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# People, Places, Futures The Wales Spatial Plan

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# Today's Presentation

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- Why have a Spatial Plan?
- What does it do?
- Where are we now?
- Future challenges

# Why have a Wales Spatial Plan ?

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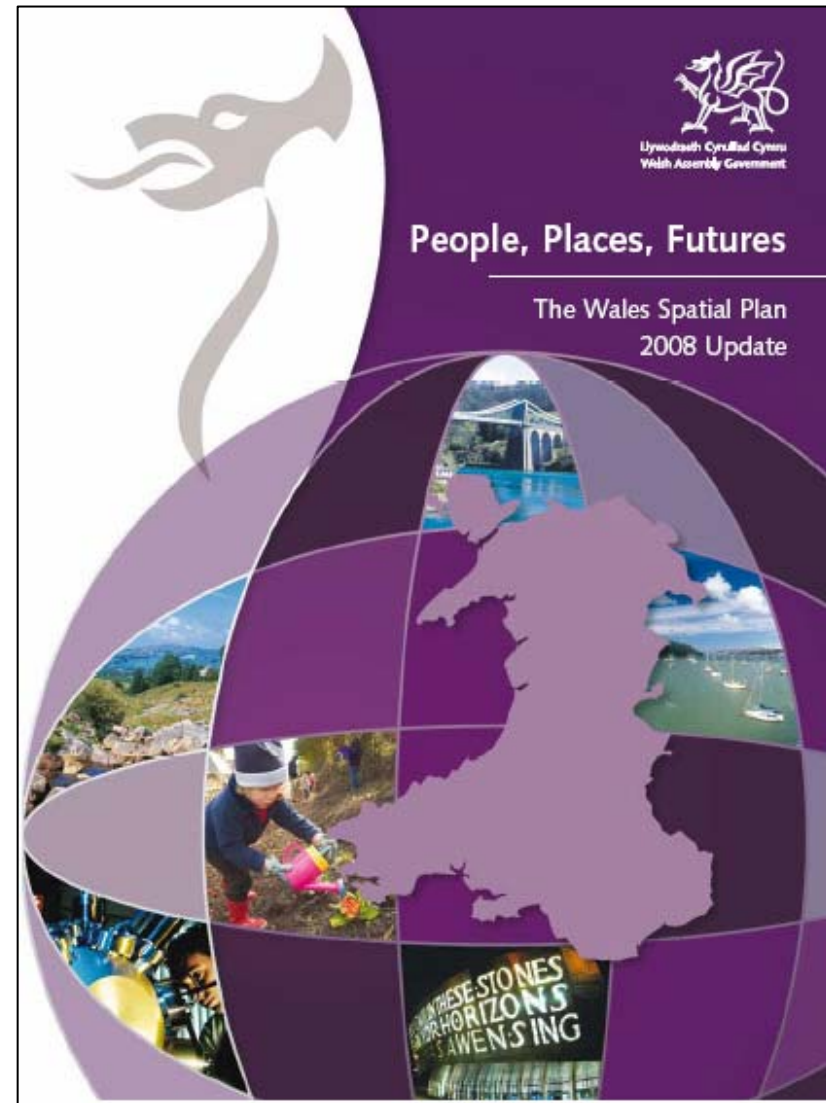
- Improving decision making through better collaboration
- What can and should happen where
- 20 year **vision**
- One size does not fit all – Recognising and responding to differing needs and opportunities
- Joined up approach to complex issues
- Better use of public finance



# People, Places, Futures – The Wales Spatial Plan 2008 Update

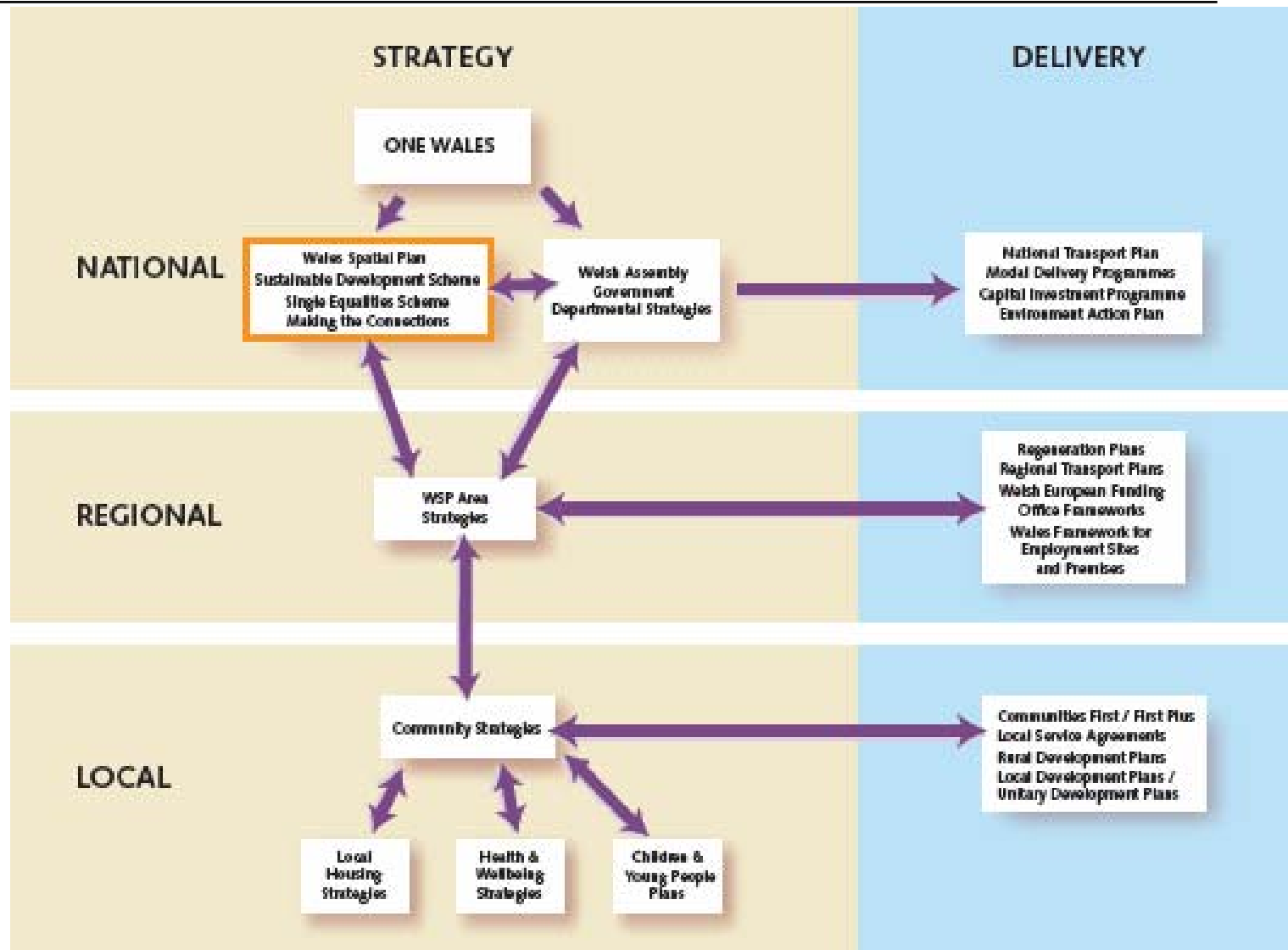
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- Original Plan adopted  
Nov 2004
- 2008 Update adopted  
July 2008





# Line of Sight: Local-National



# Key features

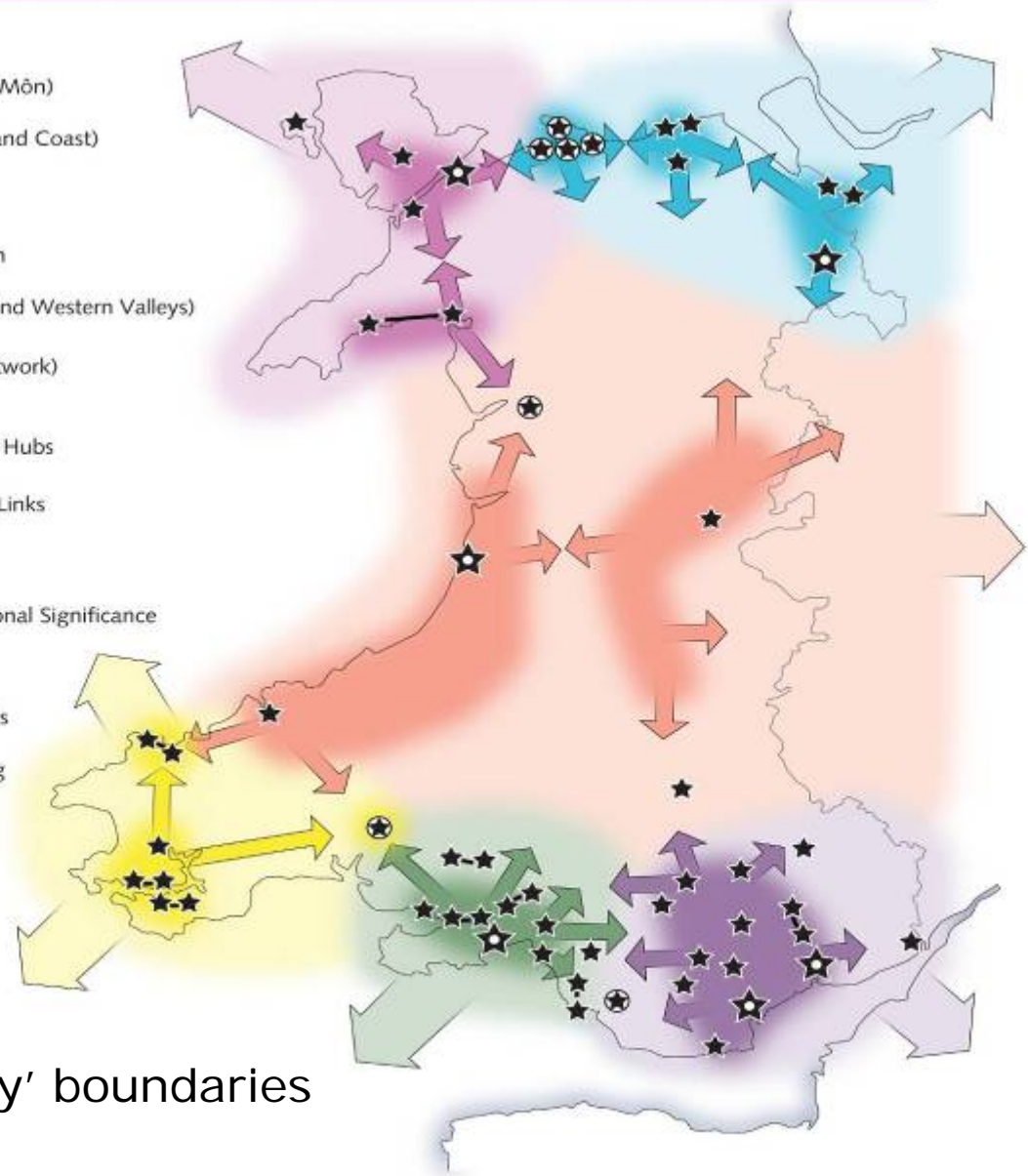
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- National Vision around five themes
- Six area strategies:
  - North-West
  - North-East
  - Central
  - South-East
  - Swansea Bay
  - Pembrokeshire Haven



# The National Vision

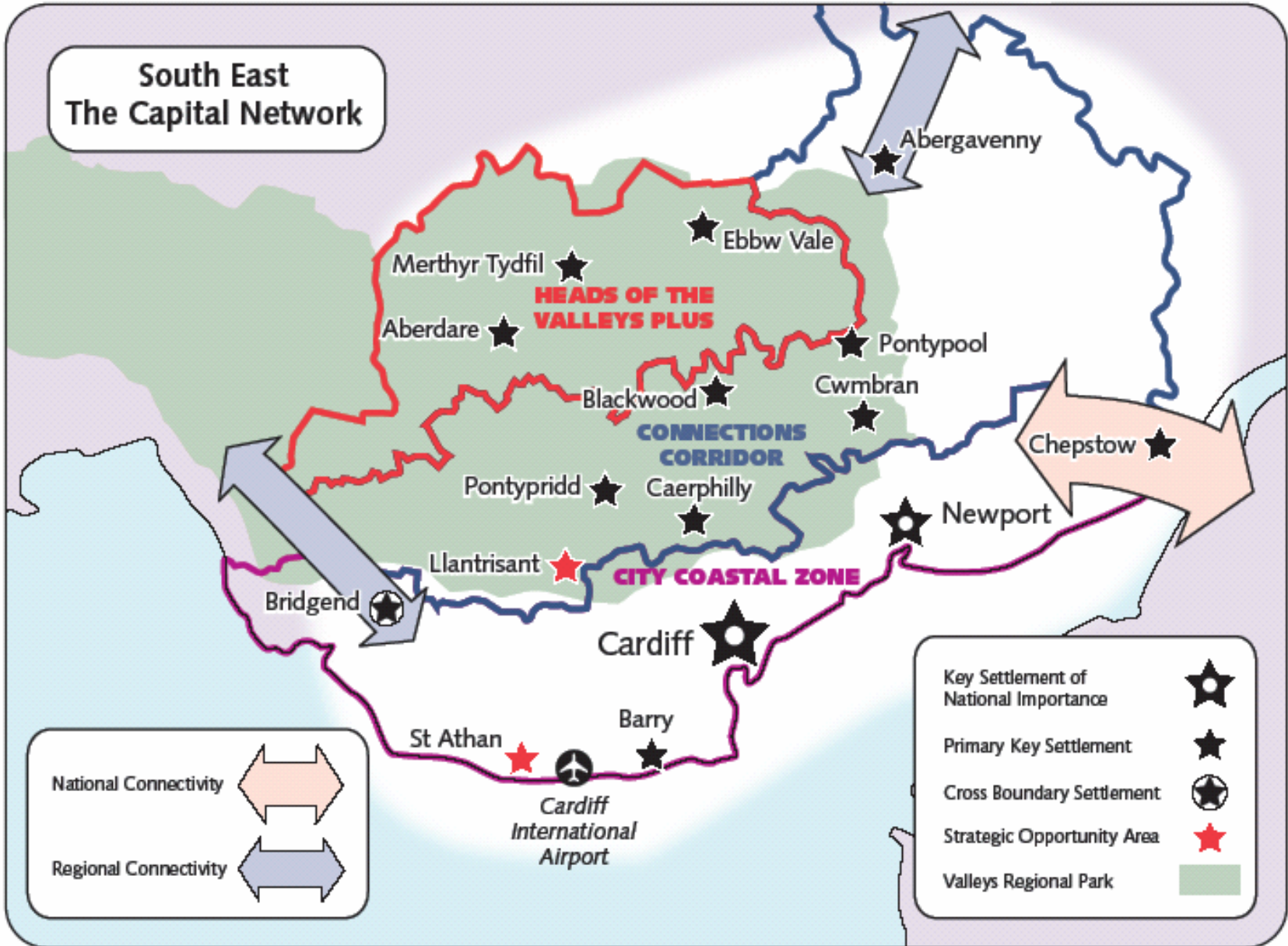
- North West Wales (Eryri a Môn)
- North East Wales (Border and Coast)
- Central Wales
- Pembrokeshire - The Haven
- Swansea Bay (Waterfront and Western Valleys)
- South East (The Capital Network)
- Areas with Socio-economic Hubs
- International/Interregional Links
- Regional Links
- Key Settlements with National Significance
- Primary Key Settlements
- Cross-boundary Settlements
- Linked Centres representing a single "Key Settlement"



Areas with 'fuzzy' boundaries



**South East  
The Capital Network**





# So what does it do?

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- Ensures better engagement and governance
- Produces evidence
- Shapes policy, informs plans
- Aligns investment



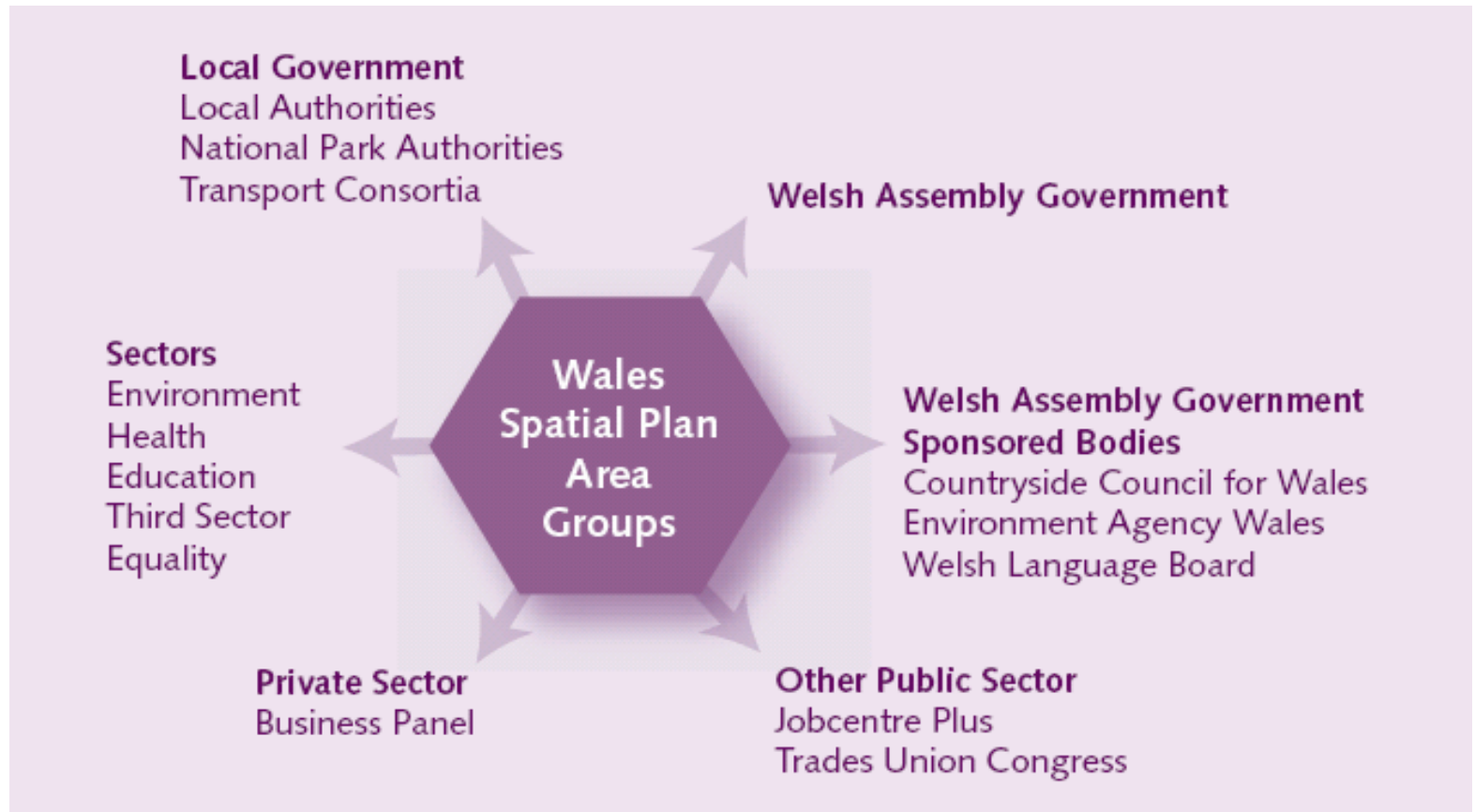
# Who is involved?

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- Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery
- Lead Minister and Senior Civil Servant for each area
- Public Services Delivery Cabinet Committee
  
- Spatial Plan Area Groups
- Cross Border (England)
  
- Local Service Boards

# Who is involved?

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# Evidence

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## Geographical Information

- Analysis
- Visualisation / communication

Importance of telling a story – the missing link between data and policy makers



## Building Sustainable Communities

### Welsh Index Multiple Deprivation 2005

- Overall 10% most deprived
- Health 10% most deprived (excluding areas in overall most deprived)

### Gross inward migration from England 5 year average to mid 2006 as a percentage of population

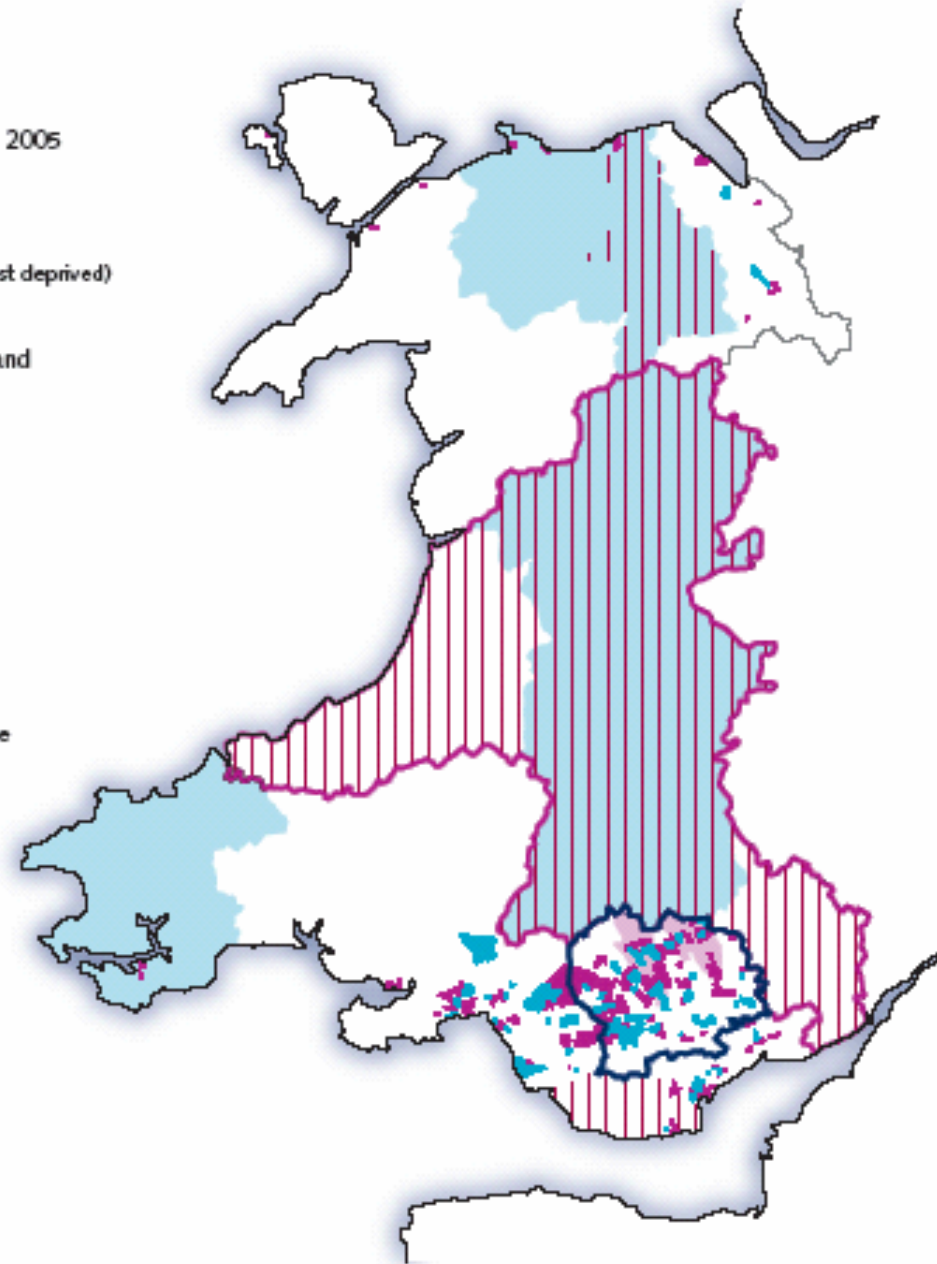
- Largest % inward migration
- Smallest % inward migration

### Population change 1996-2006

- Largest % population increase
- Largest % population decrease

### Population aged 65+

- Large % of population 65+

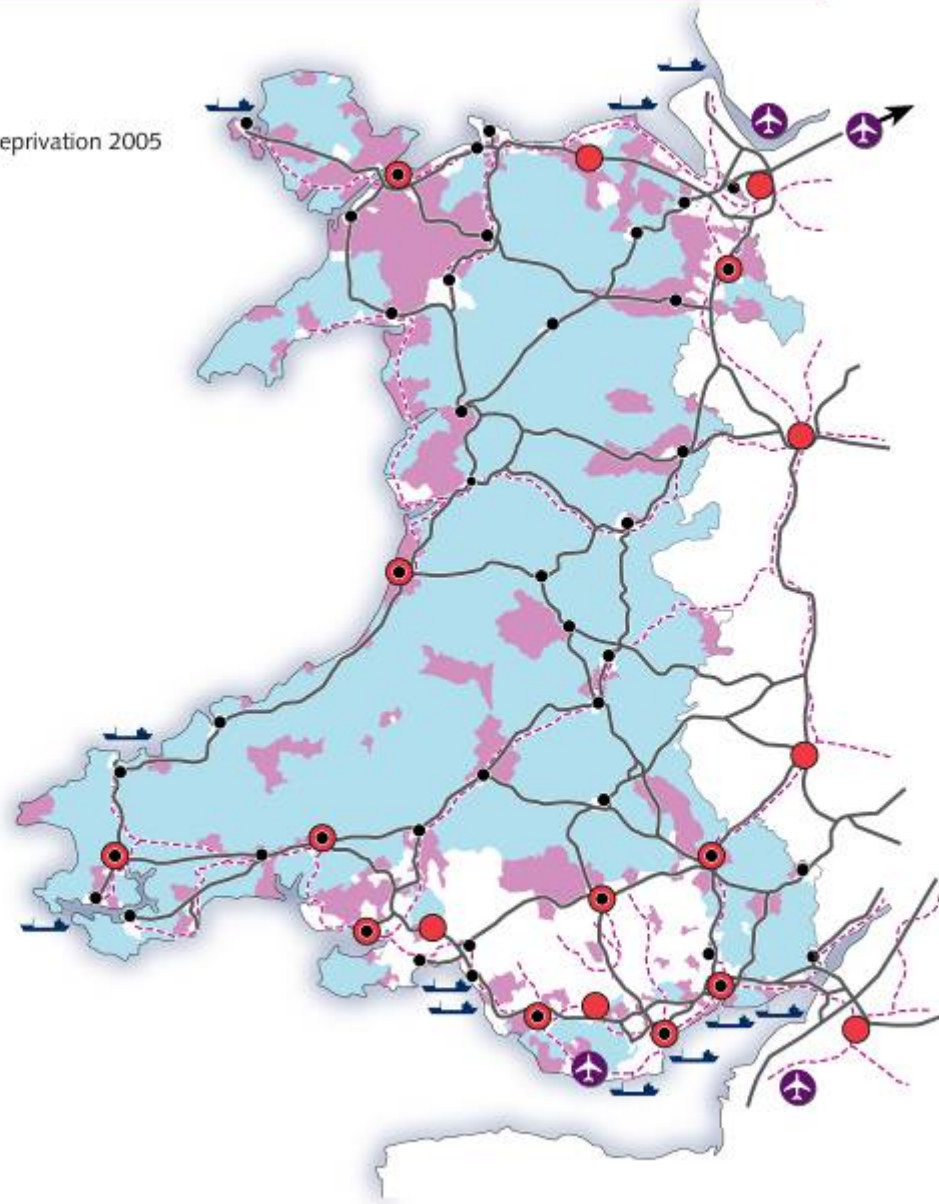


Composite  
maps for  
national themes

## Achieving Sustainable Accessibility

Geographical Access to Services Deprivation 2005

- Top 10% most deprived areas
- Next 10% most deprived areas
- Primary Route
- Primary Destination
- Passenger/Freight Railway
- Ports
- International Airports
- Major A&E Hospitals



Composite maps for national themes

# Ecological Footprint by Local Authority

Ecological Footprint (Global ha/person)

5.3 and over

5.2 to 5.3

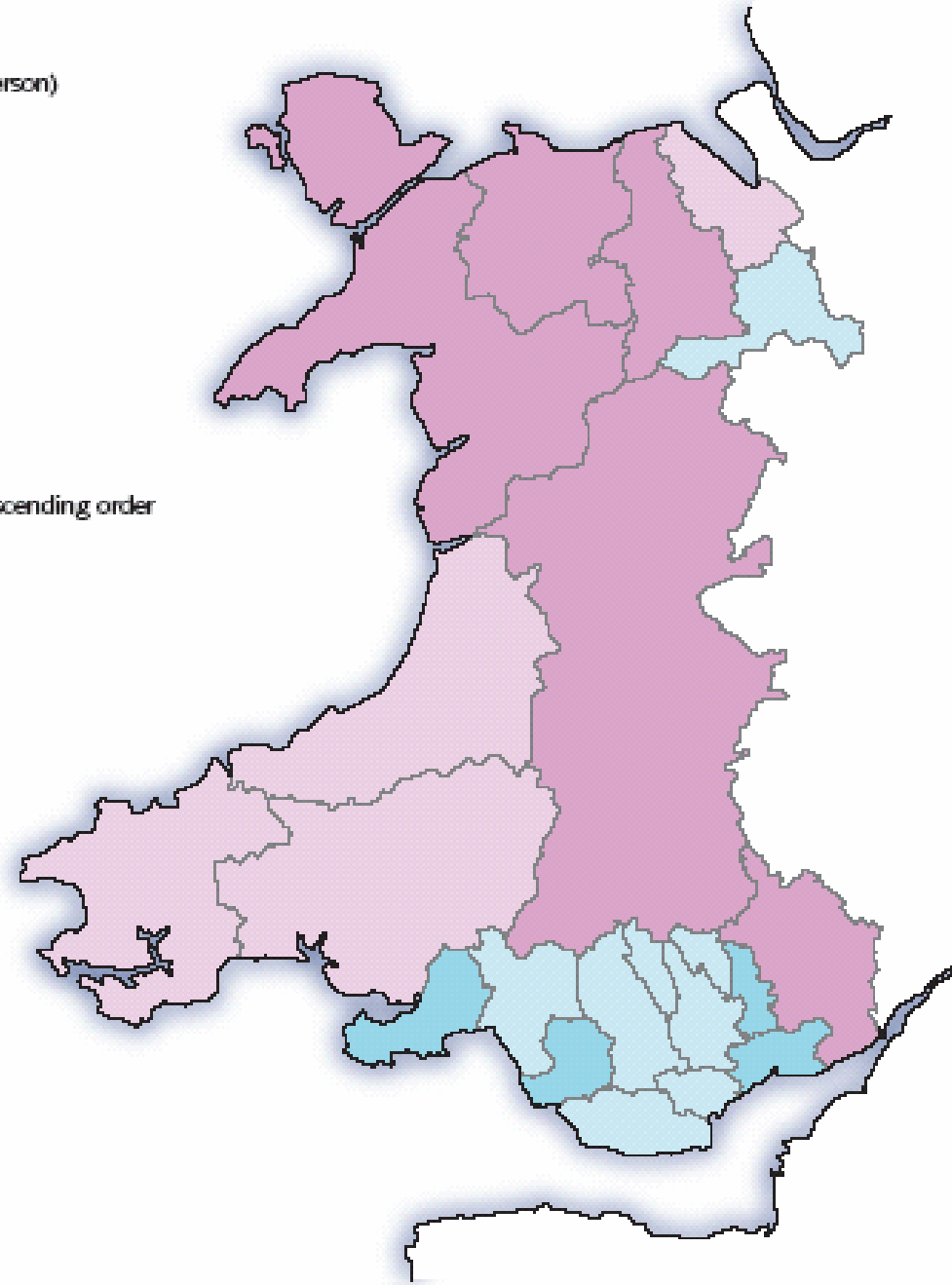
5.1 to 5.2

Up to 5.1

Local Authority Boundary

Spatial Plan area data, sorted in ascending order

Spatial Plan area	Footprint
South East Wales	5.08
Swansea Bay	5.15
North East Wales	5.24
Pembrokeshire Haven	5.26
Central Wales	5.30
North West Wales	5.33
Wales	5.16



Single topic maps

# Intranet Mapping Tool

The screenshot displays a web-based GIS application titled "Intranet GIS - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Merlin Partnership". The interface includes a logo for "ystadegau or gyfer cymru statistics for wales" and a sidebar with a category selection menu. The main map area shows a map of Wales with various data layers overlaid, including a "Spatial Plan" layer. The sidebar menu is expanded to show "Health" and "Local Data" categories. The "Health" category is expanded to show "Dental Practices", "GP Surgeries", and "NHS Hospitals", with "NHS Hospitals" selected. The "Local Data" category is also expanded to show "Population density (Persons per Sq km) 2006", "% Population change (1997-07)", "Population aged under 18 (2007)", "Population aged over 65 (2007)", and "% Inward migration". The map shows a scale of 1:1429041 and a 55km scale bar. The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with the Start button and several open applications: Calendar - Mic..., Intranet GIS - ..., Microsoft Word..., Intranet GIS - ..., Microsoft Powe..., and 1 Reminder - W... The system clock shows 13:49.

**Active Layer**  
Care Settings 1: 1429041

**Scale**  
1: 1429041

**Please select a Category:**  
Spatial Plan

**Redraw Map**  
**Clear Selection**  
**User Guide**

- + Spatial Plan
- + Education
- + Environment
- Health
  - X Dental Practices
  - X GP Surgeries
  - ✓ NHS Hospitals
- Local Data
  - X Population density (Persons per Sq km) 2006
  - X % Population change (1997-07)
  - X Population aged under 18 (2007)
  - X Population aged over 65 (2007)
  - % Inward migration

**Search Place Name/Postcode:**  
Cardiff **Find**

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Set Units Local intranet

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# Shapes policy, informs plans

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- **An integration tool**
- **Ensures policies are sensitive to place, and responsive to needs and opportunities**
- **Strategies will be assessed against the Wales Spatial Plan to ensure alignment with its principles and priorities**





# Informing Plans, Shaping Policy

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**Ensures policies are sensitive to place,  
responsive to needs and opportunities**

- Local Development Plans
- National and Regional Transport Plans
- Regeneration programmes
- European Funding Frameworks
- Housing Strategies



# Aligning Investment

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**Ensuring that public investment is made in the places and services where it is most needed.**

- **Departmental Priorities**
- European Structural Funds Programme 2007-2013
- Investment in Regeneration
- Strategic Capital Investment
- Better Understanding of Where WAG Money is Spent



# Where are we now?

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- Wales Spatial Plan 2008 Update adopted by the Assembly 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Area strategies and delivery frameworks agreed
- European Union funding frameworks in place, projects coming forward
- Ministers and senior civil servants in place for each Spatial Plan Area
- Process of aligning investment with the WSP

# Where are we now – X-Border?

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MERSEY DEE ALLIANCE

NE Wales, NW England

## ○ Agreed Priorities

- Key Sites
- Skills-Labour mkt
- Transport and Access
- Sustainability

MoU WEST MIDLANDS

Central Wales, West-Midlands

## ○ Thematic groups

- Transport,
- Health and Social Care,
- Environment, and
- Community.

# Spatial plan area reporting

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# Future Challenges

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- Keeping momentum in collaboration processes
- Communication
- Spatial Plan input major cross-cutting problems - climate change, child poverty, economic inactivity & unemployment
- Linkages to Community Strategies

# Contact us

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