



PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- 28TH JANUARY 2021

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

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on the half year performance updates presented to the Caerphilly Public Services Board on the 3rd of November 2020.
- 1.2 The report also explains that the next cycle of well-being planning will commence in 2021. The precursor data assessment and analysis of local well-being is a 12 to 18 month process that will need to be completed in time to draft the next version of the well-being plan during 2022 in readiness for the next iteration and cycle; 2023-2028. A timeline is appended to this report.
- 1.3 The report also notifies members that a decision has been made by partners to form a regional Gwent Public Services Board from September 2021 that will replace the five current boards in the Gwent area.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report presents the performance reports examined by the Caerphilly Public Services Board (PSB) at its meeting on the 3rd of November 2020. The reports are covering six-months progress on partnership activity across the 'Caerphilly We Want 2018-2023' well-being plan. Partnerships Scrutiny Committee did not meet in July 2020 due to the coronavirus public health crisis. The public health crisis also affected the Caerphilly Public Services Board meetings, the Board did not meet in June 2020 and cancelled, at short notice, its planned meeting of the 7th September 2020 due to the local lockdown taking effect in the county borough area. The Public Services Board next met on the 3rd of November and received reports on six-months partnership activity, instead of quarterly reports, at that time. The six-month performance reports have previously been provided to Scrutiny Committee for their consideration as to which areas they may wish to focus on. The six-month performance reports are appended to this report.

- 2.2 Due to the disrupted schedules of both Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, and the Caerphilly Public Services Board, the next six-monthly update reports will be provided to the July 2021 scrutiny meeting. These will cover the period October 2020 to March 2021.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That committee note the progress updates provided to the PSB and consider how it would like to plan the scrutiny of thematic areas as part of its Forward Work Programme.
- 3.2 That committee note that the lead in time for drafting a well-being plan for the next 5-year cycle means that the next local assessment of well-being will begin this year.
- 3.3 That committee note the decision of partners to form a Gwent Public Services Board from 2021.

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 for the period from April 2020 to September 2020, appended.
- 5.3 Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meets biannually, while the PSB meets quarterly. Ordinarily committee would scrutinise the performance of the PSB by looking at areas of its activity in rotation as they are examined by the PSB. For this meeting, and for the July 2021 meeting of committee, six-months activity across all action areas and enablers is being provided. This will bring the scheduling back into alignment for the remaining years of the well-being plan.
- 5.4 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 18th of January 2021.
- 5.5 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 ten 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

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

- Apprenticeships and Volunteering

The remaining areas not yet examined thematically are:

- Best Start in Life
- Safer Communities
- Assets
- Procurement
- Communications and Engagement

Committee may wish to consider which area it would like to examine at the July 2021 meeting.

- 5.6 The Public Services Board's well-being plan is a five-year partnership plan defined in statute. It must be produced within 12 months of a local government election, hence the next iteration is due 12 months after the 2022 elections. The lead in time to prepare the next iteration of the well-being plan is extensive. Members may recall the extended period of community planning and engagement that took place over 2017 and 2018 to define the current well-being plan. Partners will be commencing the work again over the course of 2021 and into 2022.
- 5.7 Partnerships Scrutiny Committee are a statutory consultee to the process and will be engaged over the next 12 to 18 months. Update reports will be provided throughout this period. Appended to this report is the planned timeline for members awareness.
- 5.8 To streamline planning over the wider Gwent area and allow for consistency of delivery across the five constituent local authority geographies partners have committed to forming a Gwent area PSB from September 2021. This will not affect local activity and delivery as the Well-being of Future Generations Act defines that planning still needs to take place for community areas and delivery activity will still be at the locality level. The Gwent Well-being Plan will be informed by the local assessment of well-being and will be applied locally within the Caerphilly county borough area.

5.9 **Conclusion**

This report allows members to scrutinise the half yearly progress of the PSB against the well-being plan, and further to select which in depth areas it may wish to scrutinise as part of its Forward Work Programme.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 There are no assumptions made in this report.

7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

- 7.1 The PSB has a statutory duty to prepare a local well-being plan and report on progress, including the production of a statutory annual report. The Future Generations Commissioner has stated that she wishes to see how PSB's are tracking progress based on outcomes and outputs and that it is important to measure what matters not what can be counted.
- 7.2 Partnerships Scrutiny Committee are the local authority committee with responsibility for scrutinising the work of the PSB.

8. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 8.1 This report contributes to the Well-being Goals set out in the Links to Strategy above. It 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.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This report is for information purposes only, so the Council's full Equalities Impact Assessment process does not need to be applied. The impetus of the legislation, in respect of a 'More Equal Wales', does however support equalities issues and so the work of the PSB considers equalities requirements throughout

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no financial implications in this report

11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no personnel implications in this report.

12. CONSULTATIONS

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

13. STATUTORY POWER

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

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Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Six-monthly performance reports to the Caerphilly Public Services Board 3rd November 2020

Enabler 2	Communications and Engagement
Enabler 3	Procurement
Enabler 4	Assets NO REPORT PROVIDED
Action Area 1	Best Start in Life
Action Area 2a	Volunteering
Action Area 2b	Apprenticeships
Action Area 3	Good Health and Well-being
Action Area 4a	Safer Communities
Action Area 4b	Resilient Communities
Action Area 5	Natural Environment

Well-being Plan 2023-2028 timeline