



PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15TH FEBRUARY 2017

SUBJECT: LOCAL WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT FOR THE COUNTY BOROUGH AREA

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee that the Caerphilly Public Services Board has published its draft Assessment of Local Well-being, and to request that the Committee offer any comments.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The draft Assessment of Local Well-being (Well-being Assessment) was approved by the Public Services Board on the 6th December 2016. The Well-being Assessment, which was prepared by the Corporate Policy Unit on behalf of the Public Services Board (PSB), is part of the requirements set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Assessment has been developed by considering the known data for the area and consulting extensively on residents perceptions of well-being, now and in the future. It highlights a number of emerging trends that will be the focus of objective setting and planning across public services. The subsequent Well-being Plan will be developed over the 16 month period leading up to May 2018.
- 2.2 Section 38 (e) of the Act requires the PSB to consult the local authority's overview and scrutiny committee. It should be noted that Members of the Committee will also be able to comment on the Assessment as "representatives of persons resident in its area" under section 38 (g) of the Act.
- 2.3 The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales is also a statutory consultee and has provided her comments on the draft Assessment, with a request that Partnerships Scrutiny Committee are appraised of her comments.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The production of the draft Well-being Assessment is a requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. It is structured around the 7 Well-being Goals, and identifies issues that relate to each of the 7 Goals:

- *A prosperous Caerphilly*
- *A resilient Caerphilly*
- *A healthier Caerphilly*
- *A more equal Caerphilly*
- *A Caerphilly of cohesive communities*
- *A Caerphilly of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language*
- *A globally responsible Caerphilly*

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The draft Well-being Assessment was approved by the Caerphilly Public Services Board on the 6th December 2016. The Assessment was prepared by the Corporate Policy Unit on behalf of the Public Services Board. Caerphilly Public Services Board is required to prepare a local assessment of well-being for the area that looks at its economic, environmental, cultural and social situation. The Well-being Assessment will be used to inform planning across the public sector to deliver 'The Caerphilly We Want' and meet the national Well-being Goals for Wales.
- 4.2 The Assessment will be used to set the Public Services Board's own Well-being Objectives and the Well-being Plan for the area. The assessment has been developed by consulting extensively with our communities to gather their views on the well-being of the area, now and in the future. This engagement is supported by the relevant data for the county borough to paint a rich picture of life in the area. It highlights a number of emerging trends that will be the focus of objective setting and planning across public services.
- 4.3 The draft Assessment has been sent for comment to all stakeholders who were involved in its preparation. Elected Members have been consulted individually as representatives of the communities in the area. It has also been sent to those others identified in Section 38 of the Act as statutory consultees. The subsequent Well-being Plan will be developed over the 16 month period leading up to May 2018.
- 4.4 Section 38 (e) of the Act requires the PSB to consult the local authority's overview and scrutiny committee.
- 4.5 The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales has provided her comments on the Assessment, appended to this report.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 This report relates to the draft local Well-being Assessment which is a requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. It is structured around the 7 Well-being Goals, and identifies issues that relate to each goal.

It is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act in that it is:

- Long-term – It identifies issues that will affect the county borough over the next 25 years.
- Preventative – It sets out preventative action and how acting to prevent problems occurring, or getting worse, will improve local well-being.
- Integrated – It considers how the issues may impact upon each of the well-being goals, and how these are interrelated.
- Collaborative – The Assessment was prepared in collaboration with PSB organisations, and other bodies and groups with an interest in the well-being of the area. It identifies how acting in collaboration could help improve local well-being.
- Involvement – The Assessment was prepared involving people and organisations with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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*.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications related to this report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Officers within the Council's Corporate Policy Unit have played a key part in driving forward the assessment of local well-being under the leadership of Caerphilly PSB, working closely with partner organisations. This work will continue into the Local Well-being Plan.

9. CONSULTATIONS

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

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Committee note the content of Caerphilly Public Services Board's draft Assessment of Local Well-being, and that the Committee offer any comments..

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 For the reasons set out in the report.

12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

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Consultees: Cllr Sean Morgan, Chair Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.
Cllr Gez Kirby Vice Chair, Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.
Dave Street, Corporate Director, Social Services
Rob Hartshorn, Head of Public Protection
Mike Eedy, Finance Manager
Shaun Watkins, Principal Human Resources Officer
Anwen Rees, Senior Policy Officer (Equalities and Welsh Language)

Background Papers: Community Engagement Events- write ups of each public and stakeholder event
Data sets for the Caerphilly and Gwent area

Draft Caerphilly Local Well-being Assessment (Main document minus data appendices and engagement write ups)
<https://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/publicservicesboard/content/well-being-assessment>

Appendices:

Appendix 1

Response to the Section 38 consultation received from the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner (letter dated 31/1/2017)