

PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27TH JANUARY 2022

SUBJECT: CAERPHILLY PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL

REPORT 2020-2021

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – EDUCATION AND CORPORATE

SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the annual report of the residual Caerphilly Public Services Board (PSB) covering activity under the 'Caerphilly We Want Well-being Plan 2018-2023' from October 2020 to September 2021. Partnerships Scrutiny Committee are a statutory recipient of the report. The report was agreed virtually by the residual PSB in November 2020.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The PSB's annual report runs for the time period October 2020 until September 2021. It reflects progress on the enablers and action areas under the current well-being plan over that 12-month period. It includes progress against the new pandemic recovery areas agreed by the PSB in early 2021; 'Caerphilly Cares', and 'Jobs Growth and Employability Support'.
- 2.2 The Caerphilly PSB agreed, at its dissolution, to act as a residual body and to continue to drive and monitor progress against the current well-being plan until it is superseded in May 2023 by the new Gwent well-being plan.
- 2.3 The pandemic has affected reporting timescales as a consequence of partners being diverted to the response. The cycle should run from July to July each year but there has been an acknowledgement from Welsh Government of the difficult circumstances that partners are working under, particularly in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Public Health Wales. Consequently, reports have been slightly delayed for this and the previous reporting period.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 That Members note the contents of the report made by the Caerphilly PSB on its progress.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The allow Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to fulfil its functions under Section 35 of the legislation.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 The precise nature of this part of the report will vary from one issue to another and according to the background info which needs to be provided. The section should set out what options are available to the decision maker and why the option recommended for approval has been chosen.

5.2 **Conclusion**

Despite the continuation of the pandemic the appended report shows that significant progress continues to be made under the current well-being plan.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 There are no assumptions made in this report.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report sets out the progress made against the Caerphilly We Want well-being plan 2018-2023. It covers activity from October 2020 to September 2021. This time period is outside that allowed by the legislation. In acknowledgement of the impact of the pandemic the agreement of Welsh Government was given for a late submission reflecting the 12 months from October 2020.
- 7.2 The work of the Caerphilly Public Services Board is consistent with the five ways of working as set out in the sustainable development principle in the Act, since it allows Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to consider how the actions of the Public Services Board are:
 - Long Term Balancing short-term needs with the needs to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs
 - Prevention Acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse to help public bodies meet their objectives
 - Integration Considering how the well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, or on the objectives of other public bodies
 - Collaboration Acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the board to meet its well-being objectives
 - Involvement Involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no personnel implications in this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 This report has been sent to all consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Section 35 and 45 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Caerphilly Public Services Board Annual Report 2020/2021