

## **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

### **Cabinet Meeting: 6 March, 2017**

#### **Report of the Leader**

### **Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board - Well-being Assessment**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek endorsement from Cabinet for the Well-being Assessment which must be published by the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board (PSB) by the beginning of May 2017.

#### **Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet consider and endorse the Well-being Assessment for approval by the Public Services Board on 9 March, 2017.
2. That the use of Article 14.14 of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision on procedure) be authorised in respect of recommendation 1 above.

#### **Reasons for the Recommendations**

1. To enable the Well-being Assessment to be approved and published by the Public Services Board within the statutory timeframes as set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
2. To enable the report to be referred to the Public Services Board on 9 March, 2017.

#### **Background**

2. The Well-being of Future Generations Act came into force in April 2016 and its primary aim is to ensure public bodies improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales in accordance with the sustainable development principle. The Act established Public Services Boards (PSBs) in each local authority area and sets out their duties with regard to publishing a Well-being Assessment and Well-being Plan.
3. The Council is one of the four statutory members which sit on the Public Services Board.
4. The PSB must publish a Well-being Plan by May 2018 which must be informed by a Well-being Assessment. Statutory guidance sets out the process by which PSBs must produce an assessment of the state of well-being in the PSB area. The

assessment must be published twelve months before the publication of the PSB's Well-being Plan, therefore by May 2017. The PSB must publish a set of well-being objectives within the Well-being Plan and these must be designed in such a way as to maximise the PSB's contribution to the achievement of the national well-being goals as laid out within the Act.

## **Relevant Issues and Options**

5. In line with the statutory guidance the assessment considers the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in the area and provides an analysis of the state of well-being across the Vale as a whole and more specifically around three community areas; Barry, Eastern Vale and the Western Vale. These areas were determined through a workshop held in November 2015 and are based on the availability of data and boundaries used by partners such as the Police and the UHB.
6. The assessment differs from previous needs assessments as it captures the strengths and assets of the people and communities in the area and brings together a wide range of data, research and information about life in the Vale of Glamorgan.
7. Extensive work has been undertaken to draft and consult on the Well-being Assessment with the aim of publishing it in April 2017. The assessment has been undertaken in accordance with the sustainable development principle as set out in the Well-being of Future Generations Act. The approach taken by the PSB has also been consistent with the five ways of working set out in the Act; integration, involvement, prevention, collaboration and looking to the long term.

## **Well-being Assessment Content**

8. A range of data sources, evidence and research have been used within the assessment as well as the results of engagement activities with the public and stakeholders. The assessment has utilised a common data set which was commissioned by Welsh Government and produced by the Local Government Data Unit. The data set includes the national well-being indicators that accompany the Act and the Public Health Outcomes Framework indicators. Data is presented at both a Vale level and at a community level where available and appropriate. The assessment has also been developed in parallel with the Population Needs Assessment (PNA) which is a requirement of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act. The key findings of the PNA, which has been prepared by the Cardiff and Vale Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership, have been integrated within the Well-being Assessment.
9. The assessment is made up of a suite of documents which includes:
  - An Executive Summary ([Appendix A](#))
  - Our Vale - the Well-being Assessment which is the overview document bringing all the information together ([Appendix B](#))
  - Community Profiles (Appendices [C](#) - [D](#) - [E](#) - [F](#))
  - Four detailed Evidence Reports
  - An Engagement Report
10. The Executive Summary and Overview Document are the core documents detailing the key findings and conclusions of the assessment.

11. The Community Profiles provide an overview of the Vale of Glamorgan and each of the three community areas. These will continue to be enhanced with more information including the key findings from across the assessment in relation to each community area.
12. The four detailed evidence reports cover all aspects of well-being and provide a wealth of information about the Vale of Glamorgan. These reports are structured around four themes:
  - Having a healthy and active future
  - Being part of safe and inclusive communities
  - Maximising opportunities and attainment
  - Our environment
13. The evidence reports can be considered on their own for those interested in a particular topic but taken together provide a comprehensive picture of the Vale of Glamorgan and show the links between for example health and the environment and the many factors which impact on well-being. On average each evidence report is 120 pages and provides a wide range of data and analysis which has been used to inform the overall assessment.
14. The Engagement report brings together the results of the engagement campaign undertaken over the Summer of 2016 to inform the assessment including the Let's Talk about well-being survey. Regional funding made available by Welsh Government was utilised to undertake the 'Let's Talk' engagement campaign with the brand being developed and used jointly across various engagement activities undertaken by the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff PSBs and the Integrated Health and Social Care partnership for the PNA. The range of activities undertaken for the Vale Well-being Assessment included surveys, focus groups and attendance at events, networks and meetings. The 'Let's Talk' brand was also used for the consultation on the draft assessment and will continue to be used as the plan is developed.

## **Consultation on the draft Assessment**

15. Consultation on the draft assessment took place between the 9th January and the 5th February 2017.
16. The consultation included a short on-line survey, drop in sessions in three libraries, a Stakeholder workshop, attendance at the Youth Forum, 50+ Strategy Forum and Community Liaison Committee. Two Member briefing sessions were also held and a report was presented to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee. A link to the consultation pages for the draft assessment was also circulated to a wide range of organisations including Town and Community Councils and other statutory consultees. PSB partners were also asked to cascade information through their networks.
17. Attached as [Appendix G](#) is a log of the feedback received and the response/changes made to the assessment.
18. The revised assessment is due to be approved by PSB on the 9th March to enable translation and publication by the beginning of April. Although the assessment does not have to be published until early May the PSB has agreed to make every effort to publish at the beginning of April to avoid the weeks before the local government elections.

## **Next Steps**

19. In November 2016 the PSB held a workshop to consider the key findings emerging from the assessment and to consider where they could collectively add value to improve well-being and where further work would be needed to help develop the PSB's well-being objectives and Well-being Plan. The conclusions reached by the PSB when considering all the information are that the following areas should be the focus of further work and the subject of more detailed research and analysis:
  - Ensuring young children have a good start in life and preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)
  - Tackling inequalities linked to deprivation, focusing on a range of issues which are more acute in some of our more deprived communities. This provides an opportunity for a place based approach and builds on some of the PSB's existing work.
  - Protecting, enhancing and valuing the environment as one of our greatest assets to ensure the natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, enhanced and used now and into the future.
  - Improving our engagement with our communities, utilising existing networks and being more innovative including the promotion of volunteering.
20. As part of the consultation on the draft assessment views were sought on the above priority areas identified by the PSB. The public and stakeholders were asked if they agreed with the emerging themes and there was support for focusing attention on the four areas and recognition of the interconnectivity between them. However it was also suggested that transport and the needs of older people should also be key considerations. These areas will be looked at in more detail to help shape the Well-being Plan which will be published in 2018.
21. Work will also continue to enhance and develop the Well-being Assessment building on the feedback received and recognising that the development of a robust evidence base to inform the work of the PSB is an ongoing process.

## **Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)**

22. To assist with the production of well-being assessments grant funding was made available by Welsh Government on a regional level. The Vale of Glamorgan PSB and Cardiff PSB were successful in obtaining £45k funding to support the work on well-being assessments. This was split equally across the two areas and utilised by both PSBs for data gathering, analysis work and engagement for their assessments under the 'Let's Talk' branding as outlined earlier. In the Vale of Glamorgan work has been led by the Council's Performance and Policy team with support from the PSB Business Intelligence Group.

## **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

23. The PSB must consider the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the area and contribute to the national well-being goals. The PSB must also work in accordance with the sustainable development principle, seeking to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

## **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

24. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act received Royal Assent on the 29th April 2015 and came in to force on the 1st April 2016. The Act strengthens existing governance arrangements for improving the well-being of Wales to ensure that present needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The new legislation applies to a number of public bodies including Local Authorities and established Public Services Boards.
25. 'The Act' makes provision by virtue of a Local Authority's Executive arrangements under Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) for the scrutiny of decisions made and actions taken by the PSB, including the review and scrutiny of the board's governance arrangements along with other functions as provided for under 'the Act'. A Local Authority is entitled, where it has more than one overview and scrutiny committee, to designate a committee for the purposes of carrying out the functions referred to above in accordance with 'the Act'. The Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee is designated to carry out these functions in the relation to the Vale of Glamorgan PSB.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

26. Crime and disorder information has been included in the Well-being Assessment and community safety issues will continue to be reported to the PSB. The Police, Fire Service, Probation Services and Police and Crime Commissioner's office are all represented on the PSB.

## **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

27. A Public Services Board is not under a duty to carry out formal impact assessments.
28. The Well-being Assessment provides the evidence base for the Well-being Plan and where possible data has been considered at different levels to highlight differences in well-being and experiences for different groups. An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the development of the Well-being Plan and objectives.

## **Corporate/Service Objectives**

29. The work of the PSB is consistent with the well-being objectives detailed in the Council's Corporate Plan 2016-20 and will assist with the delivery of a number of commitments.

## **Policy Framework and Budget**

30. The publication of the Well-being Assessment is the responsibility of the PSB but Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee is a statutory consultee.
31. This is a matter for executive decision by Cabinet.

## **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

32. Extensive engagement has been undertaken to inform the assessment and consultation was also undertaken on the draft assessment enabling the public and stakeholders to comment on the content and future direction.

## **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

33. Corporate Performance and Resources

## **Background Papers**

Shared Purpose: Shared Future, Statutory Guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (WALES) Act 2015 - SPSF 3 Collective role (public services boards) - Welsh Government

Vale of Glamorgan Council Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
13th December 2016 - Public Services Board Progress Report December report

'Let's Talk' Well-being Assessment Engagement Report (Vale of Glamorgan PSB)

Well-being Assessment evidence reports on the following topics (Vale of Glamorgan PSB):

- Having a healthy and active future
- Being part of safe and inclusive communities
- Maximising opportunities and attainment
- Our environment

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