

Merthyr Tydfil  
Replacement Local Development Plan (2016-2031)  
**EXAMINATION**

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**AGENDA**

**for**

**Hearing Session 8 on 4 July 2019 at 10:00**

**MATTER 8: RENEWABLE ENERGY, MINERALS & MONITORING**

**Opening remarks and introductions**

**8.1. Renewable energy and district heating (policies EcW8 and EcW9)**

- a. Are the designated renewable energy Local Search Areas founded on robust evidence<sup>1</sup> which accords with national practice guidance<sup>2</sup>?
- b. Policy EcW8 seeks to protect the setting of the Brecon Beacons National Park. Is that consistent with Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 (PPW) paragraph 5.9.17?
- c. Paragraph 6.8.72 of the Plan refers to residential amenity, noise and odour. Should these considerations be expressed within policy EcW8 or are they adequately covered elsewhere?
- d. Should paragraph 6.8.86 state that the energy strategy should include consideration of viability, as is indicated in policy EnW9?

**8.2. Minerals (policies EcW10, EcW11, EcW12 and EcW13)**

- a. Does the Plan provide an effective framework for managing the County Borough's mineral reserves, consistent with national policy and forecast needs?
- b. Do the safeguarding of the primary coal resource and assessment criteria in policy EcW13 'Minerals Safeguarding' accord with paragraph 5.10.17 of PPW?
- c. Is it sufficiently clear how policy EcW11 'Minerals Development' and its reasoned justification at paragraphs 6.8.104-106 would operate alongside national policy set out at paragraphs 5.10.14-15 of PPW?

**8.3. Monitoring framework**

- a. Will the monitoring framework enable the Council to track the implementation of the Plan's strategy and policies on an annual basis and, if necessary, trigger a plan revision?

**8.4. Any other matters**

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<sup>1</sup> Renewable Energy Assessment (2017) and Addendum (2018) [SD21 and SD22]

<sup>2</sup> Practice Guidance: Planning for Renewable and Low Carbon Energy – A Toolkit for Planners