

Meeting of:	Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 07 February 2022
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board – Draft Well-being Assessment
Purpose of Report:	To seek the views of the Committee on the draft Well-being Assessment
Report Owner:	Rob Thomas, Chief Executive
Responsible Officer:	Tom Bowring, Head of Policy and Business Transformation
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	<p>Two briefing sessions on the findings of the Well-being Assessment will be held for Members on the 19th January 2022.</p> <p>The draft Assessment has been presented to Senior Leadership Team and officers across the Council have provided content and feedback.</p>
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for decision by the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Well-being Assessment is a statutory duty placed on Public Services Boards (PSB) by the Well-being of Future Generations Act. This Well-being Assessment is the second assessment undertaken by the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board. • The Well-being Assessment must consider the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in an area and provide an analysis of the state of well-being for both the area as a whole and for distinct community areas. • The Well-being Assessment has drawn on a range of national and local data, research and evidence. An analysis of this information is set out in a suite of reports which together form the Well-being Assessment and tell the story of the experiences of well-being in the Vale of Glamorgan. • The Well-being Assessment must be published prior to the local government elections in May and consultation must be undertaken with a number of statutory consultees, including the designated Scrutiny Committee for the PSB. 	

Recommendation

1. That the Committee consider the draft Well-being Assessment and advise the PSB of their views regarding the content, structure and conclusions detailed within the assessment as part of the formal consultation process.

Reason for Recommendation

1. To enable the Committee to participate in the formal consultation process on the Well-being Assessment. The Well-being Assessment must be published by the Public Services Board by the 4th May 2022.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations Act came into effect in April 2016 with the primary aim to ensure public bodies improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales in accordance with the sustainable development principle. To ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Act established Public Services Boards (PSBs) in each Local Authority area and set out duties, including, the publication of Well-being Assessments and Well-being Plans.
- 1.2 The PSB must publish a Well-being Plan by May 2023 which must be informed by the findings of the Well-being Assessment. Statutory guidance sets out the process by which PSBs must produce an assessment of the state of well-being in the PSB area. This assessment must be published twelve months before the publication of the PSB's Well-being Plan, therefore by May 2022. The PSB must publish a set of well-being objectives within the Well-being Plan and these must be designed in such a way as to maximise the PSB's contribution to the achievement of the national well-being goals as laid out within the Act.
- 1.3 This is the second Well-being Assessment undertaken by the PSB with the first published in April 2017. The Assessment must consider the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in an area and provide an analysis of the state of well-being for both the area as a whole and for distinct community areas. The community areas used in this assessment of well-being are Barry, Eastern Vale and Western Vale. These are consistent with the areas used in the last well-being assessment.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1** Extensive work has been undertaken to draft the Well-being Assessment with the aim of publishing in early April 2022. At its meeting on 3rd December 2021 the PSB approved the draft assessment for consultation. The consultation period will take place between 10th January and 13th February 2022 and will include a short online survey, a stakeholder workshop, a Vale of Glamorgan Council officer workshop, an all member briefing and work with the Vale Youth Forum to capture young people's experiences. All PSB partners will have a role in promoting the consultation and discussing the findings within their organisations.
- 2.2** During the consultation period the PSB will also receive feedback on its assessment from Welsh Government and the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner. Following receipt of feedback, the revised assessment will then need to be approved by the PSB on 1st April 2022. This will enable the publication of the final assessment in April 2022.

A View of the Vale of Glamorgan - An Assessment of Current and Future Well-being

- 2.3** The Well-being Assessment has drawn-on a range of national and local data, research, evidence alongside the findings of the 'Let's Talk' engagement survey to develop an analysis of the experiences of well-being in and across the Vale of Glamorgan. A data catalogue was developed with PSB partners to ensure the information considered through the assessment was reflective of the different elements of well-being. The data set includes the national well-being indicators that accompany the Act. Data is presented at both a Vale of Glamorgan level and at a community level where available and appropriate.
- 2.4** Alongside the data catalogue, a Let's Talk Well-being engagement campaign was run from July - September 2021, which included social media promotion and Twitter polls alongside a more detailed survey. The survey was completed by 1,264 people with good representation across the three community areas.
- 2.5** The Well-being Assessment has been developed in parallel with the Population Needs Assessment (PNA) which is a requirement placed on the Regional Partnership Board (RPB) by the Social Services and Well-being Act; where relevant the findings of the PNA have been integrated into the Well-being Assessment.
- 2.6** In addition to the Let's Talk survey the findings of a range of engagement and consultation exercises undertaken by the Council, PSB partners and others, for example the Children's Commissioner have informed the Well-being Assessment.
- 2.7** The Well-being Assessment is made-up of a suite of reports which together form the overall assessment and tell the story of the experiences of well-being in the Vale of Glamorgan. This includes four detailed themed reports and the 'View of the Vale of Glamorgan' report, which brings together the findings of the themed reports. The reports have been developed using Microsoft Sway and have embedded Microsoft PowerBI reports, this has enabled the assessment to be presented in a dynamic and accessible way while also providing a detailed analysis of well-being in the Vale of Glamorgan. This approach enables

interrogation of the data by users and will be an important tool for the PSB organisations in supporting decision making in the coming years.

- 2.8** All of the different elements of the Well-being Assessment can be accessed through the 'View of the Vale of Glamorgan' report, it is envisaged that this report will be the primary means of engagement for readers, with readers continuing through to the more detailed reports to further engage with the data and analysis set out in the assessment.
- 2.9** Links to the different elements of the Well-being Assessment are set out below:
- [A View of the Vale of Glamorgan – An Assessment of Current and Future Well-being](#)
 - [Demographic Report](#)
 - [Education and Economy Report](#)
 - [Health and Communities Report](#)
 - [Environment and Transport Report](#)
- 2.10** Each of the themed reports reflects on the impact of COVID-19 and how it has changed our lives. The reports demonstrate how different services and issues impact on each other and the importance of taking an integrated approach. The assessment also looks to the future and what we need to be mindful of for current and future generations, what the Vale looks like today but also what the Vale in the future may look like for example in terms of demographics, technology and the environment.
- 2.11** As part of the development of the Well-being Assessment a workshop was held with PSB partners to consider the findings and to make connections between the different elements of the assessment. As detailed in A View of the Vale the PSB has identified climate change and the environment, inequalities, the needs of an ageing population and access to services particularly in more rural areas as key issues.
- 2.12** The Well-being Assessment is an on-going process. Work will continue to enhance and develop the suite of reports that comprise the assessment. This will include continuing to improve our knowledge base through new data and evidence, further developing our existing data and research and enhancing our engagement findings through more in-person interactions with residents and other stakeholders. The findings of the assessment will provide a framework for PSB partners to develop the Well-being Plan and to identify the areas of joint work through which the PSB can have the most decisive positive impact on well-being across the Vale of Glamorgan.
- 2.13** The Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee is the designated Committee for scrutinising the work of the PSB and is one of the statutory consultees for the draft Well-being Assessment. In addition to presenting the report to the Scrutiny Committee it is also being presented to Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee and Community Liaison Committee. It is recommended that all of the Committees consider the contents of this report and the Well-

being Assessment and provide any views as part of the consultation process described in the body of this report.

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

- 3.1** The Well-being Assessment is embedded in the Well-being of Future Generations Act, it has studied the complex interaction of how economic, social, cultural and environmental experiences influence the well-being of people in the Vale of Glamorgan. The assessment has been undertaken through the lens of the seven national well-being goals for Wales and the five ways of working. It is a study of the experience of life now, but also the different factors that may affect life in the future. It is recognised that 'well-being', and in particular 'good well-being' can have different meanings for different people and is often dependent on a range of different factors, many of which are intertwined. The assessment has sought to navigate this interconnected nature of experiences to present both a holistic understanding of well-being across the Vale of Glamorgan, and a picture of what well-being might mean for different areas and different people in the county.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** To assist with the production of well-being assessments grant funding has been made available by Welsh Government at a regional level. The Vale of Glamorgan PSB and Cardiff PSB were successful in obtaining £46K funding to support the work on well-being assessments. This is being split equally across the areas and being utilised by both PSBs to support the engagement and analysis work to inform the assessments. In the Vale of Glamorgan, work has been led by the Council's Policy and Business Transformation team. Where possible, such as in reviewing data catalogues, work has been undertaken jointly across PSBs. It is hoped to host a joint futures focused workshop with PSB partners in 2022.

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 direct legal implications arising from the activities detailed within this report.

- 4.4** Work on an Equality Impact Assessment has commenced and will be informed by the findings of the assessment and will be completed as part of the development the Well-being Plan.

5. Background Papers

[Vale Public Services Board Well-being Assessment \(2017\)](#)

[Shared Purpose Shared Future - Public Services Board Guidance](#)