



## HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELL BEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017

**SUBJECT: WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES 2016/17 – END OF YEAR REVIEW**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES**

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### **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 Members on the progress of the two following Well-being Objectives, for the period April 2016 to March 2017, and provide an 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 period April 2016 to March 2017. 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 progress against Well-being Objective 1 and 3 is considered to be successful at year end 2016/17.

### **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**. Updates on the data/actions have been presented in the report, and have been colour coded to indicate if targets have been met.

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 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 is slightly lower than last year whilst Primary School uptake is up by over 2% on the same period last year.

4.4 2183 Council tenants affected by welfare reform changes and provided them with advice and support in their own homes. We supported 3273 people to access benefits they are entitled to, this well above our target for the year.

4.5 The status of Well-being Objective 1 as at year end 2016/17 considered to be successful because:

- We are on target in supporting children to access placements and this is significant in view of engagement in the new Flying Start areas.
- Primary School Free School Meal uptake is up by over 2% on the same period last year.
- The value of financial savings generated for tenants as a direct result of face to face support was £338,143.

4.6 **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.

4.7 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 are phasing out 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.

4.8 The status of this Well-being objective at the end of the 2016/17 is considered to be successful because:

- The gap in healthy life expectancy has reduced for both male and female residents between the most and least deprived areas in the Borough. The improvement for males is noteworthy.
- Adult smoking rates continue to decline.
- The Healthy and Sustainable Pre-School Scheme continues to be very successful with 16 childcare settings having completed the whole scheme and 10 on a waiting list to join. There are 66 settings currently active within the scheme.
- Participation in the School Cycling Programme has increased, 32 schools have taken part in the scheme between Sept 2016 and July 2017 (academic year) with 724 pupils participating.
- Over 2000 individuals took part in over 520 led walks in 2016/17.
- Development of community based self-help support for people living with a mild to moderate mental health condition has resulted in increased uptake.
- Over 3900 residents completed a cardiovascular risk assessment as part of the regional Living Well Living Longer programme with 514 residents receiving ongoing support.

## **5. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

- 5.1 These Well-being Objectives contribute to the Well-being Goals as set out in 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 Objectives are integrated in that they contribute 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.
- 5.2 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, and financial resilience. 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. 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 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report and the judgement of Well-being Objective 1 and 3 to be **successful** as at year end 2016/17.
- 10.2 Members are also requested to agree or challenge the assessment of successful at the full year stage in respect of Well-being Objective 1 and 3.

## **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 in meeting the Well-being Objectives and to gain their agreement on the assessment of the year end performance.

## **12. STATUTORY POWER**

- 12.1 The Local Government Measure 2009.

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Appendices:  
Appendix A Well-being Objective 1 – 2016/17 year end update report.  
Appendix B Well-being Objective 3 – 2016/17 year end update report.