
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Written	January 2022
Report Author	
Service Area	Public Services Board (partnerships)
Committee Date	28 January 2022

To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

Update Report on the work of the Community Assessment Action Group

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to provide Members of Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with an update of work undertaken in relation to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Assessment through the Community Assessment Action Group and the sub-groups focused on data and engagement.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:

- i. The Committee acknowledges the work undertaken to date and discusses the approach in line with the sustainable development principles.
- ii. The Committee considers and comments whether the outlined Assessment process has met the requirements and expectations placed on Public Services Boards.
- iii. The Committee considers how it wants to contribute to the Assessment and the consultation process prior to purdah.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is proposed that Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to consider the work undertaken to produce the statutory

Well-being Assessment for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region covering both Bridgend and Cwm Taf Public Services Boards.

- 3.2 It is proposed that Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to contribute and influence the Assessment process in line with sustainable development principles.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As detailed to JOSC in previous meetings, Public Services Boards, as established under the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 are required to undertake and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area no later than a year before it publishes its local well-being plan. The Act provides that the local well-being plan must be published no later than one year after an ordinary election, as defined in section 26 of the Local Government Act 1972, in practice this means the assessment of local wellbeing would be published within the 12 months preceding each ordinary local government election.

The Assessment must provide an accurate analysis of the state of well-being in each community and in the area as a whole. Further guidance can be found in Shared Purpose Shared Future 3: Collective Role which is provided as a background document for Members.

- 4.2 We have jointly undertaken the work with both Bridgend PSB and the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Board (RPB) so that we collaborate in how we engage with the communities that we all serve. The joint Community Assessment Action Group has overseen the work needed for both the PSB's Well-being Assessment and the RPB's Population Needs Assessments.

Members will remember an update from Dr Tom Powell, Chair of the Community Assessment Action Group, at the JOSC meeting in September and the more recent update from Dr Brendan D'Cruz in his capacity as Chair of the Data Sub-group.

The next Community Assessment Action Group meeting has been postponed to 3rd February. This means it will take place after we anticipate receiving the draft Well-being Assessment document from Practice Solutions Limited, bringing together the data report and the findings from the engagement work at the end of January so we hope that the conversation will be focused on how we use, share, and consult on the document.

- 4.3 Co-Production Network for Wales have been procured using PSB regional support grant to produce an engagement analysis summary, available as an appendix and shared with PSB on 18 January. This has teased out key findings and common themes from the broad range of engagement activities that we have undertaken across the region, as well as made a series of recommendations about how to strengthen the engagement element
- 4.4 Work is being finalised on the data report (linked as a background paper) and particularly on designing brief 'factsheets' for each well-being pillar which will bring together key findings from both the data and engagement work. It is anticipated that these will be the basis for the statutory consultation element of the Assessment commencing in mid-February and lasting for around six weeks.

- 4.5 All consultation documents will be made available bilingually and we would welcome JOSC's involvement in the consultation process.
- 4.6 Final amendments to the draft Assessment will be made following the end of the consultation process. Final design and translation will be carried out in March 2022 in order for the final bi-lingual Assessment and supporting documents to be published by the deadline of April 2022.

5.0 INVOLVEMENT

- 5.1 Involvement and capturing 'lived experience' or 'citizen voice' is at the heart of the assessment work and we are looking at a range of ways to engage people, including workshops, 'hackathons', roadshows, surveys and focus groups. Crucially, we are going to where people are to improve our engagement.
- 5.2 We are looking to engage a broad and diverse range of people from communities across RCT, Merthyr Tydfil and Bridgend.
- 5.3 Consultation work, a statutory requirement for the Assessment, will begin in February and last for six weeks.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 12.1 (Part 4) of the Council's Constitution.

9.0 LINKS TO THE PSB'S WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES

- 9.1 The update is focused on the next iteration of the Wellbeing Assessment which moves on from the Well-being Objectives laid out in the 2018-2023 Plan. The Objectives previously identified are being considered as a measure of progress made since the previous Assessment.
- 9.2 The approach outlined for the Assessment 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.

10.0 CONCLUSION

- 10.1** Members are asked to acknowledge the work undertaken in support of the Well-being Assessment for Bridgend and Cwm Taf Public Services Board and consider whether the approach meets the requirements and expectations as set out under the Act and in Shared Purpose Shared Future 3.
- 10.2** Members are asked to consider how it wants to remain involved and contribute in the Assessment and the consultation process.

Report Author: PSB Support.

Contact Officer: Kirsty Smith, Kirsty.smith3@rctcbc.gov.uk, 07880 044474

BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Cwm Taf PSB Well-being Plan		Cwm Taf Well-being Plan 2018-2023
Shared Purpose Shared Future 3: Collective Role		SPSF 3
Draft Data Report for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Assessment	December 2021	Data Report Version 9
Engagement Analysis Summary	January 2022	Appendix
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No