

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 09 March 2020
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Update
Purpose of Report:	To update Cabinet on the work of the Public Services Board
Report Owner:	Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources
Responsible Officer:	Rob Thomas, Managing Director
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Due to the corporate nature of this report, no specific Ward Member consultation has been undertaken
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for decision by Cabinet
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This report provides an update on the work of the Vale Public Services Board (PSB) in delivering the Vale of Glamorgan's Well-being Plan, published in May 2018. • The PSB has four Well-being Objectives and is taking forward a range of actions to meet the actions. The four Well-being Objectives are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services 2. Reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation 3. Give children the best start in life 4. Protect, enhance and value our environment • Progress is reported regularly to the PSB and an Annual Report capturing progress made in the second year of the Well-being Plan will be published in July 2020. • This report provides an opportunity for Cabinet to consider the Public Services Board priorities, how different council services can contribute to the delivery of these priorities and to recommend that other committees may also wish to discuss the work of the Public Services Board. • The report also provides an opportunity for Cabinet to consider the recommendations in the Wales Audit Office report on Public Services Boards across Wales. 	

Recommendations

1. To note the progress made by the Public Services Board (PSB) in delivering the Well-being Plan to date.
2. To note the priorities agreed by the PSB and to consider how different services across the Council can contribute to these priorities.
3. To consider the three recommendations made by the Wales Audit Office following their review of PSBs in Wales.
4. To refer this report to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for them to consider the work of the PSB and whether different scrutiny committees should focus on particular work being undertaken by the PSB that falls within their terms of reference.
5. That this report be referred to the Community Liaison Committee and Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee to enable them to consider the role of Town and Community Councils and the Third Sector in contributing to the work of the PSB.
6. That this report be circulated to all elected members of the Council.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To enable Cabinet to consider the work being undertaken by the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board.
2. To enable the Council to maximise its contribution to the work of the PSB.
3. To ensure Cabinet are aware of the WAO recommendations.
4. To enhance scrutiny of the PSB as per the Wales Audit Office recommendation.
5. To enable the Community Liaison Committee and Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee to consider the progress made by the PSB and opportunities for Town and Community Councils and the Third Sector to get more involved in the work of the PSB.
6. To enable all elected members to be aware of the work of the PSB.

1. Background

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2** Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee is the designated committee for scrutinising the work of the PSB.
- 1.3** The PSB set four Well-being Objectives which provide the framework for its Well-being Plan. There are several short- and long-term actions which will be progressed in an integrated way to achieve the four Objectives and to deliver the PSB's 2050 vision.
- 1.4** 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
- 1.5** These objectives and the actions in the plan were informed by the Well-being Assessment published in 2017 and the engagement undertaken as part of the development of the plan.
- 1.6** The four statutory partners of the PSB; The Council, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and Natural Resources Wales, are providing the strategic lead on the PSB's Well-being Objectives.
- 1.7** In July 2019 the PSB published its first Annual Report, setting out the progress that has been made in the first year of the Plan and identifying areas of future work. The PSB produced an Annual Report film that highlights the work undertaken by partners and set out the focus of future activity. This film is accompanied by a written report, both are available at <https://www.valepsb.wales/en/Our-Progress.aspx>

2. Key Issues for Consideration

Stage Two of Delivering the Well-being Plan

- 2.1** Following the publication of the PSB's Annual Report in 2019 a workshop was held with PSB Partners to determine what actions and projects should be the focus of combined efforts in the second phase of delivering the Well-being Plan. Following the workshop a paper was presented to the PSB in October 2019 proposing four key areas of work. The proposals were agreed and the key areas of work are:
- Tackling Climate Change (priority project) - led by the Council and Natural Resources Wales

- The Move More, Eat Well Plan (priority project) - led by the Cardiff and Vale UHB Public Health team
- Timebanking (pathfinder projects) - led by the Council
- Improving engagement (organisational learning project) - led by South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

2.2 These four areas are the focus for the next stage of activity and bring together a range of actions from across the plan e.g. active travel, procurement, volunteering, community participation and Food Vale. In addition to progressing work as part of these four areas the PSB will continue to deliver other activities within the plan which are now considered to be either well-established or less of a priority at present. This new approach will provide greater scope for integration of activities and collaboration.

PSB Progress Update

2.3 The PSB is continuing to make good progress against its priorities and recognises this will contribute to all of the well-being objectives. Some of the progress to date is detailed below:

2.4 Tackling Climate Change: This area of work is jointly led by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Natural Resources Wales. The work under this theme brings together several cross cutting actions from the Plan which include; greening our estates, active travel and procurement. Key pieces of work are being delivered through the PSB's Healthy Travel Group and Asset Management Group.

2.5 In October 2019 the Staff Healthy Travel Charter was officially launched and signed by PSB and public sector partners across the Vale of Glamorgan. Through 14 ambitious actions the charter promotes walking, cycling, public transport and ultra-low emission vehicle use in the Vale. The Cabinet agreed to sign the charter on 7th October 2019, please see minute C109.

2.6 The PSB recently held a joint meeting with local young people allowing the PSB to directly engage and work with young people to take forward its work on climate change. Young people from the Vale Youth Forum, Cardiff and Vale University Hospital Youth Board, Cardiff and Vale College and a local secondary school were in attendance and participated in group discussions to identify key actions that could be progressed together to help tackle climate change.

2.7 The PSB Asset Management Group was established in November 2019 with representatives from PSB partners and local stakeholders such as Welsh Ambulance. The group meet on a quarterly basis to respond, discuss, share examples of good practise and identify areas for collaboration on local issues, particularly in relation to the climate and environmental emergencies.

- 2.8** At the PSB meeting on the 28th February, partners agreed to work together to develop a climate charter outlining some shared principles and ambition and which would be supported by actions plans within each of the partner organisations. Partners will work together to develop the charter and to engage with the local community, young and older people and a range of organisations across the Vale to develop a charter which will provide a framework for how we respond to the climate change emergency. Cabinet will receive a further update on the development of the charter in due course.
- 2.9** **Move More, Eat Well Plan:** Work to progress the Move More, Eat Well Plan across the Vale is led by the local Public Health team. The Move More, Eat Well Plan for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan identifies various actions that can be taken together across 10 priority areas. Actions include active travel, promotion of healthy foods, procurement and community cohesion. Work to progress actions under this area are also developing through the Food Vale group which is a collaborative group including public health professionals, local authority officers, dietitians and local smallholders. The group continues to meet on a quarterly basis to progress the key focus for 2020 of achieving Food City Membership. The Move More Eat Well Plan was approved by the PSB on the 28th February and partners will work together to deliver the plan.
- 2.10** **Timebanking:** The extension of the current Timebanking scheme across the Vale of Glamorgan was identified as a pathfinder project led by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The project aims to extend the Timebanking scheme that is currently only available to Council housing tenants to others across the Vale. The Timebanking Task and Finish Group established in October 2019 following an engagement workshop in June 2019, continues to meet on a bimonthly basis to progress the expansion. Funding through the Welsh Government Early Years and Prevention funding has been secured for the recruitment of a Timebanking Development Officer to help progress this work. Discussions are now underway to determine an area to pilot the extension which will be informed by an analysis of relevant data.
- 2.11** **Improving Engagement:** Work to improve how partners engage with communities across the Vale is being led by South Wales Fire and Rescue Service. Recent work has focused on engaging young people in the work of the PSB which has included the successful joint meeting on climate change in December 2019. The April 2020 meeting of the PSB will include a visit from the Older Peoples Commissioner and the Chair for the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum. Discussions will include information on how to further engage with older people and make the Vale more age friendly. A number of partners will also be attending an event in March called 'Building a Child Friendly Cardiff and Vale' which has been organised by the Cardiff and Vale UHB with The Vale of Glamorgan Council and Cardiff Council.
- 2.12** The Council's new Corporate Plan includes four Well-being objectives and a number of actions which will help progress the work of the PSB and will ensure

that the Council can contribute to the PSB's priorities. Examples of some of the most relevant actions in the Corporate Plan are:

- Improve how we involve, engage and communicate with others about our work and decisions.
- Support and promote volunteering and community learning recognising the range of benefits to individuals and the community.
- Encourage and support people of all ages to have active and healthy lifestyles to improve and maintain their physical and mental well-being.
- Work to reduce the organisation's carbon emissions to net zero before 2030 and encourage others to follow our lead as part of minimising the negative impact of our activities on the environment.

2.13 The PSB will publish its second Annual Report in July 2020 and the report will detail progress against the PSB's Well-being Objectives and its four priorities. The Annual Report will be reported to Cabinet and Scrutiny.

Wales Audit Office (WAO) Review of Public Services Boards

2.14 The Welsh Audit Office published a review of Public Service Boards across Wales in October 2019 setting out recommendations for all PSBs to take forward. The WAO set its recommendations out in 3 parts.

2.15 Part One:

- That PSBs conduct formal assessments to identify the potential impact on people with protected characteristics and the Welsh language and review agreed actions to ensure any adverse impacts are addressed.
- Improve transparency and accountability by making PSB meetings, agendas, papers and minutes accessible and available to the public.
- Strengthen involvement by working to the guidance in the National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales.
- Feedback the outcome of involvement activity identifying where changes are made as a result of the input of citizens and stakeholders.

2.16 A number of these actions can be taken forward as part of work to improve engagement. When developing the Well-being Plan the PSB conducted an Equality Impact Assessment to identify any potential impacts on people with protected characteristics and the Welsh language. The PSB has an active Twitter account and already publishes its minutes and agendas on the PSB website.

2.17 Part Two:

- PSBs and public bodies use the findings of the Auditor General for Wales' Discussion Paper: Six themes to help make scrutiny 'Fit for the Future' to review their current performance and identify where they need to strengthen oversight arrangements and activity.

- PSBs ensure scrutiny committees have adequate engagement with a wider range of relevant stakeholders who can help hold PSBs to account.

2.18 These recommendations are a result of work the WAO has undertaken across Wales. It is recommended that this report is referred to the Corporate Resources and Performance Scrutiny Committee to consider the ways in which scrutiny could be enhanced in this way.

2.19 Part Three:

- PSBs take the opportunity to discharge other plan and strategy obligations through the Local Wellbeing Plan.
- The Welsh Government enables PSBs to develop flexible models of working including: merging, reducing and integrating their work with other forums such as Regional Partnership Boards; and giving PSBs flexibility to receive, manage and spend grant monies subject to PSBs ensuring they have adequate safeguards and appropriate systems in place for management of funding; effective budget and grant programme controls; and public reporting, scrutiny and oversight systems to manage expenditure.

2.20 The PSB is mindful of the need to ensure work of the PSB complements other partnership activities and the work around time banking is an example of how funding is being accessed to support PSB priorities.

2.21 Cabinet are requested to consider the work being undertaken by the PSB and how the Council can support partners to deliver PSB priorities and to continue to support the development of the PSB.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** Welsh Government has made £46,753 in funding available for 2019/2020 to the PSB in the form of a regional grant to both Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff PSB. This funding is being shared equally between Vale and Cardiff PSBs and must be used to support continued community engagement, the consolidation of evidence gaps, data presentation and enabling innovative ways of annual reporting.
- 4.2** To date there has been no information from Welsh Government regarding funding to support the work of PSBs in 2020/2021.

Employment

- 4.3** There are no specific employment implications arising as a direct result of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.4** There are no specific legal considerations arising as a direct result of this report. Actions set out in the Well-being Plan will help to tackle the inequalities linked to deprivation and to increase community participation and engagement. The work of the PSB will contribute to the delivery of a more equal Wales, one of the seven national well-being goals for Wales.
- 4.5** An Equality Impact Assessment of the Well-being Plan has been undertaken and was reported to the committee when the Plan was published.

5. Background Papers

The Vale PSB Well-being Plan <https://www.valepsb.wales/en/Our-Plan.aspx>

The Vale PSB Annual Report 2019 <https://www.valepsb.wales/en/Our-Progress.aspx>

Wales Audit Office Review of Public Services Boards

<https://www.audit.wales/publication/review-public-services-boards>