

Section 5: Practical resources

Figure 6

Resource 1 – Checklist with policy considerations for aligning local development policies and planning decisions with Planning Policy Wales

Themes	Questions for planners	Questions for public health practitioners
Sustainability and well-being <i>PPW policy reference:</i> 4.4 Sustainability objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are local health priorities embedded into the LDP vision and strategic objectives? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you provided planning with information on health priorities?
Neighbourhood and built environment <i>PPW policy references:</i> 4.11 Good design (accessibility, designing out crime) 11.1.3 Sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does the LDP promote development patterns and design that support active travel, physical and mental well-being? What provision is made to include formal and informal recreational opportunities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can you support area-based LDP policies with evidence of local area health statistics, evidence of needs and evidence in general about impact?
Food environments <i>PPW policy reference:</i> 5.5.18 Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are considerations for promoting access to healthy-food environments included through food growing or by limiting over-concentration of unhealthy food retailing around schools (Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2009)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you support LDP policies with evidence of where vulnerable populations are spatially located in terms of exposure and proximity to food retail uses and food-growing spaces? Have you considered the case for managing unhealthy retail such as hot-food takeaways?
Transport <i>PPW policy references:</i> 8.2 Promoting active travel 8.4 Managing traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are requirements for promoting active travel routes (Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013) and travel plans included and considered in terms of promoting health? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you support the implementation and ongoing monitoring of travel plans?
Natural environment <i>PPW policy references:</i> 4.8.2 Green Belts and green wedges 11.1.11 Green open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does the LDP recognise the benefits of and plan for networks of green and blue infrastructure? Could there be explicit links to Natural Resources Wales' area statements? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are LDP policies on open space informed by health evidence demonstrating benefits for physical and mental well-being? Could you work more closely to align objectives with Natural Resources Wales?
Health protection and environmental health <i>PPW policy references:</i> 13.10 Air and water quality 13.13 Noise and light pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What, where and for whom are the risks and vulnerabilities to significant impacts from pollution and noise? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can you jointly support planning by engaging environmental health officers and other relevant stakeholders?
Health Impact Assessment <i>PPW policy references:</i> 2.4.5 Integrated appraisal 14.8.5 Health impact assessment (opencast coal working)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should a requirement for HIA be included as a policy for specified developments, and would it add value to existing assessments? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you support planning in undertaking an HIA on the LDP and in quality assuring HIAs received during planning applications?
Healthcare provision <i>PPW policy reference:</i> 9.2.9 Social infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are requirements for healthcare facilities from the local health board IMTP reflected in the infrastructure planning schedule? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have health commissioning strategies been shared with the local planning authority and reflected in the local development process?