

Item which the Chairman has decided is urgent by reason of the need for Cabinet to consider the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations prior to the Council's August Recess.

Agenda Item No11(ii).

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 27th July 2020

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 15TH JULY 2020

VALE OF GLAMORGAN PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
2019-20 (REF) –

In noting that the reference from the Cabinet meeting had not been available in time for the Scrutiny meeting, it was however noted that the report had been considered by Cabinet in line with the recommendations contained within the report. Cabinet had, on 13th July, referred the report to the Scrutiny Committee for its consideration.

The Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board's (PSB) Annual Report 2019-20 was attached as an appendix to the Cabinet report and provided an overview of the progress that had been made by partners in implementing the four wellbeing Objectives and activities detailed in the Plan and against the PSB's priority workstreams.

In presenting the report, the Head of Policy and Business Transformation stated that the four statutory partners of the PSB – the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and Natural Resources Wales – were providing a strategic lead on the PSB's wellbeing Objectives. The four wellbeing Objectives were noted at paragraph 1.4 of the report as follows:

- 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.

The report reflected the impact of Coronavirus, the tackling of climate change, improving of engagement and set out a series of detailed case studies with some good information around the work of climate change which detailed the breadth of work that has been undertaken and the main issues for localities.

Committee's views were sought for any future focus and in particular to shape Scrutiny involvement in the coming year.

A Member took the opportunity to thank the Head of Service for an enthusiastic report and enquired as to how the Head of Service saw the PSB developing in relation to the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act. It was also not always clear to him as to where all the statistical information was being received from.

The Head of Service stated that all the organisations provided an update with regard to their speciality areas. The Managing Director drew attention to the fact that a lot of recovery work had been undertaken by various groups on the Local Resilience Forum Boundary referring to the SCG and the RCG Recovery Groups. The MD further advised that as recovery moved forward the SCG would step down with the RCG taking over the recovery stage. It was also in his view important to note that the reason the PSB was not at the forefront within the Vale was because all organisations were sitting at a strategic level. The PSB had however asked how they could get involved in the recovery process, with one of the areas emerging being how the recovery elements would impact on the wellbeing Objectives of the PSB with the intention to undertake a piece of work in that regard.

Prior to the Coronavirus pandemic a number of workshops had indeed been held by the PSB as opposed to meetings, with the intention that such workshops continued in the future as they provided an opportunity for discussion on specific areas, for example prior to COVID 19, the Youth Service had presented on climate change, with the PSB considering what impact it could make working collaboratively and as individual agencies.

The Chairman in conclusion considered that the lessons learned from the COVID pandemic he hoped would provide people with more opportunities for Active Travel and that it was important that all Scrutiny Committees, where the work of the PSB fell within their remit, considered such reports at future meetings in detail within their service areas.

Having considered the report, it was subsequently

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Annual Report 2019-20 and the progress partners were making in implementing the priorities set out in the Wellbeing Plan be noted.

(2) T H A T Cabinet be informed that in future, the Scrutiny Committee considered it appropriate that regular reports on the Public Services Board priorities and strands be referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committees in order that more in-depth scrutiny within their remits can be undertaken within their respective Scrutiny Committee work programmes.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having considered the content of the Annual Report and the progress being made in the delivery of the Wellbeing Plan.

(2) In order that all the Scrutiny Committees of the Council can consider the relevant Public Services Board activity within their portfolios aligned with, within their work programmes.