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## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

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*To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen*

### **Update on the Use of the Well-being Assessment to develop the Well-Being Objectives for the Well-Being Plan 2023-2028**

#### **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 use of the Well-Being Assessment published in April 2022, towards the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Plan and Objectives for 2023 – 2028.

#### **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 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.
- iii. The Committee considers additional uses for the Assessment and the information contained within it to benefit the community

#### **3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is proposed that Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the Well-being Assessment for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region, and the approach taken in its development.

- 3.2 It is proposed that Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider how to best use the Assessment and the information it contains both by the PSB and beyond.

## 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. For this iteration of the Assessment, this was 30 April 2022.

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.

The board must explain in their local well-being plan how their local objectives and any steps they propose to take have been set with regard to any matters mentioned in the assessment and should be reassured that those objectives are sufficiently robust to stand up to local scrutiny. More information is available in the Shared Purpose Shared Future 3: Collective Role document which is linked in this report.

- 4.2 We worked collaboratively with both Bridgend PSB and the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Board (RPB) in engaging with the communities that we all serve to inform the regional Well-being Assessment and created a joint Community Assessment Action Group to oversee the work needed for both the PSB's Well-being Assessment and the RPB's Population Needs Assessments.
- 4.3 The Well-being Assessment (linked at the bottom of this report) was published bilingually and in line with statutory deadlines. This was supplemented by the report on the findings for the statutory consultation on the draft assessment, the engagement report from the work that informed the draft and summary sheets against the four pillars of well-being; environmental, economic, cultural and social. The latter was further broken down by to the themes of housing and homelessness, physical health and mental health. There was also additional summaries outlining the demography for the region and the purpose of the assessment.
- 4.4 In terms of the work of the PSB, the findings from the Assessment have been used to inform stakeholder sessions, identifying priority areas of work and informing the developing Well-being Objectives.
- 4.5 The PSB intends for the document to be a useful document for all its partners and communities. The published document, summaries and supporting reports are freely available on the PSB website: [www.ourcwmtaf.wales](http://www.ourcwmtaf.wales) and [www.eincwmtaf.cymru](http://www.eincwmtaf.cymru).

Officers have attended various forums and working groups to promote the assessment. It is intended that the assessment be used as an evidence base for funding applications and service delivery. For example, Interlink RCT have been

able to use the assessment to demonstrate public interest in volunteering and protecting our green spaces and work with Greenstream Flooring to successfully apply for funding from the WCVA to support this. Officers have also been working with individual Members to ensure good integration and understanding with their own organisational priorities. Officers also continue to monitor developments in the work to merge the two Community Safety Partnerships operating in Cwm Taf and Bridgend and look for lessons learned and structural alignments as the Public Services Boards go through the same process.

## **5.0 INVOLVEMENT**

5.1 Involvement and capturing 'lived experience' or 'citizen voice' was at the heart of the assessment work and we intend to continue this as we develop the Plan. 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.

## **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 publication of the first Well-being Assessment for Cwm Taf Morgannwg for the period 2023-2028 and how the assessment has and continues to be used to inform the development of the regional Well-Being Plan 2023-2028. This moves on from the Well-being Objectives laid out in the 2018-2023 Plan for Cwm Taf. The Objectives previously identified are being considered as a measure of progress made since the previous Plan, and to explore opportunities to inform future work, of which the assessment is a part.

## **10.0 CONCLUSION**

10.1 Members are asked to note the publication of the Well-being Assessment, and consider it's onward use.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Assessment		<a href="#">Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Assessment</a>
Shared Purpose Shared Future 3: Collective Role		<a href="#">SPSF 3</a>
<b>Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?</b>		<b>No</b>