



PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- 28TH JANUARY 2021

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON REVIEW OF WELL-BEING PLAN ACTIONS AND
INCLUSION OF COVID RECOVERY PRIORITIES**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update committee members on the review of action plans under each of the Enablers and Action Areas of the current 'Caerphilly We Want 2018-2023' well-being plan and, additionally, to inform them that the PSB is formulating a set of recovery based priorities to focus partnership activity on supporting the county borough area out of the coronavirus crisis.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The current well-being plan was developed over 2017-18 and was agreed by the Caerphilly Public Services Board (PSB) in March 2018. The plan runs over a 5-year cycle and is therefore at its halfway point in 2021. Prior to the coronavirus public health crisis, the PSB and relevant delivery leads had committed to update action plans for the remaining term of the well-being plan. The coronavirus crisis has given a different impetus to this work; to consider how partnership activity can be directed to help the county borough area recover from economic and societal impacts.
- 2.2 The action plans are currently being reviewed; this is being done in the light of a set of new recovery priorities agreed by the PSB at its meeting on the 3rd of November 2020. The chosen recovery priorities are set out in this report.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That committee members note and comment on the selected recovery priorities.

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 PSB has considered that, as part of the review of priorities, they would like partnership activity to include work to help the county borough recover from the impacts of the coronavirus crisis.
- 5.2 Many organisations are considering future work in the light of gains and losses caused by the crisis. Gains have included less impact on the environment from work related travel, greater use of technology for agile working and public interaction, less reliance on buildings etc. Losses have been keenly felt in economic activity and increasing levels of deprivation, digital exclusion, social isolation etc.
- 5.3 The Council has its own recovery framework, hyperlink at Background Papers, other public sector organisations, some of whom are PSB partners, have developed similar.
- 5.4 Advice and encouragement has also been received from external bodies to consider forward plans for partnership activity through a recovery focus, notably a direct request to the PSB from the Minister for Housing and Local Government and guidance issued by Welsh Government and the Future Generations Commissioner, hyperlinks at Background Papers.
- 5.5 The PSB considered how it would like to develop a recovery focus at its meeting of the 3rd of November 2020 and agreed seven areas of activity:

Recovery Area	Draft Detail	Lead Body	Link to existing Area
Town Centre Recovery	Linking to economic recovery plans and refocussing on local amenity, low carbon economy, community cohesion and funding that has been made available to support this e.g. the City Deal Challenge Fund.	CCBC with Public Health Wales	Resilient Communities
Flooding Collaboration Plan	Climate adaptation linking to review of existing regional priorities, local protective/preventative activity and system improvements.	Natural Resources Wales with CCBC	Best Use of the Natural Environment
Caerphilly Cares	Emerging model built on learning so far with links to vulnerability, well-being, economic, social and demographic pressures. Collaborating with communities, volunteering, and across the public sector to support the most vulnerable.	CCBC with GAVO, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Public Health	Volunteering

		Wales	
Food Security/Poverty	As a consequence of the economic effects of COVID and potential less understood effects of Brexit- linking to food availability projects and food banks.	CCBC with Natural Resources Wales	Volunteering
Public/Third Sector Assets	Smaller shared space and the development of public/third sector hubs. Pilot project Ty Penallta.	CCBC and Gwent Police	Assets
Community Cohesion	Focussing on problem locations, harm reduction and prevention, and use of the Lansbury Park Model across other areas.	Gwent Police	Safer Communities
Preventing Vulnerability/ Inequality	Shared public sector messaging and developing the SWFRS Make Every Contact Count model and vulnerability index.	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service with Public Health Wales and ABUHB	Good Health and Well-being

5.6 Delivery Leads are developing the activity under each of these recovery priorities and will encompass this work in the review of action plans. The existing action plans were developed some years ago and need to be refreshed to consider:

- Completed actions
- Changes in focus/regional activity
- Refreshed data*
- Current resources

* The PSB has recently put the complete set of well-being data in the public domain on its website as a live resource with updates as they are available- [Caerphilly Well-being Assessment mini site](#)

5.7 Conclusion

Revision to the action plans was planned at the start of 2020 in time for the halfway point of the well-being plan. The focus on recovery has been built into this review and, where possible, the revisions will be included within the existing framework to allow for the same governance and performance reporting. The PSB will consider the revised action plans at its meeting on the 22nd January 2021

6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 There are no assumptions made in this report.

7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

- 7.1 The 'Caerphilly We Want 2018-2023' well-being plan is a partnership document that defines the collaborative activity of partners to promote the well-being of future generations. Caerphilly County Borough Council must have regard to the content of the well-being plan when setting its own priorities and actions.
- 7.2 The PSB will agree the new action plans at its next meeting, the 22nd of January 2021. Any changes agreed will be reflected in local authority planning as a contributing partner to the well-being of the county borough.

8. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 8.1 The work of the PSB directly contributes to the well-being goals for Wales:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
- A globally responsible Wales

The activity of the PSB is consistent with the sustainable development principle within the Well-being of Future Generations Act. Action plans are developed in line with the Future Generations Commissioner's Framework for Projects which covers:

- Long Term – The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability of future generations to meet their long-term needs
- Prevention - How acting to prevent problems occurring, or getting worse, may help public bodies meet their objectives
- Integration – Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies
- Collaboration – Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives
- Involvement – The importance of 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, 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:

Caerphilly County Borough Council Recovery Framework (agreed by Caerphilly CBC Cabinet 30/09/20) [Link to Cabinet Report 30th September 2020](#)

Welsh Government- 'Reconstruction: Challenges and Priorities' [Link to Welsh Government Reconstruction: Challenges and Priorities](#)

The Future Generations Commissioner also- 'Five-point Plan' [Link to Future Generations Commissioner Five Point Plan](#)