



PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15TH SEPTEMBER 2016

**SUBJECT: UNDERTAKING THE CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH ASSESSMENT
OF LOCAL WELL-BEING**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the activity being undertaken on behalf of the Public Services Board in relation to the Caerphilly county borough assessment of local well-being and to seek Members' views on the approach.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report summarises the work undertaken to develop the Caerphilly local assessment of well-being on behalf of the Caerphilly Public Services Board. The Public Services Board received a similar update report at their meeting on 6th September 2016 and any views expressed will be verbally reported to the Committee.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is a new approach to ensure Public Services Boards and public bodies think more about the long term, work better with people, communities, and each other, in meeting the seven well-being goals set out in the Act.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, Public Services Boards (PSBs) are tasked with overseeing an assessment of local well-being (to be published by April 2017) and producing a Well-being Plan (to be published by May 2018) in their locality. The drafting of the local well-being assessment is along a structure agreed by Caerphilly Public Services Board. In considering people and place and assets within communities the five geographical community areas that were agreed at the Caerphilly Local Service Board on 8th March 2016 are being followed:

1. Upper Rhymney Valley – incorporating Bargoed
2. Mid Valleys West
3. Mid Valleys East
4. Lower Sirhowy Valley
5. Caerphilly Basin

- 4.2 Whilst the process has been led by the local authority, central to the approach has been engaging with Caerphilly Public Services Board partner organisations, Compact Partners through our Compact Agreement with the third sector, local people and communities. A specific chapter is being developed for inclusion within the assessment on community involvement, providing an in-depth look at the findings of the key community engagement

events held under the branding of “the Caerphilly we want”. This includes half day events in each of the 5 identified geographic areas of the county borough and specific workshops with particular groups including the Caerphilly Youth Forum, Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee, and Town & Community Council members.

- 4.3 A workshop session was held with the Council’s Future Generations Advisory Panel on 27th July 2016. Formerly the Sustainable Development Advisory Panel, the Future Generations Advisory Panel is a Panel of 11 elected Members, the purpose of the Panel is to promote the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of residents of the Caerphilly county borough by providing guidance and advice to Caerphilly County Borough Council on the work required under the Future Generations legislation. This includes ensuring that this work is undertaken in accordance with the sustainable development principle, and does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
- 4.4 A short Future Generations survey has been developed with over 100 being completed at large events, including the recent Armed Forces Day and the Big Cheese. A further survey is also available on line with the link being widely circulated to organisations, community groups, View Point Panel Members, and through social media. Activities were undertaken at “Play Day” where over 100 children had their say on the Caerphilly they want; the play pack is included at Appendix 1. In addition workshop packs have been developed for organisations to either run their own consultation event, or to be supported in this process by a Policy Officer. A pack tailored for schools has been developed and sent to all schools in the county borough. A summary of community involvement to date is included at Appendix 2.
- 4.5 The Act specifies the following 9 statutory reviews and assessments which Public Services Boards must take into account when preparing their assessment of local well-being:
- risks for UK of the current and predicted impact of climate change under the Climate Change Act 2008
 - Climate Change Risk Assessment for Wales
 - review of sufficiency of nursery education provision for the local authority area under the School Standards and Frameworks Act 1998
 - provision of childcare in the local authority area under the Childcare Act 2006
 - sufficiency of play opportunities in the local authority area under the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010
 - Assessment by the local authority in conjunction with Local Health Board under Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (the “population assessment” of needs for care and support, support for carers and preventative services)
 - strategic assessment under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 relating to reducing crime and disorder in the local authority area, and to combating substance misuse in the local authority area
 - area statement under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 which relates to any part of the local authority’s area
 - assessment for reduction of reoffending in the local authority area.

A multi-agency combined data set group consisting of the leads of each of these 9 assessments within Caerphilly County Borough has been established in order to ensure that the key findings are properly reflected in the assessment of local well-being.

- 4.6 The Gwent Strategic Assessment Group (G-SWAG) are working together on the local well-being assessment and each organisation has contributed funding to commission the Local Government Data Unit Wales to collate data across the 4 themes of: economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being. This has led to a common set of data being generated on all these themes on an individual local authority basis in Gwent, with Gwent regional and all Wales data also provided. The aim is to complete this work by the 1st October 2016, when the Data Unit expects to publish a data report of around 130 pages. A selection of graphs across the four themes is being used in a Future Scenarios Planning Event. The Data Unit has also been commissioned to work with us on a one to one basis in ensuring that the Caerphilly county borough data is tailored to the needs of our local well-being assessment.

- 4.7 The Future Scenarios Planning Event taking place on 20th September 2016 is aimed at organisations and has 60 people signed up to attend. The event will explore environmental, social, economic, and cultural well-being data and will include predictions of future trends in developing a better understanding of what the Caerphilly county borough will look like in 2040. Engagement around the local well-being assessment culminates at the Caerphilly Public Services Standing Conference on 14th October 2016, with the document being finalised for consideration by PSB bodies prior to presentation to Caerphilly Public Services Board for approval and publication by April 2017.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Promoting equalities is a fundamental requirement of the Future Generations legislation, with specific resonance for meeting the well-being goals of - *A more Equal Wales*, and *A Wales of Cohesive Communities*.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The local well-being assessment is being undertaken within existing resources.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Staff within the Council's Corporate Policy Unit play a key part in driving forward the assessment of local well-being under the leadership of Caerphilly PSB, working closely with partner organisations.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That the Committee note the activity to date and consider the progress and approach being taken on behalf of the Public Services Board in relation to the Caerphilly county borough assessment of local well-being.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To ensure scrutiny of decisions made or actions taken by the Caerphilly Public Services Board.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Play Day Workshop Pack

Appendix 2: Community Involvement to date