

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
22ND SEPTEMBER, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 19TH JULY, 2021

“C634 VALE OF GLAMORGAN PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report advised that the Public Service Board (PSB) launched its Well-being Plan on 22nd May, 2018. Since its launch partners had been working to progress the Well-being Objectives set out in the Plan and the actions aligned to these Objectives.

To capture the progress made in the third year of the Well-being Plan, the PSB had produced an Annual Report in the form of an online report using Microsoft Sway. The Annual Report gave an overview of the progress that had been made by partners in implementing the four Well-being Objectives and activities detailed in the Plan and against the PSB’s priority workstreams. Many of the activities detailed had been developed or adapted in response to COVID-19.

The Annual Report was considered by the PSB on 2nd July, 2021 and would be published on the PSB website.

PSB partners had met with Town and Community Councils to discuss how they could strengthen the relationship and work together.

The Deputy Leader stated she had been involved Food Vale as one tranche of the work connected to the Move More Eat Well Plan and it had been easier to connect the right people to be able to move projects forward from a number of organisations.

The Leader drew attention to the fact that Town and Community Councils also had the opportunity to register to speak at Scrutiny Committees on items of interest on a case by case basis.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

With the amendment to Recommendation (5), Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board’s (PSB) Annual Report for 2020-21 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 outcomes of the recent discussions between PSB partners and representatives of some of the Town and Community Councils and the proposed way forward to ensure there was a stronger working relationship between the PSB and Town and Community Councils be noted.
- (3) T H A T the views of Community Liaison Committee which considered the Annual report on 5th July, 2021 be noted.
- (4) T H A T it be noted how Council services could continue to contribute to the successful delivery of PSB priorities.
- (5) T H A T any recommendations to the PSB regarding the progress to date and future focus of PSB activity in delivering the Well-being Plan be made and that thanks for the amount of work undertaken to date by both statutory and non-statutory partners be noted.
- (6) T H A T the report be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for their consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1-3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (4) To ensure that the Council continues to support the work of the PSB.
- (5) To enable Members to make recommendations to the PSB and acknowledge the work done by both statutory and non-statutory partners.
- (6) To enable the Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Performance and Resources) to consider the work being undertaken by the PSB as detailed in this report and the PSB Annual Report.”

Attached as Appendix – Report to Cabinet: 19th July, 2021

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 19 July 2021
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Annual Report 2020-21
Purpose of Report:	To present an overview of the third year of progress in delivering the Well-being Objectives and actions set by the Vale PSB in its Well-being Plan.
Report Owner:	Report of the Managing Director
Responsible Officer:	Tom Bowring, Head of Policy and Business Transformation
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	No specific Ward Member consultation has been undertaken
Policy Framework:	The PSB Well-being Plan was approved by Council in February 2018
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSB launched its Well-being Plan on 22nd May 2018. Since its launch partners have been working to progress the Well-being Objectives set out in the Plan and the actions aligned to these Objectives. • To capture the progress made in the third year of the Well-being Plan the PSB have produced an Annual Report in the form of an online report using Microsoft Sway. The Annual Report gives an overview of the progress that has been made by partners in implementing the four Well-being Objectives and activities detailed in the Plan and against the PSB's priority workstreams. Many of the activities detailed have been developed or adapted in response to COVID-19. • The Annual Report was considered by the PSB on the 2nd July 2021 and is available here and will be published on the PSB website. • PSB partners have met with Town and Community Councils to discuss how they can strengthen the relationship and work together. 	

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet reviews the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board's (PSB) Annual Report for 2020-21 and the progress partners are making in implementing the priorities set out in the Well-being Plan.
2. That Cabinet notes the outcomes of the recent discussions between PSB partners and representatives of some of the Town and Community Councils and the proposed way forward to ensure there is a stronger working relationship between the PSB and Town and Community Councils.
3. That Cabinet considers the views of Community Liaison Committee who considered the Annual report on the 5th July.
4. That Cabinet considers how Council services can continue to contribute to the successful delivery of PSB priorities.
5. That Cabinet makes any recommendations to the PSB regarding the progress to date and future focus of PSB activity in delivering the Well-being Plan.
6. That Cabinet refers this report to the Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Performance and Resources) for their consideration.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To enable Members to consider the content of the Annual Report and progress being made in the delivery of the Well-being Plan.
2. To advise Members of the discussions between the PSB and Town and Community Councils.
3. To enable Members to consider the views of Community Liaison Committee who considered the Annual report on the 5th July.
4. To ensure that the Council continues to support the work of the PSB.
5. To enable Members to make recommendations to the PSB.
6. To enable the Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Performance and Resources) to consider the work being undertaken by the PSB as detailed in this report and the PSB Annual Report.

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 overall work of the PSB.
- 1.3** The PSB set four Well-being Objectives which provide the framework for its Well-being Plan published in 2018. There are several short and long-term actions which will be 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 are:
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** The Welsh Government's statutory guidance Shared Purpose: Shared Future, sets out that PSBs must prepare and publish a progress report on the work undertaken towards meeting the well-being objectives on an annual basis. The PSB's Well-being Plan was published in May 2018. The PSB has now produced its third Annual Report. The report sets out the progress that has been made in the third year of the Plan including work that has been developed and adapted as part of the response to COVID-19 and identifies areas of future work.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1** The Annual Report was agreed at the PSB meeting on the 2nd July and is currently being translated prior to publication on the PSB website. The Annual Report was circulated to the Community Liaison Committee for their meeting on the 5th July as part of an update on the work of the PSB. The recommendations of the Community Liaison Committee are detailed later in this report. It is recommended that this report be referred to the Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Performance and Resources) to update them on the work of the PSB.
- 2.2** Lead officers from across the PSB oversee the progress of the Well-being Plan and updates on the work being undertaken are regularly discussed at PSB meetings.
- 2.3** There is a recognition that many of the activities being taken forward by the PSB will contribute to a number of local priorities and the national Well-being Goals for Wales. In 2019 the PSB adopted a more integrated approach and agreed four priority workstreams which cut across the four Well-being Objectives. These priorities remain relevant and detailed progress against the four priorities is provided in the Annual Report together with an update for each action in the Well-being Plan. The Annual Report is available [here](#).

- 2.4** The PSB's 4 priority workstreams are:
- Key Priority One -The Cardiff and Vale Move More Eat Well Plan led by the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.
 - Key Priority Two – Tackling Climate Change led by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Natural Resources Wales.
 - Pathfinder Project – Timebanking led by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
 - Organisational Learning Project – Improving Engagement led by the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.
- 2.5** Details are included for each workstream on the background to the priority, what the PSB has done, what the PSB has achieved and what the future direction for this work is. Highlights for this year include the Move More Eat Well Plan being launched in July 2020 and being co-ordinated by a Principal Public Health Practitioner within the Cardiff and Vale Local Public Health Team. In February 2021 partners agreed a Climate Emergency Charter. A Digital Engagement and Volunteering Officer has recently been appointed as part of the Council's Housing team to take forward the work on timebanking. The Annual Report also details a range of engagement activity taken forward by partners.
- 2.6** A number of case studies are provided to illustrate the partnership work and outcomes achieved to date. Case studies include: the COVID-19 Community Impact Assessment, Community Safety, Vale Heroes, Food Vale and the Llantwit Major food poverty pilot project, right to play, an Age Friendly Vale and the use of NRW funding to support a number of projects.
- 2.7** This work has been progressed during a particularly challenging time for services and the community. The case studies demonstrate the strong relationships between partners and their ability to respond to the needs of the community.
- 2.8** Within the Annual Report the PSB sets out the robust evidence base that has been developed using Power BI to ensure information is easily available to partners to inform the work of the PSB. Recognising the COVID-19 pandemic will have a long lasting impact on our economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being the report highlights some of the data that will be key for partners to plan services. The data areas included are; demographics, education and the economy, health and communities and environment and transport. Work to further develop the evidence base will continue as we start drafting the new Well-being Assessment to be published in 2022.
- 2.9** The development of the Annual Report and work on the new Well-being Assessment have provided partners with the opportunity to consider how it works and the needs of the community. The work undertaken in the third year of the Well-being Plan has been considered together with the more recent changes due to COVID-19. The four workstreams remain relevant for 2021-2022 and work will continue to take them forward.
- 2.10** In 2020 the PSB identified the need to improve how it involves Town and Community Councils and children and young people in its work. It was also keen

to improve accountability and how it reports to relevant scrutiny committees. A further area of work which had been delayed was the invitation to work with the Older People's Commissioner for an Age Friendly Vale.

- 2.11** The Older People's Commissioner attended the PSB meeting in April and partners have agreed to work together to apply to the World Health Organisation to be an Age Friendly Vale. This work will be taken forward in tandem with the Well-being Assessment and development of a new Well-being Plan and is in line with a commitment in the Council's Annual Delivery Plan. Work will continue to ensure effective reporting of PSB activities to relevant Scrutiny Committees and that children and young people are involved in the work of the PSB, again the engagement work for the Well-being Assessment will provide an opportunity to take this work forward.
- 2.12** With regards to improving work with Town and Community Councils, meetings were held at the end of June between PSB partners and representatives of a number of Town and Community Councils. The meetings provided the opportunity to discuss how the PSB and Town and Community Councils could work together with a particular reference to the Well-being Assessment, Climate Change and an Age Friendly Vale. Issues raised in the meetings included feeling disconnected from the PSB, a lack of communication, and frustration at not being more involved. There was a willingness to work together and a request for more regular contact and information about the PSB. There was a recognition that by working together we would be a stronger force and there are opportunities to learn from each other.
- 2.13** The outcome of these discussions was reported to the PSB on the 2nd July and it was agreed that regular meetings should be held between PSB partners and Town and Community Councils to update on work being undertaken and to enable an exchange of ideas. These meetings will be chaired by the Vice Chair of the PSB. Specific meetings/workshops will also be held e.g. on climate change, age friendly etc involving officers from partner organisations. A request will be made to all Town and Community Councils to share information about current projects, identified community priorities and the results of engagement undertaken and details of planned engagement etc. to help inform the Well-being Assessment. The potential for resource and knowledge sharing e.g. carbon literacy training, funding opportunities through regular communication/meetings was also recognised.
- 2.14** The Annual Report sets out how the PSB has achieved good progress in delivering its Well-being Objectives so far. This is the third year that partners have been working together to deliver the Well-being Plan and the examples and case studies included give a good overview of work undertaken during a particularly challenging time. Although the focus of the PSB has changed in response to COVID-19 the PSB continues to plan for the future and to take account of all the learning and experience developed across the partnership. The PSB are confident

that by working together, and by working differently it will continue to have a positive impact on well-being in the Vale over the next two years of the Plan.

- 2.15** The proposals for strengthening work between the PSB and Town and Community Councils and the PSB Annual Report, were discussed at the Community Liaison meeting on the 5th July. The Committee considered the outcome of the recent discussions between PSB partners and representatives of some of the Town and Community Council and the Annual Report itself. Discussion ensued on a range of associated issues. This included ensuring the PSB and Town and Community Councils worked more closely together so as to avoid being a ‘tick box’ exercise. A Member of the Committee suggested that Town and Community Councils have the opportunity to register to speak at Scrutiny Committees on items of interest. A Member queried whether some Town and Community Councils should have a dedicated representative on the PSB due to the size of the Council. The composition of the Board was discussed with regards statutory members and invited participants, with the view that the dedicated sessions three times per year could be a useful mechanism to identify and develop issues of mutual interest with one or more Town and Community Councils and 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 have made funding available for the PSB in the form of a regional grant to both Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff PSB. The regional figure for 2021-22 is £49,091 and this will support work on the Well-being Assessments. In 2020-21 Natural Resources Wales provided funding of £25k but this will not be available in 2021-22. Details of how the NRW funding was utilised in 2020-21 is included in the Annual Report.

Employment

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

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.3** 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.

5. Background Papers

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