



PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- 15TH JULY 2021

SUBJECT: PROGRESS UPDATE – THE CAERPHILLY WE WANT WELL-BEING PLAN 2018-2023 (SEPTEMBER 2020 TO JUNE 2021)

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on the performance updates presented to the Caerphilly Public Services Board on the 24th of June 2021. The June 24th meeting was the last meeting of the Caerphilly Public Services Board, which has now dissolved in favour of a Gwent Public Services Board; to be formed from autumn this year.
- 1.2 This report notifies scrutiny members of the intention to maintain oversight and scrutiny of the existing Caerphilly We Want Well-being Plan, which runs up until May 2023.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report presents the performance reports examined by the Caerphilly Public Services Board (PSB) at its meeting on the 24th of June 2021. The reports are covering six-months 'plus' progress on partnership activity across the 'Caerphilly We Want 2018-2023' well-being plan. The pandemic has disrupted reporting for the 2020/21 financial year and the Caerphilly Public Services Boards has examined activity across all its action areas and enablers in longer segments of time. Partnerships Scrutiny Committee last examined progress up until September 2020. As the June 24th meeting was the last meeting of the Caerphilly Public Services Board performance reports were provided running up to that date. The performance reports have previously been provided to Scrutiny Committee members via e mail for their consideration as to which areas they may wish to focus on. The performance reports are appended to this report.
- 2.2 Over the later part of 2020 and the early part of this year the PSB instructed it's lead officers to refresh activity and consider what additional areas needed to be worked on to help communities recover from the pandemic. This report notifies members of two new areas of collaborative partnership activity.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That committee note the progress updates provided to the PSB, and the new recovery areas, and consider how it would like to plan the scrutiny of thematic areas as part of its Forward Work Programme.
- 3.3 That committee note that the current Caerphilly Public Services Board website will remain until May 2023 and all performance reports will be made visible on that, after their agreement and confirmation by PSB member Board Champions. Some reporting of regional activity and projects will be made to the Gwent Public Services Board in future.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To allow Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to discharge its duties under Section 35 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The performance of the PSB is included within the forward work programme of Partnerships Scrutiny Committee. Committee have agreed to scrutinise performance at each of its meetings.
- 5.2 This report includes the updates provided to the PSB on progress against the Actions and Enablers in 'The Caerphilly We Want 2018-2023' well-being plan at its final meeting on the 24th June 2021.
- 5.3 It has previously been agreed that committee are circulated with performance reports, subsequent to each PSB meeting, to inform questioning and allow members to decide which officers from partner organisations they would like to attend scrutiny to answer questions. Reports for this meeting have been circulated with a request that members considered which witnesses they wished to call by the 9th of July 2021.
- 5.4 Partnerships Scrutiny Committee has set its Forward Work Programme to consider each of the areas of activity in the well-being plan thematically in more depth at each of its meetings. Given the 5-year cycle of the well-being plan this means that each of the areas will be scrutinised in depth at least once. To date committee have received in depth items on:
- Resilient Communities
 - Good Health and Well-being
 - Natural Environment
 - Apprenticeships and Volunteering

Committee will receive, at this evenings meeting, a report on:

- Safer Communities

The remaining areas, from the original areas of activity, not yet examined thematically are:

- Best Start in Life

- Assets
- Procurement
- Communications and Engagement

Over the later part of 2020 and the first few months of this year the PSB asked its lead officers to consider which issues needed to be tackled in communities to support recovery from the pandemic. An analysis of some of the key drivers was considered and the PSB determined that they would like additional activity on the following. These areas will be worked on by partners up until 2023 and beyond. Therefore, Scrutiny Committee may wish to consider this additional activity in its Forward Work Programme.

- Caerphilly Cares
- Job Growth and Employment Support

5.5 Noting the report, also presented to Committee this evening, which considers regional and local scrutiny of partnership activity under the legislation, Committee may wish to consider which areas it would like to examine in future.

5.6 While the Caerphilly PSB has dissolved in favour of a Gwent PSB it is important that the Caerphilly We Want Well-being Plan 2018-2023 continues to be delivered until it is replaced by a Gwent well-being plan that will run from 2023-2028. For this reason, the Caerphilly PSB website will remain and all performance updates will be lodged there after being confirmed by the PSB member champions, who have agreed to act as a residual virtual body until May 2023. They will confirm all performance reports and all information presented to local authority scrutiny committee until that time.

5.9 **Conclusion**

This report allows members to scrutinise the of the PSB against the well-being plan, and further to select which in depth areas it may wish to scrutinise in future.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 There are no assumptions made in this report.

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 This report is for information only and reports on progress considered by the Caerphilly Public Services Board, acting as a collaborative body.

7.2 The work of the Caerphilly Public Services Board is consistent with the five ways of working as set out in the sustainable development principle in the Act, since it allows Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to consider how the actions of the Public Services Board are:

- Long Term – Balancing short-term needs with the needs to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs
- Prevention - Acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse to help public bodies meet their objectives
- Integration – Considering how the well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, or on the objectives of other public bodies

- Collaboration – Acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the board to meet its well-being objectives
- Involvement – Involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no personnel implications in this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 This report has been sent to all consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Section 35 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Performance reports to the Caerphilly Public Services Board 24th June 2021

Enabler 2	Communications and Engagement
Enabler 3	Procurement
Enabler 4	Assets
Action Area 1	Best Start in Life
Action Area 2a	Volunteering
Action Area 2b	Apprenticeships (now Jobs Growth and Employability Support)
Action Area 3	Good Health and Well-being
Action Area 4a	Safer Communities

Action Area 4b
Action Area 5
Action Area 6

Resilient Communities
Natural Environment
Caerphilly Cares