



FUTURE GENERATIONS ADVISORY PANEL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN,
ON THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT 5:00PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors:

D. Havard, M. Adams, C. Elsbury, L. Jones, and J.A. Pritchard.

Together with:

Kathryn Peters (Corporate Policy Manager), Paul Cooke (Senior Policy Officer), Vicki Doyle (Policy Officer) and Tracy Evans (Policy Officer).

Apologies for absence were received for Councillors K. James, K. Dawson, S. Kent and C. Mann.

1. WELCOME AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Havard welcomed attendees to the meeting. There were no declarations of interest made at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 29TH SEPTEMBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the 29th September 2016 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. WELL-BEING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE CURRICULUM RESOURCE

Tracy Evans introduced the report, which details the development of a curriculum resource for primary and secondary schools, that maps the 7 National Well-being Goals for Wales against the aims of Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC), and links into the Literacy and Numeracy Framework, Eco Schools, Healthy Schools and Fairtrade Schools.

The resource includes suggestions for curriculum and extra curricular activities to highlight the linkages between the existing school resources and the new legislation. It evidences to schools that they are able to link the Well-being Goals for Wales into their existing work plans with relative ease. Should schools wish to embed them in activities the linkages are achievable, not too onerous, and highlight that the various streams are inter-connected and should not be looked at in isolation.

The resource asks schools to consider what the goals mean to them. It asks them to think about what they could do to achieve the goals and how they could change the way they work to help achieve them. The resource also details the five ways of working (the sustainable development principle) and provides suggestions for how they can achieve these also, to help them think about what they currently do and how they can change to working in a sustainable way.

The resource makes reference to the proposed new curriculum following the Donaldson Review, while the outcome of the Review is, as yet, not clear it provided an opportunity to align the new curriculum with the Well-being of Future Generations Act requirements.

Tracy noted that the resource will now be sent to Education & Lifelong Learning for comment and approval. It will then be translated into Welsh and circulated to all schools within the county borough. Support with using the resource will be offered to all schools, either on an individual basis or cluster basis, to ensure that every school in the county borough is working towards achieving the seven well-being goals in line with the sustainable development principle and five ways of working.

Cllr Pritchard thought that the resource was a very good piece of work and congratulated Tracy on the production of it.

Cllr Jones asked whether schools would be able to receive some form of award if they could demonstrate they met all the well-being goals. Tracy responded that this was something we could consider.

4. TALKING FUTURE GENERATIONS

Paul Cooke introduced the 'Talking Future Generations' report from the Future Generations Commissioner, which summarises what she has been doing since starting in post. She has met with all 44 public bodies covered by the Act, Cabinet Secretaries, third sector leaders and a range of experts. She has also held a series of meetings throughout Wales, which have been attended by several hundred people, who talked about the big issues in their communities and how the Act can facilitate positive change and encourage community involvement.

Based on these discussions she has identified a number of potential priority issues, summarised below:

- Early years, with a particular focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences and on childcare
- Economic prosperity, including challenges around employment and skills
- Future trends, including population trends such as an ageing population
- Climate change, environmental resilience and energy generation
- Poverty, deprivation and disengagement
- Interconnectivity, including an integrated approach to City Region deals, M4 relief road, metro system and community infrastructure
- Rural infrastructure and the future of farming
- Health inequalities with a particular focus on preventative healthcare
- Community resilience, with a focus on language and identity, physical infrastructure and affordable housing

It was noted that at the South East Wales Stakeholder Event on 4th July 2016 at Butetown Community Centre, the big issues were identified as:

- Reconnecting communities
 - People need to feel engaged and connected – new, innovative ways as many people have 'consultation jaundice'

- Engagement can't be a one off – people need to understand the difference their input has made and how outcomes link to well-being goals
- Engagement should include mapping all determinants that enable people and communities to cope with key issues
- Recent referendum vote shows there is a big need to reconnect decision makers and communities, and combat distrust and apathy

- City Region and community planning/infrastructure
 - City Deal and planning decisions that it influences must be tested against the WFG Act
 - Local development planning should take account of a range of needs including housing, infrastructure, services and biodiversity
 - Risk of generic plans and solutions that are not meaningful at the very local level – the role of community councils and community asset transfers shouldn't be underestimated
 - Community resilience should be built through self-sufficient approaches, particularly in relation to food production

- Employment and population trends
 - Lack of employment opportunities and high numbers of NEETS, and jobs being created that will not lead to improved well-being i.e. low-paid
 - Financial poverty is limiting people's choices and opportunities, leading to widespread dissatisfaction
 - Poverty of education, aspiration, resources, voice and opportunity
 - Wider issues about ageing population, including recognising the skills and contributions of older generations

- Information sharing
 - More information sharing, including information on benefits and best practice
 - Pooling of resources toward the development of specific local community plans would help give a framework to PSB's on what is required to make plans real

Paul noted that it was interesting to compare what has been highlighted above with what is coming out of our community engagement for the well-being assessment, as many of the issues are the same.

Cllr Pritchard commented that she was disappointed with the lack of reference to health issues. She noted the focus on inequalities, but felt that issues of the ageing population, increased need for hospital and community care, plus social care, were very important.

5. CAERPHILLY PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL WELL-BEING

Kathryn Peters introduced the Well-being Assessment , and explained that this is a Public Services Board assessment that encompasses all the work and community engagement that the Corporate Policy Unit has undertaken in conjunction with partners over the summer.

The assessment considers statistical data, the views of experts and what our communities have told us through the engagement work we have done, both in terms of geographical communities and also communities of interest, such as the Business Forum. Kathryn noted that the draft assessment would be presented to the Public Services Board for approval at its meeting on 6th December. Following approval it will be sent out to the list of statutory consultees listed in the WFG Act, Elected Members, partner organisations, the Future Generations Commissioner, people and organisations that took part in the engagement work etc. Reference to the document will also be made via the Council's and partner organisations' social media channels.

Kathryn also explained that work will continue to start pulling together the issues that we need to investigate in more detail, which will inform the development of the well-being objectives for the PSB and ultimately the Well-being Plan.

Cllr Elsbury made reference to the predicted trends for climate change and how startling these are. Cllr Havard asked about the source of this information, and Paul explained that it was from the UK Climate Projections (UKCP09) based on climate modelling undertaken by the Met Office's Hadley Centre.

Cllr Pritchard suggested that it was difficult to get people to think about the big issues like climate change – they tend to focus on more local things like parking problems, dog fouling and litter. Paul noted that it will be for the PSB to decide what their priorities will be moving forward, which should be informed by what is coming out of the assessment and what can be achieved through collaborative action

It was agreed that a printed copy of the Well-being Assessment is placed in the Members' Library once the document has been signed off by the PSB.

6. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

Kathryn explained that the Corporate Policy Team has interviewed a number of local residents about what well-being means to them. A video has been made from these interviews, and this will be shown at the next FGAP meeting.

It was suggested that the date of the meeting planned for 20th April may need to be rearranged, as it was very close to the Local Government Elections.

Cllr Pritchard suggested that FGAP receive a presentation on the collaborative developments between the Health Service, Social Services and the Ambulance Service.

Cllr Havard raised the issue of using Free Schools Meals as a descriptor of children/poverty, and suggested there needs to be another way of describing disadvantaged children.

Members had a brief discussion around procurement issues and the need to encourage people to buy locally. It was agreed that Liz Lucas be asked to attend a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:15pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any amendments being recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2017.

CHAIRMAN