

CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



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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.

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AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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