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## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

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*To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen*

### **Update on the drafting of the Well-being Objectives 2023 - 28 and the merger with Bridgend Public Services Board**

#### **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 Plan and Objectives for 2023 – 2028 and the merging of Cwm Taf and Bridgend Public Services Board (PSB).

#### **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 draft Objectives are relevant and right in the context of the learnings from the Well-being Assessment.
- iii. The Committee considers how it wants to contribute to the development of Plan and the consultation process, as well as formal sign off ahead of May 2023.
- iv. The Committee considers 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

### **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 proposed framework for developing the Well-being Objectives and Plan 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 Plan development process in line with sustainable development principles.
- 3.3 It is proposed that Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to consider how Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB must operate to meet the statutory requirements set out under the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 and the scrutiny function for the new Board.

### **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.

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. JOSC meetings during the assessment period received updates from Dr Tom Powell, Chair of the Community Assessment Action Group and Dr Brendan D'Cruz in his capacity as Chair of the Data Sub-group.
- 4.3 The Well-being Assessment (linked at the bottom of this report) was published bilingually and in line with statutory deadlines.
- 4.4 The findings from the Assessment have been used to inform stakeholder sessions carried out in Bridgend College, led by Bridgend PSB, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, facilitated by Toby Rhodes, and a Three Horizons Futures workshop in the Orbit Centre in Merthyr Tydfil carried out with support from Natural Resources Wales. A statutory 14-week consultation period was also undertaken with colleagues from the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner. Formal feedback from this is included in the PSB Meeting pack from 18 October, page 41.
- 4.5 The feedback from this consultation and the stakeholder sessions was reviewed

by the support teams for the two PSBs and a framework was created – page 34 of the PSB Meeting. This outlines the two proposed priority areas for the Objectives, i.e., ‘Safe’ and ‘Green’ and how these areas were arrived at. Some draft wording for the Objectives were proposed to Members for using in the draft Well-being Plan which is required for beginning consultation in November.

The framework also sets out commitments for the PSB in how it will work, broadly in line with the Ways of Working set out under the Act.

- 4.6 The framework was presented to PSB on 18 October for comment and there was no opposition to the priority areas.
- 4.7 At the same PSB meeting Members were asked to support taking a ‘Health Impact Assessment’ approach to writing the Plan which was a recommendation from the Office of Future Generations Commissioner. There was no opposition to the proposal. Members were asked for nominations to a working group to support the drafting and development of the Well-being Plan by 28 October. The same invitation is extended to Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
- 4.8 The report accompanying the framework also laid out recommendations to the Board in terms of the merger. A session has been planned with Keith Moultrie on 15 November to consider the form and function of the new merged PSB. The support officers successfully applied for additional funds from Welsh Government to support the merger process and this session will provide the opportunity for Members to consider the form, function, structure, and membership of a regional PSB as well as the support requirements moving forward. An invitation to attend is extended to Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

## **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.
- 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 draft, will begin in November and last for twelve weeks, until the end of January. This builds on the involvement work carried out with stakeholders across the summer.
- 5.4 The support from Coproduction Network for Wales continues and Members were reminded of the commitment to engagement and involvement at the 18 October PSB meeting.

## **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 development of the first Well-being Plan for Cwm Taf Morgannwg which 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.

9.2 The approach outlined for the Plan 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 consider the proposed framework for developing the Well-Well-being Objectives and Plan for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region covering both Bridgend and Cwm Taf Public Services Boards 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 and influence the Plan development process in line with sustainable development principles.

10.3 Members are asked to consider the steps proposed for merging Bridgend and Cwm Taf Public Services Board and how the scrutiny function for a Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB will operate

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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>