and through the planning industry. “Tim has long been a visionary in planning, applying his creativity, experience, and passion for design to the industry. We’re excited to welcome him as RTPI’s President in 2022, and I know that all RTPI and its members will benefit from his expertise”.



Above: 2022 Presidential Team, from left to right Sue Bridge FRTPI - Vice President, Tim Crawshaw MRTPI - President, and Wei Yang FRTPI Immediate Past President

Living Locally: Can the '15 minute neighbourhood' be applied to rural Wales?

In January RTPI Cymru published a paper on Living Locally in rural Wales. It discusses the concept of 'living locally' asking, can the '15 minute neighbourhood' model be applied to rural Wales?

The paper explores whether the guiding principles of the '15 minute neighbourhood' model can apply to remote, rural areas, and what the role of planners and the planning system would play within this model.

The question is increasingly being asked, if the originally urban '15 minute neighbourhood' concept has more to offer. At the RTPI, we want to know whether the basic principles of this model could provide a guide for a more sustainable, holistic, place-based focus for rural areas in Wales.

Heightened by the pandemic, planners and stakeholders are looking at alternative methods for addressing pressures and opportunities in rural areas, as well as tackling key issues such as the climate, the environment, the economy, society and health.

The 15 minute neighbourhood model aims to encourage and support communities to access their daily goods and services locally, by sustainable means. This of course becomes more complex in a rural context. The paper therefore considers the concept, without the set measure of a timeframe or distance, using 'local' as a more fluid term.

Though originally developed as a model for cities, when applied to rural areas, the model is a useful tool in reinforcing a local focus in planning policy and decision making and the adaptable nature of the concept of living locally means it can evolve to suit the individual place, considering the local context and what makes it distinctive. A flexible approach would be essential for different contexts and localities.

To establish whether this model would work within rural Wales, RTPI Cymru considered the ecology, proximity, solidarity of the area. Researchers then looked at whether these principles would fit within the provisions set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the rural policy framework set out in Future Wales and Planning Policy Wales, along with Well-being Indicators, the National Sustainable Placemaking Outcomes and Placemaking Charter Principles.

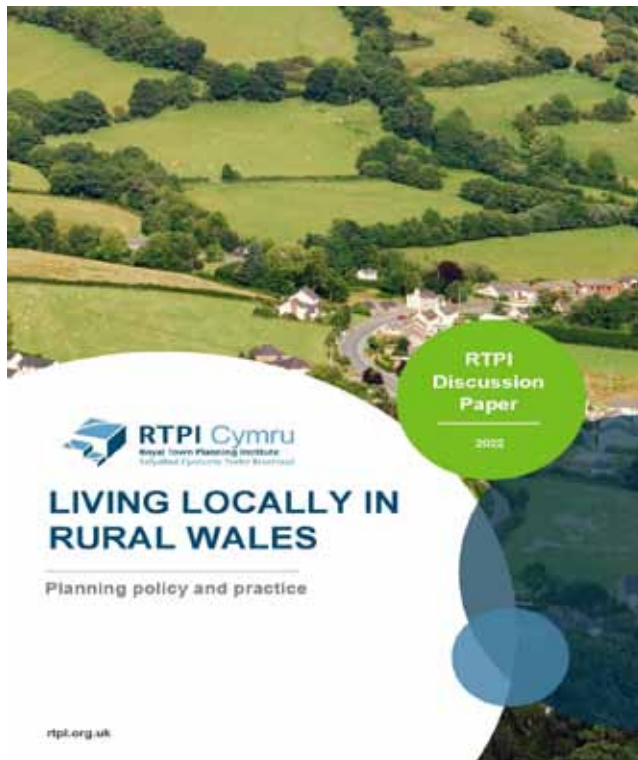
The project concluded with several recommendations:

- A need for a more outcome focused performance measurement to support the delivery of sustainable rural places.
- Support for joint and collaborative working, involving planners from the outset.
- Improved connections between locations to services and facilities.
- Support for local planning tools such as community led Place Plans and community engagement.
- Good practice shared across rural authorities along with continued investigation, discussion and learning on how planning can support living locally in rural Wales.

This paper aims to initiate a discussion in Wales on the opportunities, and different impacts of living more locally in rural Wales and how planning can embrace this. RTPI Cymru would be pleased to receive feedback from members, and looks forward to discussing the issues around Living Locally in rural Wales at the RTPI Cymru Spring Conference in Deganwy on the 30th March 2022.

Living Locally can be downloaded from: www.rtpi.org.uk/policy/2022/january/living-locally-in-rural-wales/

Rhian is the Wales Policy Officer for the RTPI.



Reflect-Plan-Do-Record-Reflect (Repeat)

Now, more than ever, I really hope that this year is a positive one for everybody. If the last two years have taught us anything, it is that we all need to be resilient, adaptable to change, highly informed and able to make sound, ethical judgements. All of these attributes are business as usual for the typical planning professional and indeed, are articulated in the RTPI Ethics and Professional Standards.

One of the requirements of RTPI Membership is that everyone follows the Code of Conduct and carries out regular Continuing Professional Development (CPD). At the RTPI we describe CPD as 'the systematic maintenance, improvement and broadening of knowledge and skill and the development of personal qualities necessary for the execution of professional and technical duties throughout the practitioners working life'. Again, I would argue that in the last two years, many people have had no choice but to broaden their knowledge, learn how to use new technologies, and develop new skillsets, sometimes overnight.

I am proud to say that the RTPI has been very supportive of its staff and its Members during the last two years, acting with an abundance of caution, but maintaining the status of the profession, converting to an online then a hybrid way of working to keep the show on the road. We created lots of free, online CPD opportunities during the last two years and provided free online modules for everyone on health and wellbeing in RTPI Learn. We immediately converted our face to face masterclasses into a longer, online version, maintaining the high quality, in depth approach in a small group setting. We have updated our masterclass programme for 2022 and are repeating the most popular masterclasses as well as two new topics of Applied Urban Design Analysis, and Planning for Elected Members. You can find further information about our masterclass programme here.

With so many different sources of CPD available, I am confident that Members should all be able to meet the Code of Conduct requirements of 50 hours of CPD over the last two years. We will soon be starting the annual audit of the Code of Conduct requirements and will be looking forward to seeing what you have done over the last two years and what you are planning on doing for the next two. In turn, this will help us plan a future programme of CPD activities for you, and will match the Core CPD Framework that categorizes the skills and knowledge required in planning.

Regardless of whether or not you are audited, I hope you can all set aside some time to reflect on what you have done, how much you have learnt and think about how it could be done even better in the future. The regular logging of CPD is a valuable process that records progress and helps you plan your career. On the RTPI website you can log in as a Member and record your CPD under My Profile then My CPD. All RTPI events that you book will automatically show up on there.

If you are still stuck for ideas of what CPD you can do, there are a variety of new opportunities within the world of education and we would love you to be involved. If you are Chartered with three years experience, then consider becoming an Assessor for the Professional Discussion element.

Championing Planning is one of the five Professional Skills in the Core CPD Framework, and is something that everyone can do, regardless of what stage you are in your career. I hope this blog has given you some inspiration for your CPD and I wish you a very happy, productive and safe new year.

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RTPI Cymru Spring Conference: Living Locally in Rural Wales

The RTPI Cymru Spring Conference returns to North Wales this year under the theme of living sustainably in rural Wales.

When: 30 March 2022, 10:00am - 3:30pm

Where: The Quay Hotel & Spa, Deganwy, Conwy, LL31 9DJ

Prices: £30.00 RTPI Member / £50 Non-Member

To find details of the speakers and to book a place go to: www.rtpi.org.uk/events/2022/march/rtpi-cymru-spring-conference/

10 things you need to know about the Welsh Housing Market

Before Christmas, Savills research team released its latest update on the Welsh Housing Market and Supply Update and, in February, the latest UK Housing Market Update. A few of the key themes from these reports are highlighted and discussed below by Portia Banwell, Senior Planner at Savills.

Key themes and findings

1. High demand and price growth

House prices in Wales grew by 15.3% in the year to September 2021, according to Nationwide, the highest level of growth since 2003. This was driven by surge in demand, brought on by the Land Taxation Tax (LTT) holiday and the 'race for space' which first occurred as a response to lockdown. It is expected that price growth will slow into 2022 now that government stimulus has ended. Wales is likely to outperform the UK average growth rate as one of a number of areas of the UK with scope to 'catch up' to London and the South East. Savills expects growth of 4.0% in Wales in 2022, and five-year growth of 18.2% to 2026.

2. Housing supply stages recovery

Planning consents fell sharply during the pandemic, with Q4 2020 consents at just 24% of the Q3 2019 peak, according to HBF and Glenigan. Since then, consents have recovered rapidly, exceeding average 2019 levels in Q2 2021 before falling slightly below in Q3 2021.

3. Demand continues to exceed supply

Surveyors have reported increasing new buyer enquiries and falling new instructions, suggesting a continuation of the gap in supply and demand saw last year. This imbalance is likely to support further price growth in the near term, and Savills expects price growth in Wales to exceed the UK average over the next year.

4. House price growth continues

Wales has experienced rapid price growth in recent months. The Welsh housing market has experienced record-high transaction levels over the last year. The year to September 2021 saw the most completed transactions in Wales since February 2008, at 64,960.

5. 2021 was a record year for transactions

Completions, starts and consents have all shown signs of recovery in recent months. Completions have reached their highest level since before 2009 in Q3 2021, according to Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) data.

8,070 transactions were recorded in June last year, which is the highest number seen in any single month on record. This was the most significant of three peaks in March, June and September, all driven by buyers aiming to take advantage of the LTT holiday, which was first scheduled to end in March 2021, before being extended to June and then continuing in a tapered form until September.

Transactions are expected to return to the average levels seen in 2017-19 during the course of 2022.

6. Housing need met in all regions of Wales

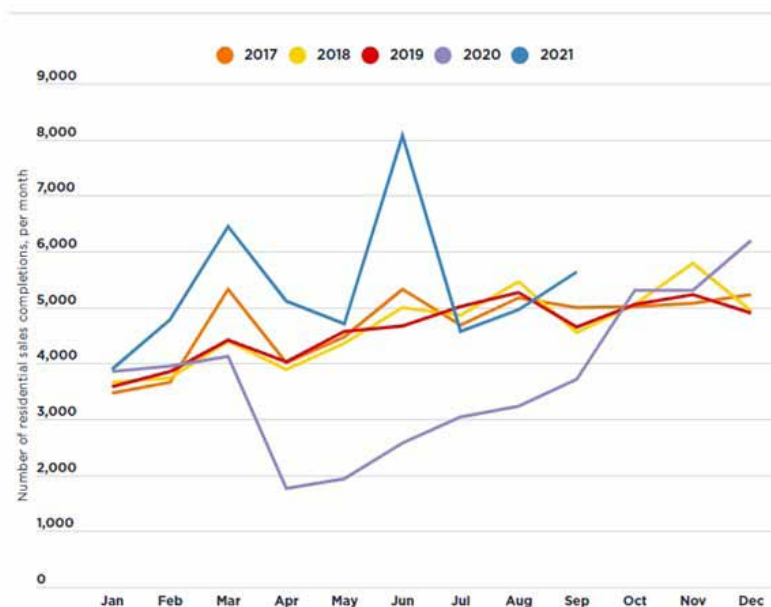
Housing delivery exceeded Welsh Government housing need in all four regions of Wales in the year to Q3 2021. Total completions exceeded need by 32.9%, according to EPC data.

Local Development Plans (LDPs) set more ambitious housebuilding targets. These targets were met in North Wales, but not in the other three regions.

7. Affordable housing delivery is below need

Affordable housing delivery increased by 14% in the year to March 2020, but was still 16% below need. This was almost entirely before any Covid-19 pandemic disruption and it is likely that 2021 delivery will be further below that of 2020, extending the gap.

Record year for transactions



Source: Welsh Revenue Authority, HMRC

8. Second round LDP adoption

Most Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Wales have begun the process of adopting a second LDP. Merthyr Tydfil is the only LPA, aside from two National Park Authorities, which has already adopted its second LDP.

Five LPAs have made no progress towards adopting a second LDP whilst two LPAs are yet to adopt their first LDP.

Bridgend, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire have completed a Deposit stage consultation. Four LPAs have recently completed LDPs, such as Monmouthshire and Torfaen. Four others are about to commence pre-deposit consultations, (including Caerphilly, and Cardiff). With delivery agreements now in place, the Vale of Glamorgan, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Neath Port Talbot are expected to undertake a call for sites in 2022.

9. Help to Buy

Use of Help to Buy (HtB) in Wales increased in the period to June 2021, after a period of declining use since 2018. HtB supported 20.3% of new build purchases in the year to Q2 2021, up from 18.1% in the year to Q4 2020.

The HtB scheme extension to 2022 reduced the cap to £250,000 from £300,000 from May 2021. This deadline was originally scheduled for March 2021, but was extended as a result of delays to construction and completions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Q2 spike in HtB use may therefore reflect a rush to complete before the May deadline.

10. Rental growth hits a record high

Rental growth increased to a peak of 6.8% in the year to August 2021, according to Zoopla. The ONS estimates rental growth in the same period to be 1.2%. Its estimate is lower because this index measures the full stock of rents, including renewals and existing leases, while Zoopla measures only new rental agreements.

Summary

Wales experienced very strong house price growth during 2021 of 15.8% which made it the strongest performing part of the UK. The latest Savills UK Housing Market Update, published in February 2022, highlights that two of the top three local authority areas with the strongest annual house price growth are in Wales – Merthyr Tydfil at 23.1% and Ceredigion with 22.4%.

The strength in the market looks set to last, at least for the next few months as demand continues to outstrip supply.

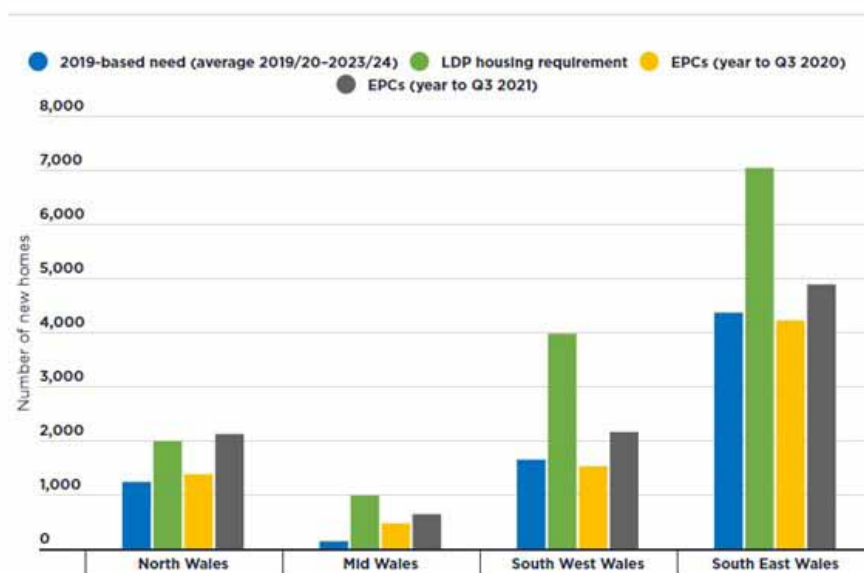
The full articles can be found here:

Welsh Housing Market Update November 2021: www.savills.co.uk/research_articles/229130/321643-0

UK Housing Market Update January 2022: www.savills.co.uk/research_articles/229130/323608-0

UK Housing Market Update February 2022: www.savills.co.uk/research_articles/229130/324744-0

Housing need met in all regions



Source: Stats Wales, LDPs and MHCLG Table NBI, excluded LDP need in National Parks

Creu Lleoedd a Mannau Iach

Mae'r erthygl hon yn ystyried pwysigrwydd gweithio ar draws sectorau rhwng gweithwyr iechyd a chynllunio proffesiynol er mwyn creu lleoedd a manau sy'n gwella iechyd a llesiant yn ein cymunedau. Mae cynllunio a dylunio yn chwarae rhan hanfodol wrth fynd i'r afael â phenderfynyddion ehangach iechyd, megis tai, cyflogaeth a'r amgylchedd o'n cwmpas. Mae'r system gynllunio yng Nghymru hefyd yn cefnogi'r gwaith o gyflawni llawer o flaenoriaethau strategol iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru (ffigur 1).



Ffigur 1: Strategaeth Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru 2019-2022

Perthnasoedd cryf

Mae meithrin perthnasoedd rhwng gweithwyr iechyd a chynllunio proffesiynol yn hanfodol er mwyn cefnogi gweithio ar draws sectorau. Mae'n ymwneud â deall pwy sy'n gwneud beth, ble, pryd, a sut i fwyafu canlyniadau a'r buddion ar y cyd i bawb. Mae'r systemau cynllunio ac iechyd yn gymhleth a gall strwythurau cyfathrebu clir rhwng y proffesiynau wella'r gwaith o gyflawni'r gwaith hwn. Un o'r ffyrdd gorau o gyflawni hyn yw sefydlu cysylltiadau a enwir ym maes iechyd, ar draws iechyd y cyhoedd a byrddau iechyd lleol, eu cyfarfod yn rheolaidd, a sicrhau bod yr ystod eang o weithwyr iechyd proffesiynol yn cael eu cynnwys mewn cyfathrebiadau. Byddai gweithio gyda bwrdd iechyd lleol yng Nghymru yn cynnwys gweithio

gyda'r tîm iechyd y cyhoedd lleol, cynllunio strategol, gofal sylfaenol a rheoli ystadau.

Gall gweithwyr iechyd proffesiynol gyfrannu at bolisi cynllunio a rheoli datblygiadau. Gallant ddarparu cymorth ac arweiniad, ymatebion i'r ymgynghoriadau ar geisiadau polisi a chynllunio, arferion sy'n seiliedig ar dystiolaeth, asesiadau o anghenion y boblogaeth a chyngor ar gynllunio strategol y gwasanaeth gofal iechyd.

Creu lleoedd

Cydnabyddir pwysigrwydd gwella iechyd, llesiant a lleihau anghydraddoldeb drwy ddefnyddio dull o greu lleoedd i ddatblygiadau yng Nghymru. Gall llunio'r amgylchedd adeiledig a naturiol drwy lens iechyd a llesiant gefnogi creu cymunedau sy'n galluogi pobl i wneud dewisiadau iachach o ran ffordd o fyw, atal salwch, mynd i'r afael ag anghydraddoldebau a gwella mynediad at wasanaethau a chyfleusterau. Mae penderfynyddion iechyd yn tynnu sylw at ehangder yr effaith y gall cynllunio ei chael ar iechyd a llesiant pobl, ac mae creu lleoedd yn chwarae rhan allweddol wrth fynd i'r afael â'r penderfynyddion hyn ynghyd â chreu lleoedd sy'n lleoedd iach a hapus i fyw a gweithio ynddynt.

Mae pandemig COVID-19 wedi tynnu sylw pellach at bwysigrwydd creu lleoedd a chynllunio ar gyfer iechyd a chydarddoldeb mewn modd cydweithredol i lunio lleoedd iachach yn y dyfodol. Archwilir hyn yn fanylach yn y papur a gyhoeddwyd yn ddiweddar - [Mwyafu cyfleoedd iechyd a lles mewn cynllunio gofodol wrth ailsefydlu yn sgîl y pandemig COVID-19](#).

Dewisiadau strategol a gofodol

Mae angen deall beth yw'r materion, tueddiadau a chyfleoedd iechyd a llesiant allweddol yn y lleoedd sy'n cael eu cynllunio. Gall gweithwyr iechyd proffesiynol helpu yn y maes allweddol hwn drwy ddarparu data a thystiolaeth er mwyn datblygu dealltwriaeth gadarn o broffil iechyd ardal. Gall tystiolaeth o lefelau amddifadedd, cyflyrau critigol, lefelau gordewdra a'r defnydd o alcohol fod yn wybodaeth ddefnyddiol wrth gynllunio. Mae'r wybodaeth hon, ochr yn ochr â chynnwys ac ymgysylltu â'r cymunedau eu hunain, yn ffordd effeithiol o sicrhau bod polisiau a chynlluniau yn diwallu anghenion cymunedau.

Sut mae hyn yn helpu i lunio'r lle rwy'n ei gynllunio?

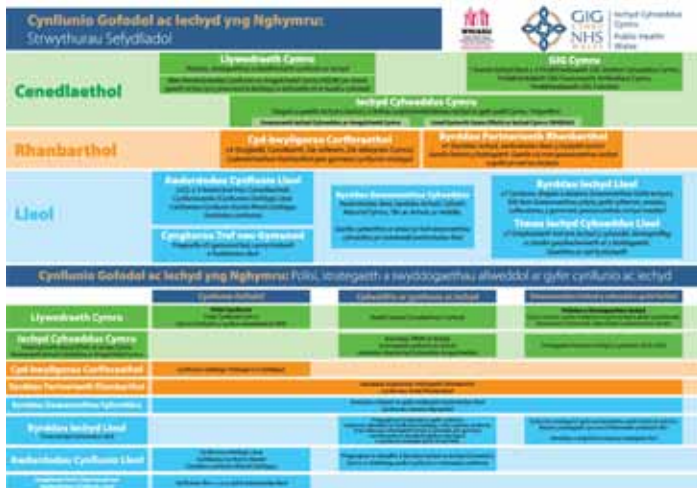
Mae'r agenda creu lleoedd a'r dull o ymgorffori 'iechyd ym mhob polisi' yn ein helpu i ddod â phobl at ei gilydd, sy'n rhannu profiadau a gwybodaeth wahanol gan gynnwys sut mae datblygu yn gweithio yn y lle ehangach, trwy nodi cyfleoedd a gallu cynllunio'n strategol ar gyfer dyfodol hirdymor y gymuned honno. Gan adeiladu

ar ddeallusrwydd a gwybodaeth y proffil iechyd, fflonellau data a thystiolaeth eraill, ymgysylltu ac ymwneud ag ystod eang o randdeiliaid, gallwn chwilio am ddatrysiadau a buddion ar draws sectorau sy'n mynd i'r afael â mwy nag un agwedd. Mae ymyrraeth iechyd y cyhoedd yn allweddol yma. Er enghraifft, drwy ddarparu llwybrau teithio llesol sy'n cyfuno seilwaith gwyrdd a chelf gyhoeddus, gall hyn ddarparu llawer o fuddion iechyd corfforol a meddyliol megis gwell ansawdd aer, cynyddu gweithgarwch corfforol a mynediad i natur. Gall sgysiau gyda gweithwyr iechyd proffesiynol helpu i nodi'r cyfleoedd hyn a helpu i lunio cymunedau. Mae hyn yn ychwanegu llawer mwy o werth at gynllunio lleoedd iach na lleoliad cyfleusterau gofal iechyd yn unig mewn datblygiad.

Pa offer sydd ar gael i gefnogi'r gwaith o gyflawni hyn?

Datblygwyd cyfres o offer i helpu cynllunwyr, gweithwyr iechyd proffesiynol a gweithwyr proffesiynol ym maes yr amgylchedd adeiledig i integreiddio iechyd, llesiant a thegwch yn well yn eu gwaith. Mae'r offer hyn yn cynnwys:

- Canllaw i Iechyd a Chynllunio yng Nghymru – sy'n dangos yn syml y strwythurau, yr allbynnau a'r cyfleoedd presennol rhwng y systemau cynllunio ac iechyd.



Fersiwn Ddrafft, Ionawr 2022

- Traciwr Cynlluniau Datblygu - sy'n ceisio helpu gweithwyr iechyd proffesiynol i wybod pryd mae'r cynlluniau yn eu hardal leol yn cael eu hadolygu neu eu disodli.
- Offeryn Cymryd rhan yn y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol – mae hyn yn esbonio gwahanol gamau cynhyrchu'r Cynllun Datblygu Lleol ac yn nodi'r cyfleoedd ar draws sectorau y gellir manteisio arnynt drwy gynyddu ymgysylltiad a chyfranogiad, a sut y gall gweithwyr iechyd proffesiynol gymryd rhan yn y broses.
- Templed ymateb i geisiadau cynllunio – gan adeiladu ar arfer cyfredol, mae hyn yn darparu dull strwythuredig ac esboniad o'r math o ymatebion y gall byrddau iechyd eu rhoi ar geisiadau cynllunio.

Mae'r offer hyn yn fan cychwyn i weithwyr iechyd proffesiynol a chynllunwyr addasu a gwneud eu fersiynau eu hunain i adlewyrchu eu cyd-destunau a'u hamgylchiadau lleol. Mae'r rhain wedi'u profi a'u mireinio yn y digwyddiad diweddar – **Creu Lleoedd a Mannau Iach** a bydd y fersiynau terfynol yn cael eu cyhoeddi ar **wefan Uned Gymorth Asesu'r Effaith ar Iechyd Cymru** (WHIASU) ym mis Mawrth 2022 yn ogystal â'r adnoddau presennol.

Sut ydych chi'n gwybod eich bod wedi darparu lle iach?

Mae amrywiaeth o offer a dulliau a all eich helpu i ddeall effaith y mathau o leoedd yr ydych yn anelu at eu darparu ar iechyd a llesiant. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys monitro, asesiadau effaith megis Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Iechyd (AEI), Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Les Meddyliol (MWIA), Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb a pharhau i ymgysylltu a chydweithio â rhanddeiliaid a'r cymunedau. Bydd yr offer hyn yn eich helpu i ddeall y cyfleoedd i sicrhau'r canlyniadau iechyd a thegwch gorau posibl, gan helpu i herio ein ffordd o feddwl a myfyrio ar y cynigion ar bob cam o'u hesblygiad. Mae'n ymwneud ag adeiladu'r perthnasoedd a'r wybodaeth ar draws y proffesiynau hyn er mwyn sicrhau'r canlyniadau gorau posibl o ddatblygiadau.

Mae cynllunio ar gyfer iechyd a llesiant yn helpu i gyflawni nifer o nodau: lleihau anghydraddoldebau, lleihau lefelau gordewdra, darparu cartrefi a swyddi o ansawdd da, cynyddu teithio llesol, gwella ansawdd aer, cynyddu bioamrywiaeth a mynediad i natur i greu lleoedd sy'n diwallu anghenion pawb; gan arwain at welliannau mewn iechyd a llesiant. Mae'n bwysig i ni fyfyrto ar y ffordd rydym yn ystyried iechyd a llesiant fel rhan o'n rolau fel cynllunwyr neu weithwyr proffesiynol ym maes yr amgylchedd adeiledig i helpu i ddarparu cymunedau hapus, iach a gwydn ledled Cymru.

Creating Healthy Places and Spaces

This article considers the importance of cross sector working between health and planning professionals in order to create places and spaces that enhance health and well-being in our communities. Planning and design play a crucial role in addressing the wider determinants of health, such as housing, employment and the environment around us. The planning system in Wales also supports the delivery of many of Public Health Wales's strategic priorities (figure 1).



Strong relationships

Building relationships between health and planning professionals is critical to supporting cross sectoral working. It is about understanding who does what, where, when, and how to really maximise joint outcomes and the co-benefits for all. The planning and health systems are complex and having clear communication structures between the professions can enhance the delivery of this work. One of the best ways of achieving this is to have named contacts in health, across public health and local health boards, meet them regularly, and ensure that the broad spectrum of health professionals are included in communications. When working with a local health board in Wales this would include the local public health team,

strategic planning, primary care and estates management.

Health professionals can contribute to both planning policy and development management. They can provide support and guidance, policy and planning application consultation responses, evidence-based practice, population needs assessments and healthcare service strategic planning advice.

Placemaking

The importance of improving health, well-being and reducing inequality is recognised through a placemaking approach to development in Wales. Shaping the built and natural environment through the lens of health and well-being can support the creation of communities that enable people to make healthier lifestyle choices, prevent illness, address inequalities and improve access to services and facilities. The determinants of health highlight the breadth of impact that planning can have on people's health and well-being, and placemaking plays a key role in addressing these determinants and creating places which are healthy and happy places to live and work.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of placemaking and planning for health and equality in a collaborative manner to shape healthier places in the future. This is explored in further detail in the recently published paper - [Maximising health and well-being opportunities for spatial planning in COVID-19 pandemic recovery](#).

Strategic and spatial choices

There is a need to understand what the key health and well-being issues, trends and opportunities are in the places that are being planned. This is a key area that health professionals can help with through providing data and evidence in order to develop a robust understanding of the health profile of an area. Evidence of deprivation levels, critical conditions, levels of obesity and alcohol consumption can all be useful information in planning. This information, alongside involving and engaging the communities themselves is an effective way of ensuring policies and plans meet the needs of communities.

How does this help to shape the place I am planning?

The placemaking agenda and incorporating a 'health in all policies' approach helps us to bring people together, sharing different experiences and knowledge including how development works within the wider place, identifying opportunities and being able to plan strategically for the long-term future of that community. Building on the health profile intelligence and information, other sources of data and evidence, engagement and

involvement with a wide range of stakeholders, we can look for cross sectoral solutions and co-benefits which address more than one aspect. Public health intervention is key here, for example through delivering active travel routes which combine green infrastructure and public art, this can provide many physical and mental health benefits such as improved air quality, increasing physical activity and access to nature. Conversations with health professionals can help to identify these opportunities and help shape communities. This adds far more value to the planning of healthy places than just the location of health care facilities on a development.

What tools are available to support the delivery of this?

A set of tools have been developed to help planners, health professionals and built environment professionals to better integrate health, well-being and equity into their work. These tools include:

- A guide to Health and Planning in Wales – simply illustrating the current structures, outputs and opportunities between the planning and health systems.



Draft Version, January 2022

- Development Plans tracker- which looks to aid health professionals in knowing when the plans in their local area are being reviewed or replaced.
- Involvement in the Local Development Plan tool – this explains the different stages of the production of the Local Development Plan and identifies the cross sectoral opportunities that can be gained through increased engagement and involvement, and how health professionals can engage in the process.
- A planning application response template – building on current practice, this provides a structured approach and explanation of the kind of responses health boards can provide on planning applications.

These tools are a starting point for health professionals and planners to adapt and make their own to reflect their local context and circumstances. These have been tested and refined at the recent event – [Creating Healthy Places and Spaces](#) and the final versions will be published on the [WHIASU website](#) in March 2022 alongside existing resources.

How do you know you have delivered a healthy place?

There are a variety of tools and methods that can help you to understand the impact on health and well-being of the types of places you are aiming to deliver. This includes monitoring, impact assessments such as Health Impact Assessment (HIA), Mental Well-being Impact Assessment (MWIA), Equality Impact Assessment and continuing to engage and collaborate with stakeholders and the communities. These tools will help you to understand the opportunities for maximising health and equity outcomes, helping to challenge our thinking and reflect on the proposals at each stage of their evolution. It is about building the relationships and knowledge across these professions to maximise the outcomes from development.

Planning for health and well-being helps to achieve multiple goals: reducing inequalities, reducing obesity levels, delivering good quality homes and jobs, increasing active travel, improving air quality, increasing biodiversity and access to nature to create places for everyone to meet their needs, leading to improvements in health and well-being. It is important for us to reflect on how we consider health and well-being as part of our roles as planners or built environment professionals to help deliver happy, healthy and resilient communities across Wales.

Giving town planning the X Factor

As a parent I'm always curious what my children might want to do when they get older. Although it changes from one day to the next, some ideas have included an X Factor judge, a doctor, or an architect. If you've got children and ask them the same question I'm sure you'll get some intriguing answers but I'm pretty sure a 'town planner' won't be one of them.

So when we launched our new microsite '[Planning Your World](#)' it came as no surprise that many of the brilliant young planners we featured fell into planning rather than sought it out. In the words of [Farhana Hussein](#), a Senior Planning Consultant at Arup, "Planning was never an obvious career for me, I just happened to stumble across it."

Another thing planners have in common who've stumbled across the job is their total passion and dedication to it. [Frances Summers](#) is a great example as she stumbled into planning and went on to become 'Woman of Influence 2021' and 'South West Young Planner of the Year',

As a profession, planning is lucky to have exceptional people like Farhana and Frances, but we need to move forwards to a place where young people saying they want to become a town planner is no more surprising than aspirations to become an X Factor judge or an architect.

And that's exactly what Planning Your World is about. We want to showcase the value of planning and highlight what planners can change. At the start of the project we surveyed members of the public about their knowledge of planning. The results from our research found that only 28.5% of participants recognised that planners can influence the economy; 32.7% recognised that planners can influence covid recovery and only 37.4% recognised that planners can influence issues around climate change and the environment.

Planning Your World aims to tackle that lack of understanding around what planners do and to showcase the significant influence they can have over health, the environment, the economy, safer streets, and much more. And ultimately it aims to inspire young people to consider planning as a profession.

We've been promoting the campaign extensively and we've already had some great feedback from planners who have told us they will be using the site as a resource to help engage young people. We've also seen fantastic engagement with planners wishing to share their stories. But the real work starts now, as changing attitudes won't happen overnight.

Share the campaign: If you'd like to help promote our campaign please share any content from the website that has inspired you using [#planningyourworld](#) www.planningyourworld.org.uk

Andrew Pilkington is the Website Manager at the RTPI.

Wales stars on Planning Your World

We're pleased to feature planners from Wales on the website, including:

Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Planning Officer, Planning Officer at Snowdonia National Park Authority.

Joe Ayoubkhani, Director at Fraser Strategic Land and Highlight Planning - Joe is also Senior Vice Chair of RTPI Cymru

Nia Roberts, Graduate Planner, Nia is a Graduate Planner at KEW Planning

If you would like to share your story, please contact wales@rtpi.org.uk



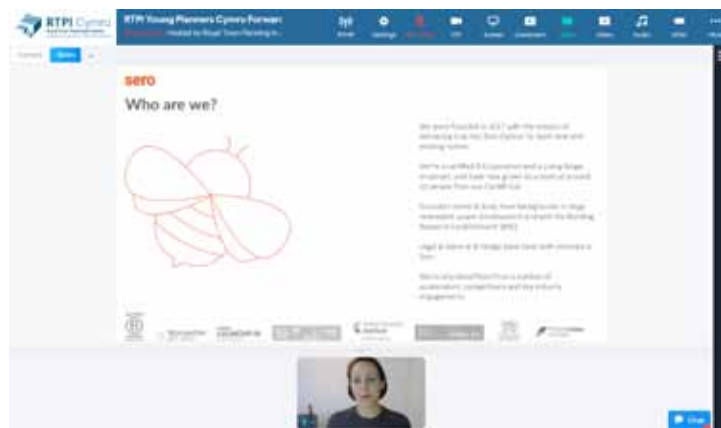
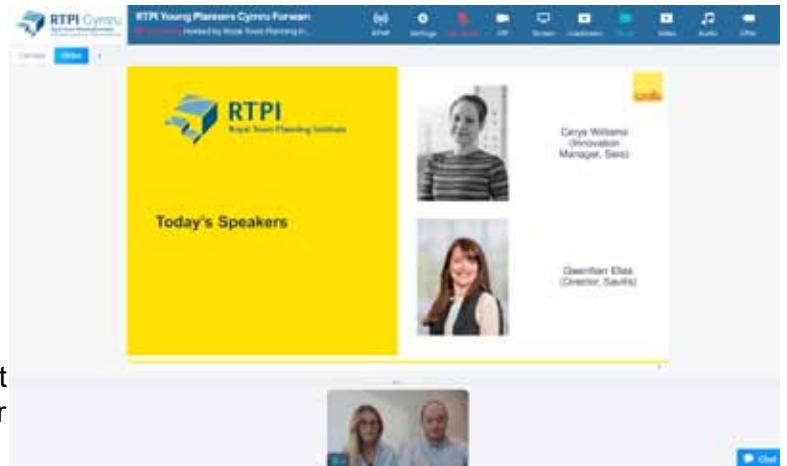
Clockwise from above left: Nia Roberts, Joe Ayoubkhani and Dafydd Thomas.

Young Planners Cymru webinar: A Forward Look to 2022

On Thursday 17 February, Young Planners Cymru held an online webinar which focused on looking forward to 2022 whilst reflecting on the big policy changes in Wales from 2021.

Two excellent speakers presented; The first was Cerys Williams, Innovation Manager from Sero Group. Sero is a zero carbon technologies and housebuilder based in Wales who believe that Net Zero Carbon has to feel like progress for it to become acceptable and mainstream. To achieve this mission, Sero provide digital products to support homeowners and the construction industry to deliver a net zero carbon reality.

Cerys's presentation focused on the work that Sero do in both new build and retrofit. A particularly interesting point was the timeline to reaching the Government's legally binding target of net zero by 2050, when households contribute to 40% of current emissions. The presentation also covered Sero's VALUER project, Building Passports, BEIS Mortgage Consultation and Building Regulations.



Gwennlian's presentation focused on the work Savills does for clients in terms of energy and infrastructure projects and also captured the wider context and influences to reaching net zero target by 2050. Gwennlian provided a showcase of projects and an overview of what the infrastructure and energy landscape looks like in Wales with key challenges being grid capacity amongst other considerations.

The session was followed by a question and answer session and some really interesting discussion about the practicalities of reaching net zero and challenges facing the industry as well as what we can look forward to in 2022 and beyond.

The event was chaired by Josh Price and Portia Banwell, both senior planners at Savills in Cardiff and members of the Young Planners Cymru Steering Group.

The event was well attended by planners across Wales and England, and Young Planners Cymru is planning a number of informative webinars over this coming year – do keep an eye out on the RTPI website and on social media.

The second speaker was Gwennlian Elias, Director at Savills. Gwennlian has over 10 years of experience in delivering major infrastructure schemes as a project manager and planner. Gwennlian specialises in energy infrastructure and has a focused interest in stakeholder engagement with particular strength in building effective relationships. Gwennlian provides advice on strategy, design, planning and consenting from initial site appraisal to the implementation of all scales of projects, from local to complex major infrastructure projects.



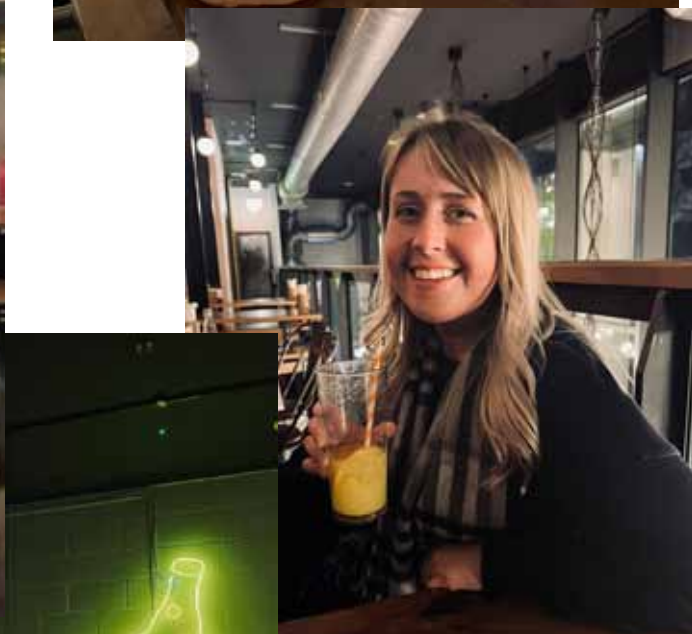
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Young Planners Cymru get together

What should have been the last event of 2021 ended up being the first event of 2022 thanks to COVID... a great time was most definitely had by all, chatting all things planning over copious amounts of pizza.

“it was a wonderful evening meeting new faces and connecting with old ones!”



Digital Task Force for Planning

The Digital Task Force for Planning published their report in February 2022. The Digital Task Force for Planning is an independent panel set up by Michael Batty and Wei Yang in February 2021. The Task Force is comprised of an interdisciplinary panel of 10 influential thought leaders drawn from a broad spectrum relating to planning and digital technology.

The mission of the Task Force is to promote an integrated digitally enabled approach to Spatial Planning. It is a prelude to a wider ongoing debate about how planning needs to fit into the wider framework of development of our towns, cities and rural areas to tackle the grand challenges of our times, and at the same time create beautiful, sustainable, resilient and inclusive communities for us and for our future generations.

Recommendation 1: Recognising the Vital Role of Spatial Planning as an Important Applied Science Discipline and the Potentials of Its Digital Transformation to Tackle the Grand Challenges

Recommendation 2: Establishing a Chief Spatial Planning Officer Role in the Cabinet Office

Recommendation 3: Implementing an Integrated Digitally Enabled Spatial Planning Methodology

Recommendation 4: Establishing a Central Resource and Delivery Body to Empower Cross-Sector Innovation, and to Develop and Implement Digital Planning

Recommendation 5: Creating a Comprehensive Mapping System, a Common Spatial Data Environment, and a Basic Set of Analytic Functions Tailored to Plan-Making

Recommendation 6: Establishing a Chief Spatial Planning Officer Role in Every Local Authority

Recommendation 7: Investing in Digital Planning and Forging an Ecosystem between Planning Research, Practice, Education, and Lifelong Learning

Recommendation 8: Developing a National Cross-Departmental Strategy for Digital Planning

The report can be found at: digital4planning.com

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Last chance to enter the Awards for Planning Excellence

Entries close Friday 11 March, 11:59pm

The premier awards for the planning profession, the Awards for Planning Excellence celebrate the positive contribution that planners and planning make to society and highlight exceptional examples of planning.

Entering is a high-impact way to highlight your achievements to potential clients, peers and stakeholders, and be rewarded for your professional achievements during the pandemic.

There are 15 free-to-enter categories:

Projects

- Excellence in Planning for a Successful Economy
- Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing
- Excellence in Planning for Heritage and Culture
- Excellence in Planning for the Natural Environment
- Excellence in Planning for Communities (large schemes of 50 or more)
- Excellence in Planning for Communities (small schemes of 50 or less)
- Excellence in Tech within Planning Practice
- International Award for Planning Excellence

Plans

- Excellence in Plan Making Practice

People

- Head Planner of the Year (Local Planning Authority)
- Planning Authority of the Year
- Small Planning Consultancy of the Year
- Young Planner of the Year
- In-house Planning Team of the Year
- Planning Consultancy of the Year

Why not start your entry now and follow our easy steps to create your submission:

Step 1 - Select your best work completed between 2020 and 2021. (For Young Planners, choose your best achievements over recent years.)

Step 2 - Choose the best category to showcase your work.

Step 3 - Create your account on our entry platform. This will allow you to edit and save your entry as many times as you like before the deadline on 11 March.

Step 4 - Familiarise yourself with the judging criteria for each category.

Step 5 - To give you the best chance of winning, read our tips on how to write a winning entry.

Step 6 - Complete the form and submit your entry by 11 March, 11:59pm along with some great images.

Entry is free too.

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