



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - INFORMATION ITEM

SUBJECT: WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES 2016/17 - SIX MONTH REVIEW

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 requires all local authorities in Wales to set and publish a set of priorities that improve the life of citizens. The Wales Audit Office (WAO) use Well-being Objectives and other data/information to evaluate the Council's annual progress on key performance indicators, measuring the outcomes and impact on the citizens of Caerphilly.
- 1.2 The report is to update elected members on the progress of the two following Well-being Objectives, for the six month period April 2016 – September 2016, and provide the service's evaluation of whether the Well-being Objectives are currently being delivered successfully or not;

Well-being Objective 1 (WO1) - To help people make the best use of their household income and manage their debts.

Well-being Objective 3 (WO3) - Close the gap in life expectancy for residents between the most and least deprived areas in the Borough.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report provides an update on the progress of Well-being Objectives 1 and 3 for the six month period April 2016 – September 2016. The detail and the progress made against individual targets and actions can be found in Appendices A & B.
- 2.2 Members are asked to note the report and that Well-being Objective 1 is adjudged to be partially successful, and Well-being Objective 1 successful, at this six month stage.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The local Government Measure 2009 requires each authority to publish priorities for improvement.
- 3.2 The Well-being Objectives support the Single Integrated Plan, Caerphilly Delivers, and in Particular contribute to the Prosperous, Healthier, and Greener Caerphilly themes. The Well-being Objectives also support the Council's Anti-Poverty Strategy.

- 3.3 The Well-being Objectives contribute to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015:
- A resilient Wales
 - A prosperous Wales
 - A healthier Wales
 - A more equal Wales

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The detail of the Well-being Objective action plans and the progress made against individual targets and actions can be found in **Appendix A & B**. Where possible a six month updates on the data/actions has been presented in the report, and have been colour coded to indicate if the indicators are on track to achieve their target for 2016-17.
- 4.2 **Well-being Objective (WO1)** – The main outcome of this priority is to introduce policies concerned with boosting households' resources so that Caerphilly residents are able to improve their income levels and are better able to meet their own needs. Poverty harms people's prospects and damages their long term future. It also places a burden on public resources and services. It is in all our interests to tackle poverty. Caerphilly Council is committed to ensuring its residents are able to live fulfilled lives and are not prevented from enjoying an acceptable standard of living due to economic, social or cultural disadvantage.
- 4.3 We are on target in supporting children to access placements and this is significant in view of engagement in the new Flying Start areas.
- 4.4 We are continuing to actively promote take up of Free School Meals, using established media channels and also working with schools and other partners. The information issued highlights the benefits to families and schools of eligible parents/carers completing Free School Meal applications. Uptake of Free School Meals in Secondary schools remain similar when compared with the same period last year and whilst Primary School uptake is up by almost 2% on the same period last year.
- 4.5 We visited 1125 Council tenants affected by welfare reform changes and provided them with advice and support in their own homes. We referred 576 other residents to commissioned deb/financial support services, although this is below our 6 month target. We have supported 1131 people to access benefits they are entitled to (Supporting People), this is already well above our target for the year. The value of financial savings generated for tenants as a direct result of face to face support was £134,905.
- 4.6 We judge the current status of Well-being Objective 1 Well-being Objective at the six month period to be partly successful.
- 4.7 **Well-being Objective (WO3)** - The main outcome of this priority is to improve the lifestyles of our local population so that people recognise and take responsibility for their own health and well being. In turn this will reduce the variation in healthy life expectancy so that health and well being of individuals experiencing disadvantage improves to the levels found among the advantaged.
- 4.8 Resources within this arena have been significantly reduced over the past few years. This is impacting on the availability of funds and the capacity to deliver. Welsh Government have recently announced a review of the Communities First programme to establish a new approach to meet the challenges of the future. The new approach will focus on three key areas of employment, early years and empowerment. Caerphilly Communities First are significant planning and delivery partners for this Well Being Objective as well as the Healthier Theme of the Caerphilly Single Integrated Plan.
- 4.9 We judge the current status of the Well-being objective at the six month period to be successful because:

- Adult smoking rates continue to decline and the percentage of children in Wales classed as a regular smoker has fallen since 1998.
- Over 3750 residents, living in our most deprived communities, have attended a Living Well Living Longer Health Check.
- The Healthy and Sustainable Pre-School Scheme continues to be very successful with 15 childcare settings having completed the whole scheme and 10 on a waiting list to join. There are 62 settings currently active within the scheme.
- Opportunities for community based self-help support for people living with mild to moderate mental health conditions have increased.
- Local community physical activity opportunities have increased

5. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 The Well-being Objectives are also consistent with five ways of working set out in the sustainable development principle, as defined in the Act. The scheme is integrated in that it contributes to a number of the Well-being goals and supports the objectives of other stakeholders working towards the same outcomes within the community. Many of the actions depend upon collaboration across organisational boundaries; working together for the good of our communities in pursuit of shared objectives. Both objectives take a long term view with many improvements only demonstrable over a generation. Many interventions also rely on and promote a broad opportunity for involvement, encouraging individuals to take responsibility for their own health and well-being. Overall, there is a clear emphasis on prevention to secure a sustainable healthy future for our communities and a commitment to ensuring its residents are able to live fulfilled lives and are not prevented from enjoying an acceptable standard of living due to economic, social or cultural disadvantage.

6.1 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications to this report that have not been considered or would adversely affect any individual or group who fall under one of the protected characteristics or wider issues as shown in the Council's Strategic Equality Plan.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 All responses from consultations have been incorporated into this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report and the judgement of Well-being Objective (WO1) to be **partially successful** at the six month stage.
- 10.2 Members are asked to note the content of the report and the judgement of Well-being Objective (WO3) to be **successful** at the six month stage.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 The Council is required to undertake effective scrutiny for setting and monitoring of performance improvement.
- 11.2 To advise members of progress made at the half way stage in meeting the Well-being Objectives and to gain their agreement on the judgement of the progress made to date.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 The Local Government Measure 2009.

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Appendices:
Appendix A Well-being Objective 1 – Six month progress report.
Appendix B Well-being Objective 3 – Six month progress report.