

## **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

### **Cabinet Meeting: 19 February, 2018**

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

### **Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Draft Well-being Plan**

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

1. To seek Cabinet endorsement of the draft Well-being Plan which has been developed by the Public Services Board and which will be presented to Council for approval in February.

#### **Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet notes the content of the draft Well-being Plan and the work undertaken to develop the Well-being Objectives and the steps that will be undertaken to deliver them.
2. That Cabinet endorses the draft Plan which will be forwarded to Council for approval to enable the Public Services Board to publish the plan by the 4th May as per the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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

1. To enable Cabinet to consider the content of the draft Well-being Plan and how the Council will contribute to the delivery of the PSB's four Well-being Objectives.
2. To comply with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

#### **Background**

2. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 formally established Public Services Boards (PSBs) in each local authority area in Wales. 'Our Vale' is the Vale PSB and in accordance with the Act must contribute to the achievement of the national well-being goals as set out in the legislation. The PSB must do this by:
  - Assessing the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in the local area.
  - Setting local objectives that are designed to maximise the PSB's contribution within the area to achieving the national well-being goals.

- Taking all reasonable steps to meet these objectives i.e. through a Well-being Plan which must be informed by the Well-being Assessment.
- 3. The PSB must publish its first Well-being Plan by 4th May 2018.
- 4. Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee is the designated committee for scrutinising the work of the PSB.

## Relevant Issues and Options

5. In May 2017 the Vale Public Services Board published its Well-being Assessment. The Assessment brought together a wealth of information from a wide range of sources and provides a comprehensive picture of well-being in the Vale of Glamorgan. As part of the consultation on the draft Well-being Assessment views were sought on the four areas of focus which the PSB had identified to provide a framework for the Well-being Plan. The four areas of focus were engagement, the environment, early years and tackling poverty/inequalities and these have been developed into Well-being Objectives for the draft Plan which is attached as [Appendix A](#).
6. Following the consultation on the Assessment and subsequent publication the PSB started work on the development of the Plan. This has included the development and implementation of a self-assessment tool focusing on leadership, policy, activities, resources and impact in relation to the four areas of focus. Two expert workshops were held and discussions with partners were ongoing throughout the process. The PSB has also taken account of feedback from the Future Generations Commissioner on the Well-being Assessment and the approach to developing the Plan. A copy of the Future Generations Commissioner's advice with regards to the development of the plan is attached as [Appendix B](#).
7. As a result of this work the PSB has drafted a Well-being Plan with four well-being objectives and a number of short term and long term actions. The Plan represents the first steps in achieving the PSB's 2050 vision.
8. The PSB's four Well-being Objectives are:
  - To enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services
  - To reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation
  - To give children the best start in life
  - To protect, enhance and value our environment
9. The draft Plan details how the Well-being Objectives have been set, proposed actions, how the Plan fits with other partnership plans and strategies and the outcomes the PSB wants to achieve. A summary document is attached as [Appendix C](#).
10. The actions in the draft Plan have been discussed at length across the PSB and reflect where partners think their collective action can add the greatest value in contributing to the seven national well-being goals for Wales. Many of the actions in the draft Plan cut across a number of objectives and demonstrate how partners are looking to integrate activities to deliver a range of outcomes.

11. Actions in the draft plan include:

- Research best practice in engagement and community participation to develop new approaches.
- Support and promote volunteering opportunities for staff and residents.
- Produce an engagement toolkit
- Work with the local community to identify and develop a co-production project
- Work together to promote healthy behaviour messages
- Work with local residents to identify and deliver an environmental project
- Develop a co-ordinated approach to tackling fuel poverty
- Work together as local employers to develop new opportunities for work experience and apprenticeships
- Improve parenting skills
- Review multi-agency arrangements for the delivery of preventative and statutory services for children and young people
- Promote active travel and more sustainable travel
- Deliver on a joint commitment to 'green' our estates .e.g. reduce energy use and minimise pollution

12. Consultation on the draft plan commenced on the 28th September and ran for 12 weeks ending on the 20th December 2017. A range of activities and attendance at events took place during the consultation period to assist people and organisations to have their say. Details of the consultation undertaken and feedback received is attached as [Appendix D](#). Activities undertaken as part of the 12 week consultation process include:

- The draft Plan and dates of the stakeholder workshops were circulated to all statutory consultees, Town and Community Councils and a wide range of organisations; including those who participated in previous engagement activities on the Well-being Assessment and draft Plan.
- PSB partners attended different events to talk about the PSB and the draft Plan including an International Older People's Day event, Barry Jobs Fair, GVS Big Volunteer event, Super Ambassador event for primary school children, the Equalities Consultative Forum, Communities First Halloween party, Cardiff and Vale College and the Youth forum.
- An online survey and social media campaign #30daysofwellbeing was undertaken to raise awareness about the consultation and about a range of services, events and facilities in the Vale which contribute to different aspects of well-being.
- Partners also attended the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee, Community Liaison Committee and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.
- The consultation culminated with two stakeholder workshops where over sixty attendees had the opportunity to comment on the draft plan, suggest who needs to be involved in delivering the plan and to identify key milestones and gaps.

Stakeholders provided a wealth of ideas which will help with the implementation of the plan.

13. Following the consultation the feedback has been considered by the PSB and the draft plan has been amended. Overall there was a great deal of support for the Well-being Objectives and content of the plan. However following consultation the plan has been amended in response to some of the comments received to ensure the document is more coherent and forward looking and that the steps identified to deliver the objectives are clearer.
14. In order for the plan to be published in May each of the partners must now take the plan through their respective approval mechanisms. The plan must therefore be approved by Council prior to publication in early May.

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

15. The actions included in the Plan will be delivered in partnership by the PSB. Welsh Government has made £46,753 funding available in the form of a regional grant for the Cardiff PSB and the Vale of Glamorgan PSB for 2018/19. Proposals will be submitted to Welsh Government in March 2018 and the funding can be used for community engagement, further development of the Well-being Assessment and for monitoring and evaluation of the Well-being Plan outcomes. This funding will assist in the effectiveness of the PSB, however partners will need to consider what resources, capacity and skills they can bring to enable the delivery of the plan. The Council will need to use existing resources to deliver its commitments within the Well-being Plan.

### **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

16. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about sustainable development. The Act sets out a 'sustainable development principle' which specifies that the public bodies listed in the Act must act in a manner which seeks to ensure the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In meeting their sustainability duty, each body must set objectives that highlight the work the body will undertake to contribute to meeting the seven Well-being Goals for Wales.
17. Through the PSB partners are working together to contribute to the national well-being goals, adopt the five ways of working and improve social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being.

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

18. There are no specific legal implications as a direct result of this report

### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

19. Actions in the draft plan will contribute to improving safety and there is a key focus on preventative actions within the plan. Actions within the plan will contribute to the national well-being goal of a more cohesive Wales.

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

20. There are no specific Equal Opportunities implications as a direct result of this report and actions within the draft Plan will help to tackle inequalities and increase community engagement. They will also contribute to the national well-being goal of a

more equal Wales. An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the process undertaken to develop the assessment of local well-being and the draft Well-being Plan. This is attached as [Appendix E](#).

### **Corporate/Service Objectives**

21. The Council's Corporate Plan reflects the authorities' duties and commitments to promoting sustainable development. The Corporate Plan is based around four well-being outcomes which provide a framework for the plan together with eight well-being objectives. Through the objectives the Council demonstrates its commitment to improving social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being and the promotion of sustainable development. In delivering these objectives the Council contributes to the seven Well-being goals for Wales and ensures that the needs of people of all ages and future generations are at the forefront of service delivery.
22. The objectives and actions within the PSB's draft Well-being Plan are consistent with the Council's well-being objectives.

### **Policy Framework and Budget**

23. Council must approve the Well-being Plan

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

24. No specific Ward Member consultation has been undertaken.
25. Details of the consultation undertaken are included within the report.

### **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

26. Corporate Performance and Resources

### **Background Papers**

Statutory Guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015

Vale of Glamorgan Well-being Assessment (2017)

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