



CAERPHILLY PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD–5TH SEPTEMBER 2017

SUBJECT: DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Caerphilly Public Services Board (PSB) on the work undertaken since June 2017, when the PSB agreed six areas for action to be developed into Well-being Objectives. The report also sets out the proposed timeline towards development of the Well-being Plan for the Caerphilly county borough area.
- 1.2 For the PSB to consider and comment on the draft Well-being Plan (Appendix 1) prior to it being circulated as part of the statutory 12 week consultation period.
- 1.3 To update PSB members on the use of the allocation of Welsh Government funding for the region (£74,000) for the development of an on-line tool to measure the well-being of the local population, and academic research into a 'future assessment' for the Gwent area.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 At the meeting on the 6th June 2017 Caerphilly Public Services Board (PSB) agreed six areas for action to be developed into Well-being Objectives. These areas had been subject to in depth investigation by partners as part of the response analysis process. The response analyses have been used to develop the priorities for collaborative action for the Well-being Plan 2018-2023.
- 2.2 The PSB is required to set Well-being Objectives that will maximise its contribution to the well-being goals, and set the steps it intends to take to meet these objectives. There is a statutory duty to seek the advice and assistance of the Future Generations Commissioner for a 14-week period in developing the Well-being Plan. This 14 week consultation was initiated on the 21st July 2017. Three meetings have been held with the Commissioners office and the draft Well-being Plan has been developed in consultation with them. A drop in session with Welsh Government has informed development further.
- 2.3 This report requests that the PSB consider and comment on the draft Well-being Plan so that it can be circulated as part of the statutory 12 week stakeholder and public consultation.
- 2.4 Two key pieces of work are being progressed on a Gwent wide basis by the Gwent Strategic Well-being Assessment Group. The first is supported by the G7 Group and aims to consider the commonalities in the assessments being undertaken across the region with a view to 'lifting' a set of Gwent Well-being Objectives that may receive, or inform, collaborative focus. The second is the proposed use of the annual Welsh Government financial support to PSB's.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The work of the Caerphilly Public Services Board directly impacts on all 7 National Well-being Goals for Wales. Further the Board is statutorily required by the Act, and its associated statutory guidance, 'Shared Purpose: Shared Future', to act jointly to do all it can to improve the economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being of the area.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 At the meeting on the 6th June 2017 Caerphilly Public Services Board agreed six areas for action to be developed into Well-being Objectives. These areas had been subject to in depth investigation as part of the response analysis process. Since that meeting work has been undertaken to develop the draft Well-being Plan. This work has included consulting with the Future Generations Commissioner as required under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Input has also been provided by PSB partner organisations.
- 4.2 The draft Plan has been shaped by the PSB's desire for it to reflect a new approach and new ways of working, including a shift away from the silo working that characterised some of the work under the Single Integrated Plan. It is underpinned by the 5 ways of working under the Sustainable Development Principle. The feedback from residents and partners that there are many positive aspects to living and working in Caerphilly county borough, is central to the draft Plan.
- 4.3 The draft Well-being Plan – 'The Caerphilly We Want' includes 4 high level objectives:
- **Positive Change** - A shared commitment to cross-sectoral change
 - **Positive Start** - Giving our future generations the best start in life
 - **Positive People** - Empowering and enabling all our residents to achieve their own potential
 - **Positive Places** - Enabling our communities to be resilient and sustainable
- 4.4 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, requires PSB's to set out the steps that will be taken to achieve the objectives. The draft Well-being Plan includes a delivery plan. This sets out areas for action under each of the 4 objectives, identifies how these will be co-ordinated, and how they will be reported to the PSB.
- 4.5 The activities and actions will change throughout the lifetime of the 5-year Well-being Plan and it has already been established that some issues may be better delivered by regionalised arrangements, either because partners operate at a higher geographical level, work is funded at a regional level, or other external drivers dictate that a regionalised delivery makes more sense e.g. the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. Other activity will need to be local at the county borough area, or smaller geographies, because delivery partners operate at that level, or community action is required e.g. the Lansbury Park Coalition for Change.
- 4.6 The local assessment of well-being identified a total of 37 issues. At the meeting on the 6th June 2017 the PSB agreed that consideration should be given to how each of the 37 issues would be responded to. Some of these will be tackled collaboratively as part of the PSB Well-being Plan. The remaining issues will also be addressed but separate to the Plan.
- 4.7 **Well-being Plan timeline.** The Plan must be in place within 12 months of an ordinary election i.e. by the 3rd May 2018. However, it must also receive board approval by the statutory PSB member organisations. Proposed board meeting dates are in brackets:
- Full Council Caerphilly CBC (6th March 2018)
 - SWFRS Sub-groups and Board (15/1/18, 29/1/18 and 26/3/18)
 - ABUHB Public Partnership and Well-being Committee (9/11/17) and Board meeting (24/1/18)

- Natural Resources Wales Board (TBC)

Given the forward work programmes of boards it is envisaged that the Plan will progress through formal approval from January 2018, with any final revisions that are required incorporated. Statutory members are asked to confirm the dates of relevant board meetings.

The draft Plan must undergo a 12-week public and stakeholder consultation and it is intended that this will commence in October 2017, after any amendments are made following this PSB meeting.

4.8 Statutory 12-week consultation period. The feedback on the consultation process employed for the Well-being Assessment was overwhelmingly positive, it is therefore proposed that the PSB take a similar approach to the formal 12-week public consultation for the 'The Caerphilly We Want' Wellbeing Plan, commencing in October. The consultation will seek feedback on the plan but will also encourage residents and partners to consider how they can contribute to the work moving forward. In line with the PSB's Communication Engagement Strategy it is proposed to continue with an integrated and inclusive approach that aims to inform as well as engage, accommodating as many communication styles as possible including:

- Surveys, online and hard copy
- Facilitated Community Area workshops:
 - 4 Public consultation events to be held: 1 morning, 2 afternoons and 1 evening.
 - Rhymney - St David's Centre
 - Bargoed - Ebenezer Chapel
 - Caerphilly - Twyn Community Centre
 - Risca - OAP Hall
- Facilitated professionals engagement workshops
 - 2 key stakeholder events
 - Standing Conference, October/November at Llancaiach Fawr Manor
 - Future Scenarios '3' 25th October: location Ebenezer Baptist Chapel
- Facilitated workshops for Town & Community Councils
- Face to face discussions
- Shared engagement with PSB partners
- Light touch information sessions

That dates of the consultation events will take into account, as far as is possible, the range of wider consultations being undertaken in the autumn to try to prevent 'consultation fatigue'.

4.9 G7 Gwent Priorities Project. The G7 Group, comprising the 5 Gwent local authorities, Gwent Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, ABUHB and SWFRS have agreed a project to examine the 5 local assessments of well-being and derive any commonalities to be lifted to a set of Gwent well-being priorities, or objectives. A commissioned provider is undertaking this work, which has been funded by PHW and is being facilitated by SWFRS.

A set of Gwent priorities will have no legal status while there continue to be 5 individual Public Services Boards. However, the work will undoubtedly have some value in planning delivery of any regional issues across borders. Each Public Services Board would need to determine what, if any, resources it devoted to delivering Gwent priorities given commitment to local Well-being Plans. Further reports will be brought forward to the Public Services Board as the project progresses. The Gwent Strategic Well-being Assessment Group is assisting and working with the commissioned provider. Importantly the work is considering the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal.

4.10 **2017/2018 Welsh Government PSB Support Funding.** For the past two financial years Welsh Government have made available small amounts of funding to support the work of Public Services Boards. For 2017/18 an amount of £74,000 has been made available to the Gwent region to address any gaps in the evidence base, enable assessments to become an ongoing process, support community engagement and improve analytical capacity. The Gwent Strategic Well-being Assessment Group manages this funding on behalf of the region. Caerphilly County Borough Council is undergoing a procurement process, on behalf of the group, to deliver two products:

1. A framework and toolkit to enable a better understanding of the local determinants of sustainable and equitable well-being. This will include development of a set of indicators to measure aspects of well-being including work, health, education, sense of place and community. Analysis will be available at the granular level i.e. communities, electoral wards and Mid Layer Super Output Areas. The toolkit will also include a web based tool to engage with communities and measure the subjective well-being of individuals.
2. An academic research product to consider the future Gwent landscape of population, work, employment, transport, homes and community, health, culture and language, community safety and policing, pollution, climate, environment, tourism, education, natural resources.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 The Well-being Plan must consider those collective actions and activities that will maximise well-being for the area in a sustainable way, that is, in accordance with the sustainable development principle in the Act. In assessing the contribution that can be made the Plan will need to consider:

- **Involving** local communities and other stakeholders
- **Collaborative** and collective action
- **Long term** change to secure the well-being of future generations
- **Integrating** actions and activities across the goals and the work programmes of partners
- **Preventative** activity to consider preventing issues that will damage well-being

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been conducted as this report gives an update on work to progress the Well-being Plan. The Plan will be subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications. PSB partners have committed to providing support in kind in developing the Well-being Plan.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The responsibility to complete the statutory duties placed on the PSB applies across all statutory partners equally.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 This report reflects the responses received from consultees.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the PSB consider and comment on the draft Well-being Plan to go forward for the 12-week statutory consultation period.
- 10.2 That PSB members continue to allow key officer contacts, who have already been engaged in this work, to assist the Corporate Policy Unit of Caerphilly County Borough Council in this process, as part of support in kind.
- 10.3 That statutory partners advise of the dates of relevant board meetings so that the timely submission can be achieved.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 To ensure timely progress towards development of the Well-being Plan for the area.

12. STATUTORY POWER

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

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Background Papers:

<http://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/publicservicesboard/content/what-does-wellbeing-mean-you>

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Draft 'The Caerphilly We Want' Well-being Plan 2018-2023