

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

“578 PSB DRAFT WELLBEING PLAN SCRUTINY REPORT (DCR) –

The report, presented by the Director of Corporate Resources, detailed how the Public Services Board (PSB) had developed its draft Wellbeing Plan and how it had been informed by the Wellbeing Assessment published earlier this year and through engagement, including partners, i.e. Third Sector bodies and Town and Community Councils.

The report provided a brief explanation of the content of the draft Plan, including the objectives, priority workstreams and actions (19 steps), for its five-year period (2023-28), which included three new objectives: 1) a more resilient and greener Vale; 2) a more active and healthier Vale; and 3) a more equitable and connected Vale.

The PSB launched its 12-week consultation period for the draft Wellbeing Plan on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 (which this report to the Committee would also form part of, as well as the online survey, consulting with statutory bodies and with community groups) and the timetable for consultation on the draft Plan and the approach being taken was also detailed in the report and outlined by the Director to the Committee.

Following the report’s presentation, Committee Members raised the following:

- On Councillor Hanks’ query on the period of funding for the Age Friendly Vale officer by WG, this post would be funded for the remainder of the 2021/22 period, plus two further years after that. Further information on age-friendly services would be shared with the Committee in due course.
- Councillor Loveluck-Edwards stressed the importance of the wider consultation process and deeper engagement with communities and various groups within the Vale in order to shape the Plan, citing her experiences in this consultation as an Older People’s Champion.
- Councillor Dr. Johnson raised an issue around the location of areas in Barry which fall under ‘Lower Level Super Output Areas’ (LSOAs) which were generally categorised as being in Eastern Barry within the draft PSB Wellbeing Plan, but this was not in fact the case. It was explained that these would be addressed and a more accurate, ‘nuanced’, approach would be undertaken in mapping such areas in the final version of the Plan. This would also help ensure that the needs of such areas and their communities could be more clearly understood and tackling the issues they had around deprivation.
- Both Councillors Dr. Johnson and Wood highlighted the need for having clearly defined and measurable benchmarks or objectives, metrics, targets and outcomes to ensure that the Plan delivered and operated effectively for people in the Vale and its successes could be accurately measured. It was explained that such challenges had been raised by partners previously as part of this consultation process, with work already underway to develop

indicators, in tandem with other metrics, case studies around delivery, etc., that would measure performance more clearly and effectively, thereby ensuring the Plan was on track and heading in the right direction in terms of its delivery, performance and goals.

- Both Councillor Dr. Johnson and the Chair asked if a 'reflections document' would be available from the PSB in order to evaluate the previous Plan (2017-2022). The Director of Corporate Resources asked the Democratic Services Officer to share with Members the previous PSB annual reports for the relevant period, with the final one coming to Committee later on in 2023. It was also suggested that members of the PSB be invited to speak to the Committee or a wider all Elected Member session regarding their work / key projects in order to raise awareness of the PSB and the Wellbeing Plan.
- The Vice-Chair stressed the importance of consulting with young people and youth groups around various issues as part of the Plan to ensure a broader range of feedback, noting that consultation work was already being undertaken with young people around Climate Change for the Plan via the Vale Youth Service.

Having considered the report, Scrutiny Committee

#### RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the following feedback on the draft Wellbeing Plan be provided to the Public Services Board (PSB) following referral to Cabinet:

- The need to ensure that Lower Level Super Output Areas (LSOAs) are reported accurately as part of the PSB Wellbeing Plan.
- The importance of establishing clearly defined and measurable objectives, targets, and outcomes in order to be able to properly assess and measure the progress being made by the Wellbeing Plan over its lifetime.
- To establish whether the PSB would be doing a Reflections Document (2017 to 2022) to evaluate the last period of the Wellbeing Plan, in order to see what has worked well and what has not, and for the Committee to have sight of this.

(2) T H A T members of the PSB be invited to speak to Elected Members regarding their work and key projects, as well as raising greater awareness of the PSB and the Wellbeing Plan.

#### Reasons for recommendations

(1) To enable the Scrutiny Committee to provide feedback on the PSB's draft Wellbeing Plan as part of the consultation process and for Cabinet to be aware of the Committee's considerations.

(2) To raise awareness among Elected Members around the work of the PSB and its Wellbeing Plan.”

Attached as Appendix – Report to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee: 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

Meeting of:	<b>Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Wednesday, 14 December 2022</b>
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	PSB Draft Well-being Plan Scrutiny Report
Purpose of Report:	To advise the Committee of the Public Services Board's draft Well-being Plan and 12-week consultation programme.
Report Owner:	Report of the Director of Corporate Resources
Responsible Officer:	Tom Bowring, Director of Corporate Resources
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	No specific Ward Member consultation has been undertaken
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for decision by the Scrutiny Committee
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report details how the PSB has developed its draft Well-being Plan and how it has been informed by the Well-being Assessment published earlier this year and through engagement.</li> <li>• The report provides a brief explanation of the content of the draft Plan, including the objectives, priority workstreams and actions (19 steps)</li> <li>• The Public Services Board (PSB) launched its 12-week consultation period for the draft Well-being Plan on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and the timetable for consultation on the draft Plan and the approach being taken is also detailed in the report.</li> </ul>	

## **Recommendation**

1. That Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Performance and Resources) consider this report and the draft Wellbeing Plan and provide feedback to the Public Services via reference to Cabinet.

## **Reason for Recommendation**

1. To enable Scrutiny Committee to participate in the consultation process for the PSB's draft Well-being Plan and for Cabinet to be aware of the Committee's considerations.

## **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 provided the framework for its Well-being Plan published in 2018. There were several short and long-term actions which were taken forward 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 were:

1. To enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services
2. To reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation
3. To give children the best start in life
4. To protect, enhance and value our environment

- 1.5 After conducting a Well-being Assessment in the first half of 2022, the PSB has now developed a draft Well-being Plan which contains three new draft Well-being Objectives which are:

1. A more resilient and greener Vale
2. A more active and healthier Vale

3. A more equitable and connected Vale.

## 2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 In May 2022 the Vale Public Services Board published its [Well-being Assessment](#). This assessment has drawn-on a range of national and local data, research, and evidence alongside the findings of the 'Let's Talk' engagement to consider the state of economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being across the Vale of Glamorgan. The Well-being Assessment is made-up of a suite of reports which bring together the many different factors which impact well-being.
- 2.2 Following the consultation on the Assessment and subsequent publication the PSB started work on the development of a new Well-being Plan. The findings of the Assessment were considered to identify 3 well-being objectives and key priorities. Further engagement took place with residents and stakeholders including a Futures workshop using the 3 Horizons model. The PSB has sought advice from the Future Generations Commissioner regarding how to deliver our objectives and reflected on the Future Generations Report.
- 2.3 As a result of this work the PSB has reflected on the vision for 2050 and has encapsulated it in a more concise sentence to reflect their aspirations for the Vale whilst retaining the spirit of what was committed to in 2018. The summarised vision is: *'Happy and healthy communities working together to create a fair and sustainable Vale for everyone'*
- 2.4 There are three new Well-being objectives for 2023-2028. These Well-being Objectives are:
  - ***A more resilient and greener Vale***
  - ***A more active and healthier Vale***
  - ***A more equitable and connected Vale***
- 2.5 The full draft Plan can be accessed [here](#) and details how the Well-being Objectives have been set, proposed actions, how the Plan fits with other partnership plans and strategies and the outcomes we want to achieve.
- 2.6 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 national well-being goals. 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.
- 2.7 There are three priority workstreams that the PSB has identified where specific and additional shared focus is needed. These priority workstreams are:
  - **Responding to the climate and nature emergencies**
  - **Working with people who live in our communities that experience higher levels of deprivation**
  - **Becoming an Age Friendly Vale**

- 2.8** In order to deliver the objectives and priority workstreams the PSB has outlined 19 steps that are a combination of activities about how the PSB works. The 19 steps can be found [here in section 9 of the draft plan. These demonstrate collective action to achieve the wellbeing objectives, deliver the wellbeing objectives and contribute to the national wellbeing goals.](#)
- 2.9** Consultation on the draft plan commenced on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and will run for 12 weeks ending on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023. A short online survey has been created so that people can comment on the plan and is being promoted by all partners. In addition to completing the survey, comments on the plan can be submitted via an email.
- 2.10** An Age Friendly Vale officer had recently been appointed funded through a Welsh Government grant and part of the role includes engaging with communities and this work will also form part of the consultation on the draft plan. Work is also ongoing as part of the Council's Project Zero work to engage with the community on climate change issues and this will also be taken onto account as the Well-being Plan is further developed. Work is being undertaken with the Youth Service to ensure we are engaging with young people, particularly on the issues of climate change. Some of this year's PSB funding is being used to develop engagement work in our most deprived communities and this will also help shape the final Well-being Plan. Officers will also go out to some of our Warm Welcome spaces to engage with people on the draft Plan.
- 2.11** Information surrounding the launch of the consultation has been circulated to all statutory consultees and a wide range of organisations, including those that participated in the engagement to date on the Well-being Assessment and draft Plan.
- 2.12** Following the consultation, the feedback will be considered by the PSB, and the draft plan will be amended and agreed for publication at the beginning of May 2023.

### **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 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.

- 3.3** The draft Plan details how the work of the PSB as detailed in the Plan will contribute to all of the national Well-being Goals and how the five ways of working are embedded in the work of the PSB.

## **4. Climate Change and Nature Implications**

- 4.1** A priority workstream for the PSB is working together in response to the climate and nature emergencies and the importance of this work is highlighted throughout the draft plan. This builds on the Climate Emergency Charter which all PSB partners signed in 2021 and which is consistent with the work of the Council as part of Project Zero. Partners will also continue to work together through the PSB Climate Emergency and Asset Management Group to lead by example, take positive action and reduce our impact on the environment.

## **5. Resources and Legal Considerations**

### **Financial**

- 5.1** Welsh Government have continued to make funding available for the PSB in the form of a regional grant to both Vale of Glamorgan PSB and Cardiff PSB. The regional figure for 2022-23 is £58,440 and is being utilised to further develop the PSB evidence base and undertake engagement as part of the development of the new Well-being Plan. Details of funding for 2023-24 are not yet known but is not usually available for delivery of projects.
- 5.2** Work undertaken to deliver the Well-being Plan will need to be found within existing resources or by accessing grant funding e.g. the Age Friendly funding from Welsh Government is supporting work for the Vale to achieve Age friendly status from the World Health Organisation.

### **Employment**

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

### **Legal (Including Equalities)**

- 5.4** 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 all national Well-being goals including the delivery of a more equal Wales.

## **6. Background Papers**

The Vale PSB Well-being Plan [Draft Well-being Plan 2023-28 \(valepsb.wales\)](#)

[The PSB Climate Emergency Charter](#)