

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: 27TH OCTOBER, 2022

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 12TH OCTOBER, 2022

“ VALE OF GLAMORGAN PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
2020-21 (DCR) –

The report was presented by the Director of Corporate Resources, which provided an overview of the fourth year of progress (of the five-year plan) in delivering the Well-being Objectives and actions set by the Vale Public Services Board (PSB) in its Well-being Plan:

- The Annual Report had been considered by the PSB on 8th July, 2022 and had been published on the PSB website.
- Work had now progressed to develop the new Well-being Plan and Well-being Objectives were due to be published in May 2023.
- The Council had worked as part of the PSB over the last few years with the focus being on four priority areas:
 - The Cardiff and Vale Move More Eat Well Plan (in conjunction with Public Health Wales, the lead organisation).
 - Tackling Climate Change (in conjunction with Natural Resources Wales, the joint lead on this with the Vale of Glamorgan Council).
 - Time-Banking (involving Public Health Wales, the Council’s Housing Team, and Glamorgan Voluntary Services).
 - Organisational Learning Project – Improving Engagement.
- The report detailed a number of case studies on the working of PSB and its partnerships, i.e. the Well-being Assessment, Community Safety, Food Vale and the Llantwit Major Food Access Pilot Project, Age Friendly Vale, the importance of play, and giving families a flying start.
- Finally, the report looked at next steps for the PSB, the work to conclude the Well-being Assessment and the new draft Well-being Plan.

Following the presentation of the report, the subsequent comments and questions were raised by the Committee:

- Councillor Hanks asked about the status of the Time-Banking scheme following the pandemic and whether it had returned to its pre-pandemic levels of activity. It was explained that there had been a hiatus for the scheme during the pandemic but following recent discussions with colleagues and partners (such as Public Health Wales) and confirmation of ongoing funding for the scheme, a new iteration of Time-Banking would be coming into being. This would be known as ‘Value in the Vale’ which entailed broadening the

scheme in order that it could be open to all residents within the Vale (previously this had been open to the Council Housing tenants only). The scheme offered residents opportunities to volunteer and gave rewards for people undertaking such volunteering work and the new version of the scheme would aim to build on the success of the previous one. A national company was previously involved in providing such rewards, but with this iteration of the scheme the intention was for it to be more locally focused. The Council was specifically looking at opportunities to work with local businesses in order to support that kind of reward and recognition of Time-Banking.

- Councillor Loveluck-Edwards stressed the importance of expanding links between the Champion roles, Scrutiny Committees and the PSB and the importance of these groups in influencing and shaping the decisions which were taken in developing the PSB Well-being Plan, etc., going forward. The Champion roles in particular linked in with numerous key areas of the work connected with PSB such as Age Friendly Vale and the Move More Eat Well Plan. It was explained that links had been established already with the Champion roles, Cabinet portfolios, Scrutiny Committees and the PSB, i.e. the recent event around Age Friendly Vale, which involved a number of partners and organisations, and with the involvement of Councillor Loveluck-Edwards, as the Vale's Older Peoples Champion. The Councillor added that as a result of this event, further meetings would be held, and further relationships had been built. The Chair also stated it was important to build information sharing between these groups.

Having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein, Scrutiny Committee

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board's Annual Report for 2021-22 and the progress partners were making in implementing the priorities set out in the Well-being Plan be noted.
- (2) T H A T the intended way forward to develop the new PSB Well-being Plan 2023-28 be noted.
- (3) T H A T consideration be given by Cabinet to developing further links and additional information sharing opportunities between the Champion roles, Scrutiny Committees and the Public Services Board.
- (4) T H A T the report be circulated to all elected Members via email and referred to the Community Liaison Committee.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (3) To improve and expand upon the links between these groups.

(4) To ensure all elected Members and the Community Liaison Committee were aware of the work of the Public Services Board.”

Attached as Appendix: Report to Committee: DATE