



A virtual MEETING OF **Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee** IS TO BE HELD ON **Friday, 20TH JANUARY, 2023 AT 10.00 AM.**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. THE 5 CORE STATUTORY FUNCTIONS OF THE CWM TAF JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Members of the JOSC are reminded that, as set out within its terms of reference, their core statutory functions include:-

- To review or scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken by Board;
- To review or scrutinise the Board's governance arrangements;
- To make reports or recommendations to the Board regarding its functions or governance arrangements;
- To consider matters relating to the Board as the Welsh Ministers may refer to it and report to the Welsh Ministers accordingly; and
- To carry out other functions in relation to the Board that are imposed on it by the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive disclosures of personal interests from Committee Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest: and
2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave.

### **3. MINUTES**

To approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

**4. DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN**

To pre-scrutinise the draft Well- Being Plan ' A more equal Cwm Taf Morgawng'.

**5. CHAIRS UPDATE**

To receive an update from the Chair in respect of work undertaken to date in relation to the transition to a regional Public Services Board for Cwm Taf Morgannwg.

**6. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any other business, as the Chair feels appropriate.

**Circulation:-**

Representing Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council:  
County Borough Councillors: L. Mytton (Vice Chair) K Gibbs, C Jones, J Thomas, x1  
Vacancies

Representing Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council:  
County Borough Councillors: R Bevan (Chair), S J Davies, K Morgan, D Parkin, B  
Stephens

Co-opted Members:  
Mr M.Jehu OBE – Local Health Board  
Mr J. Jenkins – Community Health Council  
Ms M. Lewis – RCT Citizen Representative  
Mr M J. Maguire – Merthyr Citizen Representative



## **Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Minutes of the meeting of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on Friday, 28 October 2022 at 10.00 am.

### **County Borough Councillors - Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Members in attendance: -**

Councillor R Bevan (Chair)

#### **Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councillors**

Councillor K Gibbs  
Councillor C Jones  
Councillor L Mytton (Vice-Chair)

#### **Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Councillors**

Councillor S J Davies  
Councillor B Stephens  
Councillor D Parkin

#### **Officers in attendance**

Mr M Brace, Chair of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board  
Mrs L Toghill, Cwm Taf PSB Support Officer  
Mrs S Handy, Members Researcher & Scrutiny Officer

#### **Co-opted Members in attendance**

### **10 Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair took the opportunity to welcome Members to the meeting, with particular welcome to Mr M Brace, Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Committee.

Apologies of absence were received from Rhondda County Borough Councillor K Morgan, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councillor J Thomas and Co-opted Member Mr M Jehu.

### **11 The 5 core statutory functions of the Cwm Taf Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Member Researcher and Scrutiny Officer advised Members to note the 5 core statutory functions of the Cwm Taf Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**12 Declaration of Interest**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

**13 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

**14 Chairs Update**

The Chair informed Members of his attendance to a Cwm Taf Public Service Board Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022; He noted the informative presentations shared surrounding mental health and its importance.

The Chair informed Members of a meeting held with Mr M Brace (Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Service Board); several issues were raised surrounding Mental health, Climate Change, Social Housing and Hospital Discharge. The Chair emphasised the importance of scrutinising and challenging the Regional Partnership Board in order to tackle the chronic issues facing these areas. The Chair noted the increased cost of living and budget cuts which as a result will raise a lot of challenges collectively in maintaining these services.

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB agreed with the comments raised by the chair; he noted the one positive outcome because of the pandemic, which was the ability of the Public Services to work more effectively in a crisis. He emphasised the importance of harnessing this as we move forward and the relationship with the Regional Partnership Board. In relation to Mental Health, Mr M Brace noted the new well-being plan and how to strengthen those links in terms of the themes, issues and how we can align those priorities and objectives across the different governance structures in order to focus resources at the best point of delivery.

The Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to:

Note the Chairs update

**15 To receive an update on the published Well-being Assessment and its usage**

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB presented the report; the report aimed to provide Members of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with an update of the work undertaken in relation to the use of the Well-Being Assessment published in April 2022, towards the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Plan and Objectives for 2023-2028.

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB reminded Members that the Well-Being Assessment was published in July 2022 bilingually and in line with the statutory guidelines. It was noted that the assessment provided an accurate analysis of the state of the well-being in each community across Cwm Taf Morgannwg as

the two PSB's along with the Regional Partnership Board came together to develop the assessment. Together they formed a Community Assessment Action Group and a Data Engagement Group. The groups looked at the public perception, analysis, and engagement as well as the data and performance in order to identify clear objectives and priorities.

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB advised Members that the Well-Being Assessment was supplemented by the report on the findings of the statutory consultation on the draft assessment, and the engagement report from the work that informed the final version and summary sheets against the four pillars of well-being: environmental, economic, cultural, and social. The latter was further broken down by the themes of housing and homelessness, physical health, and mental health. It is intended that the summary reports can be used as sources of evidence by community groups looking to attract funding.

The Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- Acknowledge the work undertaken to date and discusses the approach in line with the sustainable development principles.
- Consider and comment on the findings of the Well-being Assessment and whether the use of the data and information gathered is relevant and right to the future work for the Public Services Board.
- Consider additional uses for the Assessment and the information contained within it to benefit the community

**16 To receive an update on the drafting of the Well-being Objectives 2023 - 28 and the merger with Bridgend PSB**

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB presented the report; the report provided Members with an update of work undertaken in relation to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-Being Plan and Objectives for 2023-2028 and the merging of Cwm Taf and Bridgend Public Services Board (PSB).

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB informed Members that under the Welsh Government (WG) guidelines, PSBs must explain how the local objectives have been set with regard to the findings from the well-being Assessment and make sure those objectives are sufficiently robust to stand up to local scrutiny.

In developing the plan, 3 stakeholder sessions were held to consider what has worked in the last 5 years, to identify consistency and continuity. Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB advised Members of the 3 Horizon session which considered creating resilient healthy communities in Cwm Taf Morgannwg which meet the challenges of life in 2030. The 3 Horizon model refers to:

1. Looking at where we are now
2. What needs to change/ opportunities for innovation
3. Where we want to get to

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB confirmed collaboration with Natural Resources Wales who are reviewing the findings, which will then be

incorporated into the developing plan.

Members were reminded of the two priority areas of the merger which will aid in tackling inequalities; These priorities are: safer communities and greener communities. Although these are broad aims, they will allow the PSB to reflect the wider issues whilst also considering regional objectives and strategies relating to local delivery. The Safer communities' objective would allow for strong alignment with the Community Safety Partnership and also consider what people need to feel safe in communities in the wider sense. This includes security and employment, opportunities to meet and socialise, feeling a good sense of belonging, thriving businesses, and delivering services that people need in their communities and for their well-being. The Greener communities' objective picks up on the level of interest our communities showed regarding the space around them and the importance of addressing the climate and nature emergency. It includes topics such as addressing waste, biodiversity but also active travel, accessibility of good quality food locally and making good use of our spaces.

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB advised Members that nominations at the PSB were requested for a working group to take these forward and help towards drafting a plan which will go out for consultation in November 2022. The Board also accepted the recommendations of taking the health impact assessment approach to developing a plan in order to consider the broader health and well-being impacts and consequences of our objectives to the wider communities.

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB advised Members that during the PSB meeting, discussions were had surrounding the next stages of the merger process between Cwm Taf and Bridgend. A session has been arranged for the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to consider the form and the function for the new Regional Board.

A Member commented on the need to introduce links in the well-being objectives to the Community Safety Partnerships. The Member noted the new Welsh Government framework which notes the importance of community focused schools where they discuss a range of topics surrounding sense of belonging, engagement etc. Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB advised that the new well-being assessment and planning is a great opportunity to focus on what we need to do also strengthening the relationships between the governing structures. He advised that the review of community safety across Cwm Taf Morgannwg will be vital as would help to align the footprints and provide the opportunity for the Community Safety Group to be a sub-group of the PSB and create links to education.

Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB emphasised the importance of the relationship with the Regional Partnership Board in order to ensure work can be done collaboratively to eliminate duplication and to reach a wider audience.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to:

- Acknowledge the work undertaken to date and discusses the approach in line with the sustainable development principles.
- Consider and comment whether the draft Objectives are relevant and right in the context of the learnings from the Well-being Assessment.

- Consider how it wants to contribute to the development of Plan and the consultation process, as well as formal sign off ahead of May 2023.
- Consider the steps proposed for merging Bridgend and Cwm Taf Public Services Board, including form and function, and considers how the scrutiny function for a Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB will operate

**17 Information Reports**

The Chair noted the Information Reports and advised Members to email any questions to [scrutiny@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@rctcbc.gov.uk).

**18 URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items to report.

**19 CHAIRS REVIEW & CLOSE**

The Chair thanked Mr M Brace, Chair of Cwm Taf PSB for his attendance in the meeting and the valuable information shared.

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Cwm Taf Public Service Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**This meeting closed at 10.35 am**

**R.Bevan  
Chair**

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## **CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**



**20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

### **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS, RCTCBC**

#### **PRE-SCRUTINY OF THE CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD DRAFT WELL BEING PLAN.**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with the opportunity to pre-scrutinise the draft Well Being plan prior to its consideration and adoption by the future Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members:-
  - i. Scrutinise and challenge the attached draft Well Being Plan prior to its consideration by the Cwm Taf and Bridgend PSBs (attached as Appendix A);
  - ii. Consider whether there are any further areas within the plan it may wish to consider, challenge and scrutinise going forward in the Municipal Year, by inclusion on the Committees Forward Work Programme.

#### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 In line with the Well Being of Future Generations Act the Cwm Taf Public Services Board is required to prepare and publish a Local Well-being Plan (2023-2028), which sets out the local well-being objectives and the steps it proposes to take to meet them.
- 3.2 The Joint Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to pre-scrutinise the draft plan prior to its formal consideration and adoption by the PSBs and their constituent statutory member organisations.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 In April 2016, all public bodies became subject to new duties under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (WFG). The purpose of the WFG Act is to ensure that the governance arrangements in public bodies for improving the wellbeing of Wales take into account the needs of future generations. The aim is for public bodies to pursue a common aim to improve the cultural, economic, social and environmental well-being of Wales in accordance with detailed sustainable development principle and seven national well-being goals prescribed by the Act:
  - A prosperous Wales

- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
- A globally responsible Wales

4.2 The sustainable development principle is supported by five ways of working and how we need to do things differently. These are long term thinking, integration, collaboration, prevention and involvement. What this means is:

- Balancing short and long term needs and planning better for the future;
- Partners and others working together to deliver priorities;
- Involving those with an interest in the Well-being goals ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area;
- Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse; and
- Considering how Well-being goals impact upon each other and on those of other bodies.

4.3 The Well Being Assessment and the Well-being Plan:

4.3.1 Each PSB must improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area by working to achieve the well-being goals. It will do this by:

- Assessing the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area; and
- Setting objectives that are designed to maximise the PSBs contribution to the wellbeing goals.

They must do this in accordance with the sustainable development principle.

4.3.2 The PSB is required to prepare and publish a Local Well-being Plan every 5 years, which sets out the local well-being objectives and the steps it proposes to take to meet them. These must be designed to maximise the Board's contribution to delivering the well-being goals within its area; and take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives. This will be the second iteration of the Well-being Plan for Cwm Taf, and the first iteration for the new, future Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB.

## **5. CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD DRAFT WELL BEING PLAN**

5.1 The PSB have used the Well-being Assessment as the evidence base for the draft Well-being Plan, the data and information gathered has been used alongside what local communities and people have advised about life in Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Bridgend. ([Well being Assessment](#))

5.2 The well being assessment identified the inequalities across the communities and the draft plan seeks to advise how the PSB will work together to remove these inequalities to improve the well-being for people living in the region now and for building towards a fair future. The overarching theme of the draft Well-being Plan is 'a more equal Cwm Taf Morgannwg', which drives every aspect of the Public Services Board's work.

5.3 The plan proposes two main objectives:

- Objective One - Healthy local neighbourhoods

- Objective Two – Sustainable and resilient local neighbourhoods

5.4 Members are asked to scrutinise the draft plan before them before it is presented to the Cwm Taf and Bridgend PSBs. As part of pre-scrutiny Members may wish to take into consideration the following:

- Are the highlighted objectives the right objectives to be focussing on?
- Are the objectives in line with the findings from the Well-being assessment?
- Will working together on the objectives by the PSB deliver better outcomes for the people within Cwm Taf Morgannwg?
- Will working in the way proposed positively contribute to the seven national Well-being goals?

## **6. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT**

6.1 The draft Well Being plan is drafted using the well being assessment data and ongoing engagement with members of the public and community groups. The draft is currently out for public consultation.

## **7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the contents of the report are for information purposes only. However, the draft well being plan looks to improve the equality of provision for all people living and working within the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region.

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

9.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with the duties placed on the PSB under the Well Being of Future Generations Act.

## **10. LINKS TO PSB'S WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES**

10.1 Pre-scrutiny of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Draft well being plan provides Members with the opportunity to challenge its objectives to ensure that the plan achieves the best possible outcomes for the people of the region.

10.2 Acting as a critical friend, Members of the Committee will support and enhance the Public Service Board Wellbeing objectives.

10.3 The proposed approach will also support the requirements set out in the 'Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015' which states:

- A public body must take account of the importance of involving other persons with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensure those persons reflect the diversity of the population;
- Effective involvement of people and communities in decisions that affect them is at the heart of improving well-being currently and in the future; and,

- It is vital to factor people's needs; ensuring engagement is meaningful and effective.

## **11. CONCLUSION**

11.1 Members of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee are asked to comment and scrutinise the draft well being plan, prior to its consideration by the PSB to ensure that the plan delivers for the benefit of all those who live and work in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &**

**COMMUNICATION, RCTCBC**

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# Our Well-being Plan

## A More Equal Cwm Taf Morgannwg

Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board (PSB) brings together the previous PSBs in Cwm Taf, covering Merthyr Tydfil and RCT, and Bridgend to form one PSB for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg area. This new board comprises public bodies, who deliver services locally to improve the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being by setting objectives that will achieve the Well-being Goals outlined in the Wellbeing of Future Generations 2015 Wales Act.

We must do this by using the sustainable development principle which means the PSB needs to make sure that when making decisions they consider the impact they could have on people living their lives in Wales in the future. We use the following five ways of working from the Act to help us to do this:



Over 450,000 people live in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Area. Well-being is about quality of life, and how that is connected to the environment, the economy, the services we need and the culture we share. Many things have shaped our communities and our well-being—such as industrial heritage, the landscape and shared interests in sport and the arts, giving a rich history and future opportunity. These can be considered as social, economic, environmental, and cultural factors.

Our [Well-being Assessment](#) provides the evidence base for this Well-being Plan, the data and information gathered has been used alongside what local communities and people have told us about life in Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil, and Rhondda Cynon Taf.

The overarching theme of our Well-being Plan is '**A More Equal Cwm Taf Morgannwg**' and that drives every aspect of the Public Services Board's work.

Our Well-being Assessment told us that the communities in Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf have a lot to be proud about. However, not all communities have fair access to opportunities and face different challenges that impact on well-being. We have learned from our Well-being Assessment to identify how we will work together locally to tackle these inequalities in relation to our lifestyles, our communities, and our environment to improve the well-being for people living here now and building towards a fair future.

This draft plan sets out how we will work together to achieve this.

## Working Differently

The PSB membership, partnerships and networks bring together a wide range of organisations and groups. In working together on our objectives in this Well-being Plan, each will be able to make a different contribution. In all our activities we are guided by the ways of working in the Well-being of Future Generations Act

Specifically, for the achievement of the plan, PSB partners make the following commitments



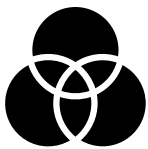
Involvement and citizen voice will shape the design and delivery of the plan. We will maximise opportunities for working in a more inclusive and co-productive way by working with Coproduction Network for Wales.



PSB organisations are rooted in their communities. Through their size and reach, they can contribute to our local area in many ways beyond delivering services. We will maximise our contribution to improving well-being through using our assets to support communities through procurement, reducing our carbon footprint and as big employers of local people,



Establishing a regional governance at the PSB that drives local delivery (based on need and improving equity) and campaigns at a national level on behalf of our communities.



Improving intelligence across the region, agencies and partnerships so that we recognise and build on the many strengths of the area and understand the causes behind the challenges we face.



We will keep our eye on the future by using systems thinking and focusing on outcomes so that we act in a way that will make sustainable improvements to well-being for future generations.



## Objective One - Healthy local neighbourhoods

A Cwm Taf Morgannwg where our communities are inclusive and feel cohesive and people feel safe, supported and valued.

Our Well-being Assessment told us that we want:

To feel Connected:



During lockdown our local communities came together with voluntary organisations and partners to make sure that everyone had the support they needed. We are proud of our strong local communities, but we know that loneliness can affect anyone, and young people said they felt disconnected. We know that taking part in our community is good for our mental health, and there are great local activities and opportunities but some people, including those with disabilities, feel excluded and cost and transport can be a barrier.

Healthy places:



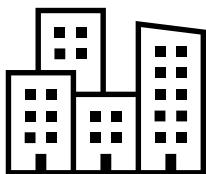
There are great opportunities to keep fit and healthy in our community, but physical activity rates are low, we have high levels of diabetes and obesity, and people in more deprived neighbourhoods are less likely to make use of the green and blue spaces around us. Having safe local spaces and affordable opportunities to be active is important, including play for children and young people. Having access to healthy food locally is also important.

To feel and be safe:



Cwm Taf Morgannwg is a safe place to live with good work being done to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, but we know that some people feel unsafe in some spaces or at certain times. Recent figures also show an increase in reports of hate crime and domestic abuse. We recognise the impact this can have and want to create communities where everyone feels safe and a sense of belonging.

To live our lives locally:



Local hubs and support are really valued. We want to enable more local living that would build on strengths and benefit community members, provide local training, local access to services, and offer shared use of local buildings to bring services closer to communities. This approach would reduce the cost of journeys and encourage active travel and support accessing affordable, quality food locally.

By working together on this objective, we will

Support communities to be inclusive so that:



- more people say they feel connected;
- fewer people say they feel lonely; and
- there is a range of community activities for everyone in the language of their choice.

Promote healthier lifestyles in our communities so that:



- more people are active;
- fewer people, particularly children, are obese; and
- there are more opportunities to be active locally and affordably.

Work with communities to build a sense of belonging so that:



- more people report feeling safe in their local area;
- fewer people experience anti-social behaviour; and
- there are opportunities to act together to tackle problems when they occur

Help people to access to support, services and opportunities in their local neighbourhood so that:



- more people use active travel;
- fewer people face long / costly journeys to access services; and
- there are community buildings for everyone to access and use.

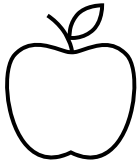
We believe working in this way will also positively contribute to the seven national Well-being goals:

A prosperous Wales	A resilient Wales	A healthier Wales	A more equal Wales	A Wales of cohesive communities	A Wales of vibrant culture & thriving Welsh Language	A globally responsible Wales
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## Objective Two – Sustainable and resilient local neighbourhoods

A Cwm Taf Morgannwg where we value and use what we have responsibly and take climate change and its impact on our communities seriously.

Our Well-being Assessment told us that we want:



To protect and use our natural spaces:

We love green and blue spaces around us but we could be using them better or physical exercise, coming together or just being outside. When we do use them, we want to make sure that we're not doing anything that could negatively impact on the spaces around us.

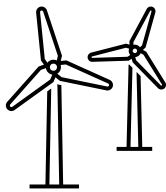
We need a healthy ecosystem for water and food however many of our local species of plants, animals and insects are in decline.



To do more active travel and use public transport:

We find that travelling for work, shopping, appointments, and socialising can be costly and difficult. Where more of the services, businesses, and activities we use are in our local neighbourhoods, we can use active travel like walking and cycling to get to them which

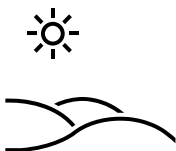
can improve our health and reduce the number of journeys that rely on vehicles.



To reduce carbon and waste:

At present, we are using our resources in an unsustainable way, and this is contributing to the climate and nature emergencies. We already have good rates of recycling but there is more we can do.

There are examples from partners on reducing carbon and how we can all support plans to become carbon neutral. We all have a role to play in climate mitigation: reducing waste and energy use to create a cleaner, greener Cwm Taf Morgannwg.



To tackle Climate Change and its impact:

We are already seeing the impact of Climate Change in our communities. Many residents have experienced devastating flooding and we are also seeing rising temperatures in the summer. Wales has declared both Climate and Nature emergencies and we know

that extreme weather has greater impact in areas with a lower income. Climate adaptation is needed so that we change how we use our urban and natural spaces respond to climate change and the risks it poses.

By working together on this objective, we will:

Improve, use, and protect our natural local spaces so that we see:



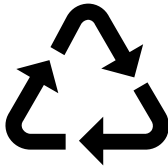
- more local, accessible green and blue spaces;
- fewer incidents of pollution and fly tipping; and
- an improvement in the health of our surroundings, including our rivers and hillsides.

Support communities to use more active travel in their daily lives so that we see:



- more of the things we need and use being nearby;
- fewer journeys being undertaken by car; and
- an improvement in air quality and pollution levels.

Understand how we can all use resources more sustainably so that we see:



- more re-use and recycling of a range of materials;
- a reduced demand for energy; and
- an improved use in our land and coastline to help 'trap' carbon.

Work with communities to understand the different impacts and opportunities for Climate Change mitigation and adaptation so that we see:



- more awareness, knowledge and skills across communities;
- fewer people, communities, and properties at risk; and
- increased confidence in our ability to respond to future challenges

We believe working in this way will also positively contribute to the seven national Well-being goals:

<b>A prosperous Wales</b>	<b>A resilient Wales</b>	<b>A healthier Wales</b>	<b>A more equal Wales</b>	<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b>	<b>A Wales of vibrant culture &amp; thriving Welsh Language</b>	<b>A globally responsible Wales</b>
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Tell Us What you think

We would like you to tell us if you think these are the right things for us to be working on. You can find out more about PSBs and find a link to our online consultation [here](#)