



Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee

At: Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams

On: Tuesday, 21 June 2022

Time: 3.00 pm

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Preliminary Matters:

1 Election of Chair for the Municipal Year 2022-2023.

2 Election of Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2022-2023.

3 Welcome & Apologies for Absence.

4 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interest.

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5 Minutes.

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To approve and sign the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) as a correct record.

6 Update on Actions from Previous Meeting - None.

7 Public Question Time.

Questions must be submitted in writing to Democratic Services democracy@swansea.gov.uk no later than noon on the working day prior to the meeting. Questions must relate to items on the agenda. Questions will be dealt with in a 10 minute period.

Items for Discussion / Decision / Approval:

8 Review of Terms of Reference.

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Chair / Adam Hill

9 Welsh Water- Drainage & Waste Water Management Plan (Over 25 Years). (Presentation)

Steve Wilson

- 10 Summer of Fun. (Presentation)**
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/tryrdcmg3hri0wr/BSLh264%20-%20HD%201080p%20-%20HD%201080p.mov?dl=0>
Mark Gosney
- 11 Walking in our Shoes. (Verbal)**
Roger Thomas
- 12 Human Rights City. (Presentation)**
Rhian Millar, Lee Wenham, Councillor Louise Gibbard, Adele Dunstan
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 - Healthy Cities;
 - Childcare & Play Sufficiency Assessments.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 11 August 2022 at 3.00 pm



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Agenda Annex

Swansea Public Services Board – Membership

Statutory Members (Joint Committee and Partnership Forum)

Nuria Zolle – <i>Swansea Bay University Health Board</i>
Councillor Rob Stewart – <i>Leader - Swansea Council</i>
Vacancy – <i>Mid & West Wales Fire Authority</i>
Martyn Evans - <i>Head of Operations South West Wales – Natural Resources Wales</i>
Martin Nicholls – <i>Interim Chief Executive - Swansea Council</i>

Designated Representatives:

Sian Harrop-Griffiths - <i>Director of Strategy – Swansea Bay University Health Board</i>
Adam Hill - <i>Deputy Chief Executive - Swansea Council</i>
Andrea Lewis – <i>Cabinet Member for Service Transformation - Swansea Council</i>
Roger Thomas - <i>Chief Fire Officer - Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service</i>

Invited Participants (Joint Committee and Partnership Forum)

Professor Chris Jones – <i>Welsh Government</i>
Trudi Meyrick - <i>Chief Superintendent - South Wales Police</i>
Amanda Carr - <i>Swansea Council for Voluntary Service</i>
Alun Michael - <i>Police and Crime Commissioner</i>
Mark Brace - <i>Assistant Commissioner - South Wales Police and Crime Commissioners Office</i>
Mark Wade - <i>Health & Housing</i>
Deanne Martin – <i>HM Prison & Probation Service</i>

Invited Participants (Partnership Forum)

Hayley Gwilliam – <i>Cabinet Member for Community (Support) - Swansea Council</i>
Louise Gibbard - <i>Cabinet Member for Care Services - Swansea Council</i>
David Hopkins – <i>Cabinet Member for Corporate Service & Performance – Swansea Council</i>
Erika Kirchner – <i>Councillor - Swansea Council</i>
Alyson Pugh - <i>Cabinet Member for Well-being - Swansea Council</i>
Robert Smith - <i>Cabinet Member for Education & Learning - Swansea Council</i>
Andrew Stevens - <i>Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure – Swansea Council</i>
Keith Reid - <i>Executive Director - Public Health, Swansea Bay University Health Board</i>
Hilary Dover - <i>Planning Group</i>
Anna Jones - <i>University of Wales Trinity Saint David</i>
Sarah King - <i>Gower College Swansea (Director of HR)</i>
Jayne Brewer - <i>Gower College Swansea (Head of Employer Development)</i>
Matthew Bennett - <i>Job Centre Plus</i>
Hywel Evans - <i>Regional Business Forum</i>
Keith Baker - <i>Swansea Economic Regeneration Partnership</i>
Philip McDonnell - <i>Swansea Environmental Forum</i>
Mike Phillips - <i>Research Group</i>
Steve Davies - <i>Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service</i>
Vacancy - <i>DVLA</i>
Vacancy - <i>Swansea Learning Partnership</i>
Vacancy - <i>Swansea University</i>

Agenda Item 5



Minutes of the **Swansea Public Services Board** **Joint Committee**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, 10 February 2022 at 3.00 pm

Present: A S Lewis (Chair) Presided

Leanne Ahern, Swansea Council
Amanda Carr, Swansea Council for Voluntary Service
Kelvyn Curry, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
Adam Hill, Swansea Council
Steve King, Swansea Council
Thom Lynch, Hope in Swansea (Matt's Café)
Professor Chris Jones, Welsh Government
Trudi Meyrick, South Wales Police
Alun Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner
Keith Reid Executive Director - Public Health, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Lynne Saunders, Swan Project
Paul Thomas, Swansea Council
Roger Thomas, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
Mark Wade, Health & Housing Group
Samantha Woon, Swansea Council
Tracey Worth, HM Prison & Probation Service

Apologies for Absence

Joanne Abbott-Davies, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Mark Brace, Police & Crime Commissioners Office
Martyn Evans, Natural Resources Wales
Sian Harrop-Griffiths, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Deanne Martin, HM Prison & Probation Service
Phil Roberts, Swansea Council
Rob Stewart, Swansea Council

33 Welcome & Apologies for Absence.

The Chair welcomed Chris Jones, Welsh Government Representative, to the meeting.

34 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interest.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

35 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee Held on 21 October 2021 be signed and approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service be amended to Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority.
- Minute no. 18 – Councillor Kelvin Curry be replaced with Councillor Kelvyn Watson Curry.

36 Update on Actions from Previous Meeting.

None.

37 Public Question Time.

There were no public questions.

38 Community Safety:

Hope in Swansea (Matts Café)

Thom Lynch provided an update on the 'App' directory and contained details of 118 approved support services. The App was intended for use when supporting vulnerable individuals with varying needs and is free to download.

The App is used by the 109 volunteers at Matthews House on a weekly basis so it allows checks to be made to ensure all the information is up to date. He referred to the work of the safeguarding and leadership team ensuring due diligence is observed when approving support providers.

The App had been developed as a result of funding from Swansea Council, The Children's Society and Friends of Matthews House and further donations would be welcomed.

Mr Lynch referred to the positive feedback received in respect of the App and urged colleagues to share the details of the App in order to attract a greater audience.

The Chair thanked Mr Lynch for his informative presentation and the excellent initiative.

Swan Project

Lynne Sanders provided a comprehensive overview of the project which aimed to support women sexually exploited by the sex industry on the streets in brothels and online.

231 women had been supported the vast majority of whom were women exploited on the streets. The service was split into two sections, daytime and night-time.

It was noted that a large percentage of the women on the streets have issues with substances and are in the criminal justice system. Engagement was key in developing the trust of service users. The service focuses on harm reduction and provides many services including access to prescriptions, housing, income maximisation, well-being support, food etc. She detailed the collaborative working specifically sharing intelligence with the Police.

Ms Sanders referred to difficulties associated with running the project as a result of grant funding with no guaranteed stream of income. She referred to the lack of strategy across Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot in relation to assisting women exploited by the sex industry.

A discussion ensued regarding the role of Safer Swansea Partnership, Welsh Government and Police and Crime Commissioners' Office in highlighting the work of the service, developing a strategy which encouraged partnership working and securing funding.

The Chair thanked Ms Sanders for her informative presentation and praised the ongoing work of the service.

Integrated Offender Management

Tracy Worth detailed provided an overview of Integrated Offender Management. The Committee noted the background, demographics, Partnership Engagement, Aims, IOM Data Breakdown – Needs Analysis, Domestic Violence and Substance Misuse in Swansea and Crime Patterns.

Mr Alun Michael detailed his work in attempting to determine the local cohort of offenders in each of the seven local authorities across south Wales and the importance of partnership working. He stated that managing offenders was impossible if there was no data to indicate who they were. He praised the work of integrated offender management and referred to the positive work of the Safer Communities Board and Safer Communities Network. Furthermore, he stated that success could only be achieved by working with local partners, particularly the local authority.

In response to a question, Ms Worth stated that the engagement had been made with the Magistrates Service.

The Chair thanked Ms Worth for her informative presentation and praised the ongoing work of the service.

Critical Incident Group High Street

Paul Thomas presented a report which provided an update on the Critical Incident Group – High Street, progress to date and group closure.

The Committee noted the background, outcomes and conclusion in so far as the Group had now concluded the work and would continue to deliver through business

as usual. The Group had agreed to close the work streams and Critical Incident Group. However, there would be ongoing monitoring as part of the Safer Swansea Partnership Group.

He referred to the support received from Hope in Swansea and the Swan Project,

Committee Members' noted the positive joint working in tackling a very difficult and complex agenda. Joint working had enabled the development of risk reduction. Consideration was given to the need for one more meeting of this group to examine lessons learned/identified in order to assist future critical incident groups. Reference was also made to the significant investment planned for the High Street area, including the relocation of the District Housing Office and the development of a community space which would enable the most vulnerable members of society to access support.

The Chair thanked Mr Thomas for his informative presentation and the efforts of the team.

Councillor Kelvyn Watson Curry referred to Mr Roger Thomas' recent appointment as the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Service. The Committee congratulated Mr Thomas on his appointment.

[Councillor A S Lewis, Chair, left the meeting]

Roger Thomas, Chair (pro tem) presided.

39 Swansea Third Sector Compact Agreement Annual Report / Presentation.

Amanda Carr and Jane Whitmore provided an update on Swansea's Third Sector Compact Agreement and the work to date of the Compact Liaison Group who were formed as part of the updated Swansea Compact Agreement with the Voluntary Sector in 2018.

Committee Members' noted the background, aims, objectives and purpose, membership, highlights, implications of COVID and future work programme, third sector funding 2021 (Grants and Contracts).

Adam Hill stated that the update would be added to the Work Programme as an ongoing item.

In response to a question, Amanda Carr confirmed that a strong relationship existed between the Health Board.

The Chair thanked Amanda Carr and Jane Whitmore for their informative presentation and ongoing work.

40 Local Well-being Assessment - Update / Sign off of Draft.

Steve King presented a report which detailed recent developments in the Swansea Assessment of Local Well-being 2022.

Committee Members' noted the recent developments, timetable and analysis brief and the next steps/actions.

Concern was expressed regarding the lack of flexibility regarding timescales for completion which was scheduled for 5 May, 2022.

The Draft Assessment of Local Well-being 2022 would be further refined and forwarded to Committee Members prior to the commencement of formal consultation.

The Chair thanked Steve King and his team for the informative report and ongoing work.

41 Public Engagement Discussion. (Verbal)

Adam Hill referred to the challenges faced in promoting public engagement.

In order to provide Committee Members the opportunity to consider strategies/ideas for the promotion of public engagement, it was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting and would be sited at the early part of the agenda.

42 Future Work Programme.

Adam Hill referred to a request from Welsh Water to present their Drainage and Waste Water Management Plan to a future meeting.

He updated colleagues on the support package for Public Services Boards from the Welsh Government and it was noted the deadline for the bid was 28 February 2022. Swansea would be leading the bid on behalf of the Western Bay region with input from partners across the Board. Given the restrictive timescales for bid applications, it had not been possible to submit the bid to the Committee.

The Work Programme was noted.

The meeting ended at 4.43 pm

Chair

Agenda Item 8

Swansea Public Services Board Terms of Reference

(Agreed by Swansea Public Services Board on 11 April 2019 & 11 February 2021)

Prepared with reference to the Welsh Government Statutory Guidance: Shared Purpose: Shared Future

Status

1. Swansea Public Services Board (the Board) is a statutory board established by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. References to the Board are references to the members of the Board acting jointly. ⁱ

Purpose

2. The purpose of the Board is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Swansea.
3. In pursuing this purpose the Board will contribute to the national well-being goals:
 - a) A prosperous Wales
 - b) A resilient Wales
 - c) A healthier Wales
 - d) A more equal Wales
 - e) A Wales of cohesive communities
 - f) A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
 - g) A globally responsible Wales
4. In conducting its business the Board will act in accordance with the sustainable development principle, acting in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. ⁱⁱ
5. In exercising its functions, the Board must seek advice from its other partners and involve them in such manner and to such extent as it considers appropriate. ⁱⁱⁱ
6. In exercising its functions, the Board must take guidance issued by Welsh Ministers into account. ^{iv}

Main Tasks

7. The Board has the following main tasks (to be achieved within timescales as specified in the Well-being of Future Generations Act):
 - a) To prepare and publish an assessment of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in Swansea. ^v
 - b) To prepare and publish a Local Well-being Plan for Swansea setting out local objectives and the steps it proposes to take to meet them. ^{vi}
 - c) To prepare and publish an annual report that sets out the Board's progress in meeting the local objectives ^{vii}

- d) To invite participants to attend and participate in the business of the Board as appropriate^{viii}.
- e) To review and revise its local objectives and if it has revised its local objectives it must amend the Well-being Plan ^{ix}.
- f) To review its local objectives if directed to do so by Welsh Ministers and then amend the Well-being Plan in consequence of such a review. ^x
- g) To attend Swansea Council's Scrutiny Programme Committee to provide information and assistance that enables the committee to discharge its responsibilities to scrutinise the work of the Public Services Board as defined in s35 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. ^{xi}

Membership

Statutory Members

8. The statutory members of the Board are: ^{xii}

- a) City and County of Swansea**
- b) Swansea Bay University Health Board**
- c) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service**
- d) Natural Resources Wales**

9. The Representatives of the statutory members of the Board are: ^{xiii}

- a) City and County of Swansea (Leader and Chief Executive)**
- b) Swansea Bay University Health Board (Either the Chairman, Chief Executive or both)**
- c) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (Either the Chairman, Chief Officer or both)**
- d) Natural Resources Wales (Chief Executive)**

10. Individuals must designate a substitute in the event that they are unable to attend a meeting of the Board. The Council Leader may only designate his substitute from the Council's Executive. ^{xiv}

11. Any substitutes should have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the named persons.

Invited Participants

12. The following persons must be invited to participate in the activity of the Board: ^{xv}

- a) The Welsh Ministers
- b) The Chief Constable of South Wales Police
- c) The South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
- d) Probation services representative
- e) A representative of voluntary organisations
- f) Any other persons who the Board may be required to invite under regulations made by Welsh Ministers. ^{xvi}

13. Invited participants are not required to accept the invitation.

14. Invited participants are not members of the Board. They are entitled to;
- make representations to the Board about the content of assessments of local well-being, the local well-being plan and proposed amendments to the local well-being plan, to take part in Board meetings and provide other advice and assistance to the Board. ^{xvii}
15. In the event that an invited person is unable to attend a meeting of the Board they are required to designate a substitute but it is expected that substitutes will be authorised to make decisions and commitments on behalf of the invited person.
16. The Board may invite any other persons who exercise functions of a public nature to participate in the Board's activity, even if that person exercises other functions. ^{xviii}
17. Invited participants who are to be asked to join the Board will be agreed at a meeting of the Board and the form of invitation will be via a letter from the Chair setting out the reasons for the invitation and the expectations upon the invitee. The letter will set out to whom a response is to be sent. ^{xix}
18. Invited participants may participate in the activity of the Board from the date on which the response accepting the invitation is received by the person to whom it is to be sent and ending on the date on which the next ordinary election is held under s26 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70).

Other partners

19. The Board must seek advice from its other partners and otherwise involve them as it considers appropriate. Other partners are not members of the Board. ^{xx}
20. These partners will include, but are not limited to:
- a) A Community Council for a community in an area which (or any part of which) falls within the local authority area
 - b) The Public Health Wales NHS Trust
 - c) A Community Health Council for an area which (or any part of which) falls within the local authority area
 - d) A National Park Authority for a National Park in Wales any part of which falls within the local authority area
 - e) The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
 - f) An institution in the further education sector or the higher education sector situated in whole or in part within the local authority area
 - g) The Arts Council of Wales
 - h) The Sports Council for Wales
 - i) The National Library of Wales
 - j) The National Museum of Wales

Decision Making and Dispute Resolution

21. Board decisions are only valid when made jointly and unanimously by all statutory members (or their substitutes) and with all statutory members in attendance.
22. In the event of a disagreement between statutory members it is the responsibility of the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve the disagreement. In the event that a consensus cannot be reached at the meeting the Chair will appoint an independent mediator who must not be in the employment of the statutory members. The statutory members must co-operate with the mediator. The costs of mediation will be borne in equal shares by the four statutory members.

Quorum

23. The quorum of a PSB meeting is all of its statutory members. Each statutory member of the PSB must be represented at a meeting by the individual specified in section 9 or a substitute for that individual. ^{xxi}

Mandatory Meetings

24. The PSB will hold a meeting of the statutory members of the Board, chaired by Swansea Council, no later than 60 days after the date on which the Board is established. ^{xxii}
25. At this meeting the Board will:
 - a) Determine when and how often it meets.
 - b) Agree its terms of reference
26. Members will appoint the chair for subsequent meetings of the Board at the first meeting from the statutory members. In the event that there is no consensus as to the chair for subsequent meetings, the local authority will chair subsequent meetings.
27. Subsequent to each ordinary election of local government councillors, the Board will hold a “mandatory meeting” chaired by Swansea Council no later than 60 days after the date of each ordinary election of councillors. ^{xxiii}
28. At this “mandatory” meeting the Board must review its terms of reference, amend the terms of reference if so agreed and can choose to do so at any other meeting. Members will also appoint the chair for subsequent meetings of the Board from the statutory members. In the event that there is no consensus as to the chair for subsequent meetings, the local authority will chair subsequent meetings. ^{xxiv}

Ordinary Meetings

29. Ordinary meetings of the Board will take place, as a minimum, every X calendar months in accordance with Schedule 1. The Board may amend the schedule of meetings. ^{xxv}

Sub-groups

30. The Board is able to establish sub-groups to support it in undertaking its functions and the Board can authorise sub-groups to exercise its functions, excluding those set out in section 32 of this terms of reference. ^{xxvi}
31. Each sub-group of a PSB must include at least one statutory member of the Board, who will chair the sub-group, and may include any invited participant or other partner. ^{xxvii}
32. Sub-groups cannot: ^{xxviii}
- a) invite persons to participate in the Board's activity under section 30 (of the Act);
 - b) set, review or revise the Board's local objectives;
 - c) prepare or publish an assessment of well-being under section 37 (of the Act);
 - d) consult under section 38 (of the Act) or to prepare a draft of an assessment under section 37 (of the Act) for the purposes of consulting;
 - e) prepare or publish a local well-being plan;
 - f) consult under section 43 (of the Act) or to prepare a draft of a local well-being plan for the purposes of consulting;
 - g) review or amend a local well-being plan or to publish an amended local well-being plan;
 - h) consult under section 44 (of the Act);
 - i) agree that the Board –
 - (i) merges or collaborates with another public services board.
 - (ii) Collaborates with another board under section 48(1) (of the Act)

However statutory guidance, Shared Purpose: Shared Future 3: 37 states 'Whilst sub-groups cannot themselves be authorised to finalise and approve the assessment of local well-being, or the local well-being Plan, it is expected that they will play an important role in researching and developing those products in draft'.

Support

33. Administrative support for the Board is provided by Swansea Council. ^{xxix}

Statutory guidance, Shared Purpose: Shared Future 3:42-34 states 'The local authority must make administrative support available to the public services board. The Welsh Ministers consider administrative support would include:

- ensuring the public service board is established and meets regularly;
- preparing the agenda and commissioning papers for meetings;
- inviting participants and managing attendance;
- work on the annual report and
- preparation of evidence for scrutiny.

However it is for the board to determine how it will resource the functions it has to undertake, which are a responsibility of all the statutory members equally. It is for the board to determine appropriate and proportionate resourcing of the board's collective functions. There is nothing to prevent invited participants or other partners providing advice, assistance, and resources to the board in the form of analytical or professional expertise. They are not obliged to provide financial assistance but may do so if they consider that it is within their powers.

Wider Engagement

34. The Board will ensure the involvement of persons who are interested in the improvement of the areas of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being and will consult such persons in the preparation of assessments and well-being plans. ^{xxx}
35. A copy of the well-being assessment, the well-being plan and each annual report will be sent to Swansea Bay University Health Board, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Natural Resources Wales, the Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner, the Auditor General for Wales and the council's relevant overview and scrutiny committee. ^{xxxi}
36. Meetings of the Board are open for the public to observe. The Agenda and Minutes of key subgroups will be published online

Scrutiny

37. The work of the PSB will be scrutinised by Swansea Council's Scrutiny Programme Committee who have set up a special panel to undertake this role. The Public Services Board Scrutiny Panel includes councillors as well as people responsible for holding other public bodies to account. This Committee must have the power;
 - a) To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Public Services Board for the local authority in the exercise of its functions
 - b) To review or scrutinise the board's governance arrangements
 - c) To make reports or recommendations to the board with respect to the board's functions or governance arrangements
 - d) To consider such matters relating to the board as the Welsh Ministers may refer to it and to report to the Welsh Ministers accordingly

e) To carry out such other functions in relation to the board as are imposed on it by this Act.

38. The scrutiny committee can require any statutory member of the board to give evidence, but only in respect of the exercise of joint functions conferred on them as a member of the board (as set out under section 7).

39. The scrutiny committee must send a copy of any report or recommendation it makes to the Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales. ^{xxxii}

40. The Scrutiny Panel will decide what aspects of the Board's work they want to investigate and gather evidence including from the public, about the work that is being done. The panel's conclusions and recommendations are published in letters to the Chair of the Board who must then reply, also by public letter.

Merging and collaboration

41. The PSB may merge with other PSBs if it would assist it in contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals. ^{xxxiii}

42. The PSB may collaborate with another Board. ^{xxxiv}

ⁱ The PSB is created by s29 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

ⁱⁱ S 36(3) of the 2015 Act

ⁱⁱⁱ S32(2) of the 2015 Act

^{iv} S38 of the 2015 Act

^v S 37 of the 2015 Act

^{vi} S 39 of the 2015 Act

^{vii} S45 of the 2015 Act

^{viii} S 30 of the 2015 Act

^{ix} S44(1) of the 2015 Act

^x S 44(2) of the 2015 Act

^{xi} S 35(3) of the 2015 Act

^{xii} Para 7(1) of Schedule 3 to the 2015 Act

^{xiii} Para 7(1) of Schedule 3 to the 2015 Act

^{xiv} Paragraph 7(1) (b) of Schedule 3 to the 2015 Act

^{xv} S30(1) of the 2015 Act

^{xvi} S33(1) of the 2015 Act

^{xvii} S30 (4) of the 2015 Act

^{xviii} S30(2) of the 2015 Act

^{xix} S31(3) of the 2015 Act

^{xx} S32(2) of the 2015 Act

^{xxi} Paragraph 1 Schedule 3 of the 2015 Act

^{xxii} Paragraph 2 Schedule 3 of the 2015 Act

^{xxiii} Paragraph 3 Schedule 3 to the 2015 Act

^{xxiv} Paragraph 4(3) (4) Schedule 3 of the 2015 Act

^{xxv} Paragraph 4 Schedule 3 of the 2015 Act

^{xxvi} Paragraph 4(2)(f) of the 2015 Act

^{xxvii} Paragraph 6(1) Schedule 3 of the 2015 Act

^{xxviii} Paragraph 6 (3) Schedule 3 of the 2015 Act

^{xxix} Paragraph 5 Schedule 3 of the 2015 Act

^{xxx} Paragraph 4 (e) Schedule 3 of the 2015 Act

^{xxxi} S37 (7) S39(8) and s 45(5) of the 2015 Act

^{xxxii} S35(2) of the 2015 Act

Schedule 1 :Procedure for Meetings

1. Ordinary meetings of the Board will take place as a minimum, every X calendar months. The meetings will take place as follows;
Date

Date

Date

Date
2. The Council will give at least fourteen clear day*s notice of any meeting by contacting all statutory members of the Public Services Board by email. Papers will be sent out a minimum of seven days before any meeting of the Board.
3. Any statutory member of the Board shall be entitled to give written notice to the Chair at least 10 clear days before the date of the next meeting that he/she wishes an item relevant to the functions of the Public Services Board to be included on the agenda for, and be discussed at, a meeting of the board.
4. Meeting procedures should include
 - Welcome and apologies
 - Declaration of Interests
 - Minutes of the last meeting
 - Progress on well-being objectives
 - Forward Plan

Schedule 2: Structure

The Public Services Board consists of four statutory members. However invited participants and other partners participate in the activities of the board. The structure by which they do so is set out below.

The PSB Joint Committee

- This includes the legal entity that is the **Public Services Board** in statute. This consists of four statutory members
 - Swansea Council
 - Swansea Bay University Health Board
 - Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue
 - Natural Resources Wales
- The PSB Joint Committee also includes invited participants as defined in statute and appropriate organisations identified by the statutory members.
- It's role is one of ratification and advocacy of the PSB's priorities

Coordination of the Local Well-being Objectives

- Responsibility for the co-ordination of each of the Local Well-being Plan's four outcome based Local Well-being Objectives lies with one of the four statutory members. This will include all the administrative and support arrangements.
 - Early Years – ABMU
 - Live Well, Age Well – Swansea Council
 - Working with Nature – Natural Resources Wales
 - Stronger Communities – Fire and Rescue

Administrative Support

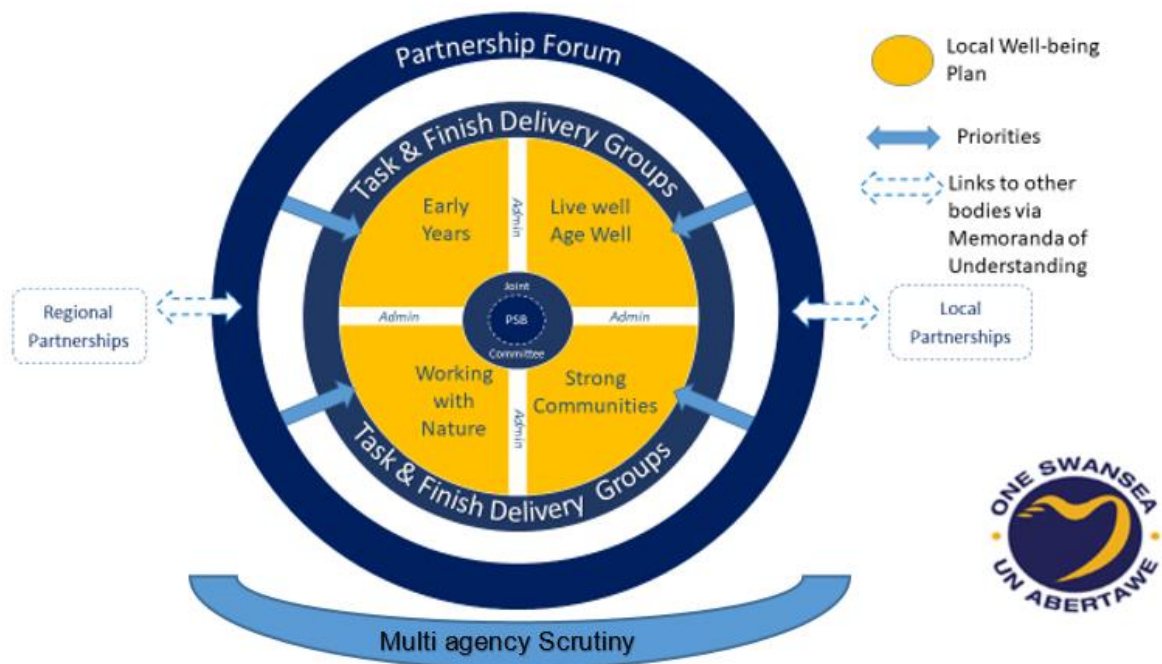
- Swansea Council will provide an administrative role supporting statutory members of the Public Services Board to discharge their legal responsibilities. This is in line with the Local Authority's statutory duty to support the PSB.
- Statutory members co-ordinating the delivery of the Local Well-being Objectives will service their area in the spirit of co-operation but will be supported by Council Administration to ensure that their work is fully integrated across the PSB

Task and Finish Delivery Groups

- Task and finish delivery groups will deliver the Local Well-being objectives, and steps. Each group will sign up to common terms of engagement and be led by Objective/Step Leads (with a common role description).
- Task and finish Groups to work on other tasks such as planning and research can be established and stood down from a pool of contacts via the **Partnership Forum** as required.

The Partnership Forum

- This group provides a mechanism for all partners to engage, raise issues and report progress etc.



Schedule 3: Responsibilities

Statutory members and invited participants must:

- a) Ensure that any designated representatives attending meetings of the Board should have the authority to make decisions on behalf of their organisation
- b) Provide information that the Board requests about any action they take that may contribute to achieving the well-being goals. However they are not required to provide information if;
 - they consider it would be incompatible with their duties
 - it had an adverse effect on the exercise of their functions
 - they were prohibited from providing it by law
- c) Provide the board with written reasons for the decision if it is decided not to provide information that the board has requested
- d) Provide any evidence requested by the Council's designated scrutiny committee but only in respect of the exercise of joint functions conferred as a member of the Board

Each Statutory member who commits to coordinating the integrated delivery of a Local Well-being Objective ensuring the group meets, delivers and reports on progress.

Schedule 4: Best practice

Committed and consistent attendance by the right people has been identified as a key success factor by partners. Statutory members and invited participants should do all that they can to fulfil this ideal.

As a statutory member or invited participant you should demonstrate leadership by:

- a) Ensuring that you understand the sustainable development principle and by adopting the five sustainable development behaviours into your day to day work
- b) Ensuring that you are aware of the commitments that underpin the work of the Board and are able to take positive steps to promote them within your organisation
- c) Reflecting on and adopting the public service leadership behaviours developed by Academi Wales
- d) Contributing to shared planning and resourcing to deliver the wellbeing objectives and other priorities agreed by the Board

Agenda Item 13



Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee – 21 June 2022

Local Well-being Assessment Update

Purpose:	To set out progress on the Assessment of Local Well-being 2022 and to outline requirements for the Swansea Well-being Plan by 2023
Link to Well-being Objective:	Cross cutting
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The Joint Committee note the report, including the conclusion of the assessment, an update on the analysis commission, and requirements / key stages towards the Well-being Plan. 2) The Joint Committee approve the setting up of a 'Well-being Plan Group', based on the approach used for the Assessment Editorial Group and including representatives of the statutory partners.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 required the second assessments of local well-being in Wales to be published by 5 May 2022. Swansea's assessment was published (on 5 May itself) at the web page: www.swansea.gov.uk/psbassessment2022

1.2 Various update reports have been provided to the Joint Committee during 2021 with the latest report (10 February 2022, item 8) available at: <https://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=665&MId=10649&Ver=4&LLL=0>

A more recent update was also circulated to Joint Committee members by email on 9 May. This provided an update on the consultation (22 February to 18 March) and feedback received, sought the approval of statutory partners to publish the assessment, and outlined initial high-level stages towards the Well-being Plan.

1.3 Following the completion of the assessment, this work will now move towards the next phase; to develop a new Local Well-being Plan for Swansea which the Board must publish by May 2023.

2.0 Assessment developments

- 2.1 As part of the May email update, statutory partners were invited to sign off the assessment or propose any changes to the main document and/or the draft Consultation Feedback Report.
- 2.2 The current assessment web page notes that the document “may be subject to amendments as part of the approval process.” In recent weeks, work has continued to make further improvements to the assessment, including:
- Refinement and update of detail in light of new information received, updated statistics (where possible to include) and accepted suggested improvements from the consultation
 - Inclusion of selected public quotes relating to specific topics, taken from the Well-being Survey in Autumn 2021
 - Presentational improvements, e.g. formatting of tables/figures, hyperlinks to chapters/topics, referencing.
- 2.3 Work is also progressing on a number of annexes to the assessment:
- Consultation Feedback Report, including responses schedule
 - Additional analysis of data from the on-line public well-being survey for a revised and updated version of (previous) Annex 1
 - Statistical profiles of each of the six Community Areas (as in 2017)
 - ‘About the Assessment’ (providing further background, as in 2017).
- 2.4 Final versions of the main assessment document and annexes will be included on the web page as soon as possible.

3.0 Analysis Commission

- 3.1 The assessment contains a large volume of detailed information across the wide range of topics included within the four dimension-based chapters, and some further work is required to distil this information and highlight the key issues. As noted previously, research has been commissioned from Swansea University to bring out the key implications and messages (the ‘so what’) from the assessment, the key links between topics and dimensions of well-being, and what this means in practical terms for Swansea.
- 3.2 As part of the preparatory work on the research commission, dimension or strand leads from the Assessment Editorial Group were asked:
- What are the most significant issues for Swansea that have been identified through the Well-being assessment?
 - What are the most significant aspects of positive progress (strengths and assets) identified as having taken place over the past 5 years?
 - What are the main opportunities for integration across the four dimensions of well-being which will enable a collaborative solutions approach?

Responses to these questions form the starting point for this analysis.

3.3 This commission will form an important part of our ‘response analysis’ and the move towards the Plan stage. At time of writing, this has been delayed. However, the Assessment Editorial Group is due to meet imminently to consider initial drafts of this work. An update will be provided at the Committee meeting.

4.0 Statutory requirements for the Well-being Plan

4.1 The statutory guidance for the Plan is mainly within Welsh Government’s “Shared Purpose Shared Future” (SPSF) documents; in particular in SPSF3: Collective role (public services boards), Chapter 3 – *Preparing a Local Well-being Plan*.

4.2 Paragraphs 90-91 of SPSF3 note: The local well-being plan will set out how the board intends to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area by setting local objectives which will maximise the contribution made by the board to achieving the well-being goals in its area. There are two main elements of a local well-being plan:

- (a) the local objectives; and
- (b) the steps the board proposes to take to meet the objectives.

4.3 In summary, the key initial stages towards the Well-being Plan are:

- Drafting and agreeing a set of local objectives and steps to address them
- Receiving advice from the Future Generations Commissioner
- Gathering information from partners
- Undertaking Integrated Impact and Equality Assessments
- Consultation with the public before the final objectives are agreed.

4.4 At an early stage in the drafting of local well-being plans, the Board must seek the advice of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales on how to take steps to meet local objectives in a manner which is consistent with the sustainable development principle. This stage requires a period of up to 14 weeks.

4.5 An initial approximate timeline for producing the Well-being Plan in 2022-23, including key stages and indicative dates, is shown below:

Stage	Date
Agree PSB priority objectives (emerging from Assessment)	July 2022
14-week advisory period with FGC	Jun – Sept 2022
Support from FGC, WG and partners	Jun – Sept 2022
Prepare draft Well-being Plan (WBP)	Sept 2022
Approval from PSB	Oct 2022
Consultation	Nov 2022 – Jan 2023
Prepare final WBP	Feb – March 2023
Formal approval	Mar – Apr 2023
Publication of WBP	May 2023

- 4.6 The detail of these stages are subject to confirmation and further development. In summary, the PSBs should allow time to confirm their *objectives* in advance of working with the Commissioner on how to deliver those objectives, i.e. *to develop the actions*. The Future Generations Commissioner has also advised that PSBs take the time to ensure that a 'response analysis' to the information within the well-being assessments is undertaken prior to the 14-week advisory period, i.e. before work commences to develop objectives and steps.
- 4.7 During this process, the Board must also produce a Well-being Statement, which should address:
- How and when will people be involved?
 - What will they be involved in?
 - Who will be involved?
 - What resources are needed to deliver the involvement?
 - How will feedback be given to people who were involved?
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 Paragraph 94 of SPSF3 notes: The assessment should provide the robust evidence base for a board to determine (and justify) the local objectives it sets. The local objectives set should reflect where the board has decided that collective action can be taken that will have a positive impact on the state of well-being in the area.

5.0 Proposals for an initial way forward in Swansea

- 5.1 Following the essential completion of its main task, the *Assessment Editorial Group* in its current form no longer has a clear, ongoing role. However, in view of resource requirements and time pressures (including prescribed consultation stages noted in the legislation), initial work on developing the Local Well-being Plan for Swansea will need to move forward quickly.
- 5.2 In the previous cycle, around five years ago, a 'Planning Group' undertook detailed work on Swansea's first Well-being Plan, including the development of Plan objectives and steps. This group, then a sub-group in the Board's structure, had a range of representatives from organisations in the partnership.
- 5.3 In the same way (in principle) as the assessment group, it is again suggested that a 'Well-being Plan Group' be formed, comprising of a relatively small group of perhaps around 8-12 named people responsible for co-ordinating the development of the Well-being Plan. This group would maintain a balance of organisations and subject expertise and ideally consist of appropriate representatives from all four statutory partner organisations (Council, Health Board, Fire and Rescue Service, NRW), and any others suggested by the Joint Committee. Existing members of the Assessment group could continue their role in the new group, although partners may wish to review their representatives.

5.4 This group would again receive steer, refer decisions and report progress on the Plan to the Joint Committee. Members will also need to be able to commit resource and be mindful of wider requirements, for example around engagement and involvement. Subject to the initial views of this Committee, more detailed proposals to create this group will be progressed quickly. One of the first tasks will be to set draft well-being objectives for the Board's approval and to start the engagement work with statutory bodies and other stakeholders.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Joint Committee note the report, including the conclusion of the assessment, an update on the analysis commission, and requirements / key stages towards the Well-being Plan.
- 6.2 The Joint Committee approve the setting up of a 'Well-being Plan Group', based on the approach used for the Assessment Editorial Group and including representatives of the statutory partners.

Report Author: Steve King

Organisation: Swansea Council

Project Title: PSB Highlight Report	Workstream: Live Well, Age Well
Project Lead: Jane Whitmore	Date: 31 st March 2022
Project Overview & Key Success Measures	Links to other workstreams or partners
<p>Description: The Live Well Age Objective aims to make Swansea a great place to live and age well, where people are supported to be safe, healthy, independent and resilient in order for them to reach their full potential.</p> <p>To achieve this we need to develop approaches and services which support independence and resilience across communities, moving away from a service delivery model and changing the relationship between public and services.</p> <p>It is important we ask and understand what matters to individuals and what would help to build confident, healthy and resilient communities.</p> <p><u>Qualitative KPI's associated with the project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback from participants • Facebook posts – Feedback • Session Evaluations • Participant case studies <p><u>Quantitative KPIs associated with the project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to the voice of children & young people consultation • Listening to the voice of people 50+ consultation • Survey data – Ageing Society Strategy – Partner Priority Setting Delphi Survey 	<p>Representatives from the 3 other PSB objectives are members/participants of the “Children’s Rights Network” & “Ageing Well Steering Group” where membership of both was reviewed in July 2021.</p> <p>There is a link to the Early Years Objective to ensure there is a seamless approach and pathway across the age ranges.</p> <p>Links have been made with the Stronger Communities objective to understand the similarities between the two objectives to avoid duplication.</p> <p>As we all reflect on the focus of the objectives going forward we need to make sure there are strong links and understanding between the objectives as they are congruent.</p>

N.B: Qualitative & quantitative data in relation to engagement of children & young People along with people aged 50 + has been recorded as we build back mechanisms following the Covid pandemic and develop new and varied mechanisms to engage with members of the public and we plan to set KPI's from April 22 onwards.

Project Outcomes/ Milestones

1. Embedding “The Right Way” approach:

A substantial amount of work has been undertaken to explore how in Swansea we can embed a continuous approach to rights across the life stages, ensuring that all people have opportunity to access and enjoy their rights from the moment they are born, living well and ageing well throughout their life course, particularly in respect of being listened to and heard in decisions that affect them.

“The Right Way” approach is a nationally recognised framework which offers a five-principled approach to embedding rights based practise, (Participation, Empowerment, Embedding, Accountability, Non-discrimination). Use of “The Right Way” provides consistency in terms of language and measurement. (using the Children Commissioners for Wales matrix) Alignment to the process means opportunity to provide clear guidance, and tangible benchmarks for council departments to embed a whole council approach and evidence outcomes.

2. Children’s Rights Scheme and Action Plan:

Since its launch in November 2022, work has focussed on bringing people together to determine performance indicators for what making rights a reality looks like in practice for children and young people and how we measure that.

Thirty members of Swansea's Children's Rights Network came together in January 2022 to begin the process of co-production, drafting indicators based around the 5 principles of our agreed rights based approach. Two working groups have continued the process of production (one that focusses on Participation and Empowerment, and one that focusses on Embedding, Accountability and Equality), with a view for a first draft to be circulated for comment in May 2022.

Simultaneous to this, work has been undertaken to facilitate sessions with **233** children and young people from **11 schools** to determine what action they think the Council should take and what the measurements look like. All children predominately chose to focus on Equality & Non-Discrimination or Participation as their principles of choice. This work has been used by Children's Rights Network members to inform the development of performance indicators of the UNCRC Action Plan. The information has also been submitted on behalf of children to the Human Rights City consultation as a way of informing that work.

A Children & Young People's Partnership & Involvement Officer was recruited in June 2022 and has been working across Swansea with partners, schools and community groups to develop varied opportunities for children and young people to come together and have a say on issues that impact on their lives. Development of varied opportunities/mechanisms to engage children and young people across Swansea has been based on feedback from the "Listening to Children & Young People Survey" which was live throughout July and August 2022. The feedback collated suggested the need for multiple and varied opportunities to be developed for children and young people (CYP) to have a say in order to ensure that mechanisms were inclusive of all CYP and mindful of gathering the views of those quiet voices.

3. Working in Partnership to make Swansea Age Friendly:

The Ageing Well Steering Group was re-launched in July 2022 with meetings held every month. Work has taken place to expand its membership to include community groups and individuals, service representation across Council

directorates, representation from all members of the Public Service Board, third sector organisation and support groups as appropriate.

The Ageing Well Steering Group has been working to take forward the feedback from the public consultation in August 2022 and has focussed its partnership work on increasing public engagement to improve service delivery and development, increase opportunities for social participation and positively impact on social isolation, improve communication and information and co-ordinate multiple mechanisms to hear the voice of people 50+ in Swansea.

The Ageing Well Steering Group currently has three task groups and these include:

- **Data sharing across services and partnerships to inform “Ageing Society” strategy development:** Members of the “Ageing Well Steering Group” have been working with Dr Martyn Hyde at CADR (Centre for Ageing & Dementia Research) in Swansea University to analyse local data to provide an analysis of gaps and priorities to agree opportunity for partners to work together to address identified need. In March 2022 a Delphi Survey was conducted with members of the “Ageing Well Steering Group” and participants of weekly engagement sessions to establish local priorities to shape our “Ageing Society Strategy” & Implantation Plan.
- **Improving Information & Communication to people 50+:** The focus of this group is to identify opportunities for improved communication via digital and hard copy literature & was also utilised to respond to the Older Person’s Commissioner For Wales who exercised **her legal powers (18.11.21) to issue formal guidance to local authorities and health boards in Wales, setting out the action they should be taking so that older people can access information and services in an increasingly digital world**
- **Hoarding Services and Support Review:** Based on concerns raised at the February 22 steering group meeting. Agreed membership with

additional services and organisations invited to contribute as experts in the field.

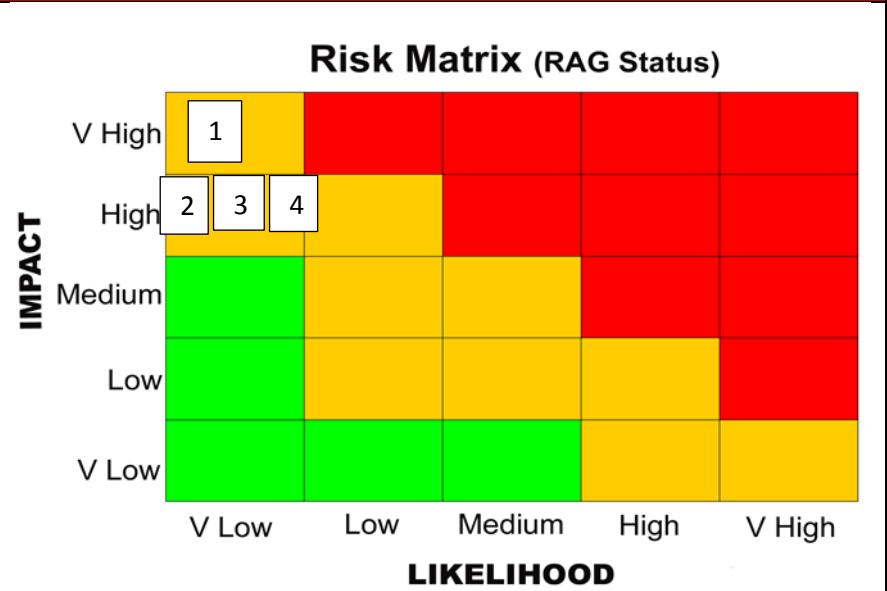
An “Ageing Well Networking Event” was co-ordinated in the sports hall of Swansea LC2 in March 2022. The event brought together 43 organisations, services and community groups who are members of the “Ageing Well Steering Group” and who hosted information stalls throughout the day. Freedom Leisure also provided taster sports and leisure opportunities from their “Active Older Adults Programme”. The event was promoted widely to the public as an opportunity to re-connect with services post Covid and was visited by several hundred participants throughout the day.

An Older Person’s Partnership & Involvement Officer was recruited in July 2022 and has been working across Swansea with partners and community groups to co-ordinate weekly engagement and drop in sessions. Development of varied opportunities/mechanisms to engage community members aged 50 + has been based on feedback from the “Listening to People 50+ Survey” where it was requested that engagement mechanisms be regular, informal and held within the community.

Key Updates this period **Overview of key risks**

KPI Results

1. The “Children’s Rights Scheme” has been refreshed in line with the “Right Way Approach”
2. Mapping of Partners & Public priorities is underway to support the development of a local “Ageing Society Strategy” and wider PSB commitment to Swansea working towards “Age Friendly City” recognition.
3. Following consultation with Children, Young People (CYP) and their families in relation to developing inclusive engagement mechanisms to ensure their voices are heard and views contribute to local strategy development/service delivery plans etc.... Local priorities have been identified by CYP and engagement opportunities provided through facilitated sessions in schools and within community settings.
4. Following consultation with people aged 50+ in relation to developing inclusive engagement mechanisms to ensure their voices are heard and views contribute to local strategy development/service delivery plans etc.... Priorities have been identified by people aged 50+ and regular community engagement opportunities have been facilitated and continue to be expanded based on themes identified and communities of need.



1. Risk 1
2. Risk 2
3. Risk 3
4. Risk 4

KPI description	Result	Target	Comment
CR Scheme Actions Identified	Setting April 2022	To be agreed	Progress made in all areas
Priority Mapping for Ageing Society Strategy	As Above	To be agreed	
Inclusive Engagement Opportunities/Mechanisms for CYP	AS Above	To be agreed	
Inclusive Engagement Opportunities/Mechanisms for People aged 50+	As Above	To be agreed	

<p>Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight a - Good partnership buy in around this objective • Highlight b - Expanded the knowledge base through existing involvement with wider partners • Highlight c – Reviewed public engagement mechanisms to ensure inclusive and accessible opportunities are facilitated for people to have a say and influence decision making processes that impact their lives. <p>Challenges/ Barriers</p> <p>Area 1 - Not joining up all existing work to make sure the Live Well Age Well Objective adds value and not duplicates business as usual</p> <p>Area 2 - Not having the right people are around the table to take action and deliver outcomes</p> <p>Area 3 - How to expand the lens and age range of this objective</p>	
<p>Priorities for next period</p>	<p>Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 - Ensuring a partnership approach is taken to encourage wider involvement and delivery of the priorities across the PSB and at all levels. • Priority 2 - Establish a plan for public engagement & consultation 	<p>Stakeholders involved include PSB Partners, wider partners outside the PSB, operational leads and citizens across the age range.</p> <p>Communication is ongoing through our forum work with citizens and through our Live Well Age Well partners</p>

Any Actions for PSB: (Please tick as appropriate) Note Action Decision

- **Action 1** **Action 1** - Can the PSB consider Culture Change & Involvement to be moved to a cross cutting theme across the 4 objectives? At the moment it just sits within the Live Well Age Well objective and it ~~this~~ was strongly recommended by all present at the Live Well Age Well Objective workshop that this was a output, which should be evidenced across all of the work of the PSB
- **Action 2**
- **Action 3**

Report Prepared by: Julie Gosney

Project Title: PSB Highlight Report

Workstream:

Project Lead: Roger Thomas

Date: June 2022

Project Overview & Key Success Measures

Links to other workstreams or partners

Description

Strong Communities - To build strong communities that have a sense of pride and belonging, are more cohesive and prosperous, enable individuals to trust each other and support people to feel safe and confident.

Operation Dawns Glaw (Welsh for 'Rain Dance')

Operation Dawns Glaw, a multi-agency partnership to reduce deliberate fires across Wales. Fire and Rescue Services in Wales have attended 3230 grass fire incidents over the last five years, which cost the Welsh economy millions of pounds every year, many of which are started deliberately.

A task force was established in 2016 to tackle incidents of deliberately set grass fires across Wales. Whilst the initial focus was on reducing incidents of anti-social behaviour and arson, more recent work has concentrated on assisting farmers and landowners in ensuring the safe execution of their land management plans.

There is a strong focus on collaboration, working with a wide range of local and national partners across Wales to deliver common and shared outcomes of reducing the impact of arson on Welsh communities

Coastal
Pobl
SCVS
Family Housing
Public Health Wales
Clase 4 All
Council-Local Area Co-ordination
Regeneration Swansea Council
Swansea Learning Partnership
Poverty Partnership Forum
Regional Partnership Boards (RPB);
Partner agency Procurement staff
GP Cluster Networks
housing and social landlords
West Glamorgan Social Value Forum
Beyond Bricks and Mortar
South Wales Police
Swansea City of Sanctuary and others supporting refugees and asylum seekers (Eyst and others)
Swansea Council,
Community Cohesion
Steering Group (which sits under Safer Swansea Partnership);
City of Culture Steering Group Swansea
Menter Iaith Abertawe

Specialist Arson Reduction and Fire Crime teams have evolved to coordinate arson reduction initiatives and to provide an extensive and specialised range of services. Targeted interventions are provided to vulnerable individuals and communities identified at risk of arson.

Qualitative KPI's associated with the project

Operation Dawns Glaw

- Work together to protect our countryside and our country
- Raise awareness of the consequences of accidental fires in our countryside.
- Land Management - Collaborative work to utilise machinery and skills to reduce fire loading posed by bracken and gorse will progress outside of the Dawns Glaw period, targeting areas of known high risk
- Engagement with Youth Teams and Youth Agencies
- Youth engagement work will be planned as part of arson reduction intervention as this is a proven area of intervention with high-risk groups but the arrangements for delivery will depend on lockdown restrictions and partner agencies
- To provide a coordinated and cohesive partnership response to incidents and is available, to provide advice, guidance, and support about fire safety concerns.

Tackling Poverty

- Develop a Swansea Poverty Truth Commission, which will be the first Poverty Truth Commission in Wales.
- Recruit Community, Civic and Business Commissioners.
- Provide bespoke training packages and the offer of related work experience with contractors and employers in Swansea to vulnerable groups such as prison leavers, those on probation and care leavers.

Merched Y Wawr
Co-Production Network
Human Rights City group
Women's Aid /multi-agency domestic violence practitioners
Regional Black Minority Ethnic Network
Community Cohesion group

Operation Dawns Glaw

The Service's Corporate Plan 2022-2027 outlines our commitment to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and how our Improvement and Well-being Objectives contribute to the seven Well-being Goals, by demonstrating how each one helps the Service to improve the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales.

A prosperous Wales – Deliberate fires are responsible for millions of pounds worth of damage across Wales. By working actively and collaboratively to prevent deliberate fires from occurring and minimising the impact when these fires occur there is an enormous impact on the Welsh economy. Our intervention means that businesses can continue to operate, families can live safely in their homes and crops are safeguarded,

A resilient Wales – The damage caused by deliberate fires causes significant damage to the environment, the local landscape, and the ecosystem and this, in turn, has the potential to negatively impact on the community.

Regeneration Swansea

- Continue to focus on partnership working and making links between regeneration schemes to maximise benefits for Swansea.
- Continue to monitor and progress the Swansea Economic Recovery Action Plan with partners.
- Support the Welsh Government Transforming Towns Programme to bring 1896m2 of commercial floor space back into use in the City Centre and district centres.

Safer Swansea Partnership

- Continue to support our most vulnerable individuals who are "street living"
- Target hardening work throughout the City Centre.

Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS)

- Continue to utilise formal and informal volunteering opportunities to ensure that communities remain resilient.
- Support individuals referred by social services through the Interact volunteer project.
- Continue to support people with mental ill-health needs in community settings.
- Continue to support refugees and asylum seekers and looked after children through the A Better Welcome to Swansea and Healthy Living Wellbeing Group and Wassup.

A healthier Wales – As well as the obvious risks of fire and smoke on health through burns and smoke inhalation, our work with health agencies has identified that there are real risks to health from being exposed to the by-products of fire. Smoke and flames are visible but other by-products of burning are often not as apparent and can have serious and long-term risks to public health, particularly to those who are young, old or have existing health conditions.

A more equal Wales – Communities can be blighted by the aftermath of deliberately set fires and the visible after-effect of a fire has a negative effect on that community. The damage can often deter potential investors as well as the impact on well-being.

A Wales of cohesive communities – The initiatives that the Service has put in place to reduce the number of deliberately set fires have a strong focus on ensuring that the community plays its part in identifying that this kind of behaviour and the impact arson has is not acceptable. Local community groups are often an essential means of identifying risk and supporting partners in promoting safety messages.

A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language – The Service we provide is available bilingually and we welcome and promote engagement using the Welsh Language. Sport has been used as a means of engaging

<p><u>Quantitative KPIs associated with the project</u></p> <p>Operation Dawns Glaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the number of deliberate fires in 2022/23, against the five-year average • Reduction in the number of deliberate grass fires in 2022/23, against the five-year average • Reduction in the number of deliberate refuse fires in 2022/23, against the five-year average <p>Tackling Poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in the number of Lifelong Learning Service enrolments to a range of courses to improve health and wellbeing and increase skills and accreditation levels and job prospects. • CfW and CfW+ teams assist people to enrol on the programmes and improve access to job opportunities. • Increased number of CfW and CfW+ referrals and numbers of people entering into employment as a result of the support received. <p>Regeneration Swansea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative KPIs will be developed in line with the new Well-being Plan. <p>Safer Swansea Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative KPIs will be developed in line with the new Well-being Plan. <p>Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative KPIs will be developed in line with the new Well-being Plan. 	<p>with young people by providing diversionary activities that have a strong safety message as well as being fun to attend.</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales – Preventing deliberate fires from occurring and improving prospects for those communities who suffer this kind of crime helps all our partners achieve their well-being objectives and makes us stronger as a nation</p> <p>Priorities</p> <p>Collaboration – The coordinated approach delivered through the multi-agency Strategic Arson Reduction Board and the Joint Arson Group has seen far greater ownership and partnership working to tackle deliberate grass fires.</p> <p>Improving our Service Delivery – By adapting our intervention and reducing the risk of deliberate fires we will better meet the needs of our communities. Improving our assets and use of resources – Greater use has been made of our crews in areas of high risk to undertake patrols to proactively engage with the community to highlight the risks of deliberate grassland fires.</p> <p>Sustainability – A reduction in the number of deliberate fires, particularly large grassland fires reduces the detrimental impact on the environment and the devastating effect this can have on communities.</p> <p>Delivery against the Wales Arson Reduction Strategy (WARS4). The Strategic Arson Board's delivery plan is in its</p>
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	fourth iteration and the multi-agency board's priorities to reduce arson in Wales have been agreed upon as: -
Project Outcomes/ Milestones	
<p>Operation Dawns Glow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land management activities to create firebreaks will benefit the engagement work with Landowner and Commoners Associations and with community partners • The creation of these fire breaks will be accelerated with the hire and purchase of an i-cut machine within MAWWFRS, which will complement similar arrangements within SWFRS. • Dawns Glow activities for 2022 formally launched on 1st March 2022, marking the seventh year for this high-profile multi-agency intervention. Intervention and engagement work will continue to consider multi-agency adaptations due to Covid-19 and the usual school education and youth intervention will be reliant on arrangements for schools. Virtual engagement will be utilised where requested. • Working with local authorities and other partners to advise on the fire risk posed by vacant and derelict premises and land. • Using Farm Liaison Officers to improve engagement with agricultural communities • Swansea Rural group has been set up to assist in dealing with the issues that deliberate fire setting has on the Gower Common areas. This group will look to build on the success the Swansea Public Services Board had in 2021 in securing £8,000 worth of grant funding from Natural Resources Wales, which enabled the Service's Arson Team to identify areas of high risk within Swansea that would benefit from the provision of fire breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting our communities Educating our communities Improving land management across Wales Share consistent and meaningful information Marketing our work and communicating with our communities

Tackling Poverty

- Community hubs re-opened with mentors meeting clients and offering drop-in sessions.
- The Local Area Coordination Team expanded to 23 meaning all communities across Swansea have access to a coordinator and are walking alongside many people in a preventative and strength-based way, helping them to be more confident and connected.
- The Tackling Poverty Service and its partner Swansea Council for Voluntary Service contributed to the Community Calling campaign in Swansea in partnership with Hubbub and O2, which will see around 700 donated phones distributed to people who are digitally excluded in Swansea with O2 providing 12 months of free data and unlimited calls and texts.

Regeneration Swansea

- A new communal area was created on the centre of Swansea Market and twelve new housing units were created with Transforming Towns funding.
- Nine Town Centre Loans providing nearly £3.7m funding on an interest-free term mostly over five years were also approved by the partnership.

Safer Swansea Partnership

- On-going target hardening improvement work at the Strand and adjacent routes to the City Centre.
- Introduction of a drink spiking awareness campaign, with the distribution of associated testing packs and posters to all ENTE premises.
- Successful funding bid for additional lighting in Singleton Park in partnership with Swansea University.





Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS)

- Case studies are included for information.

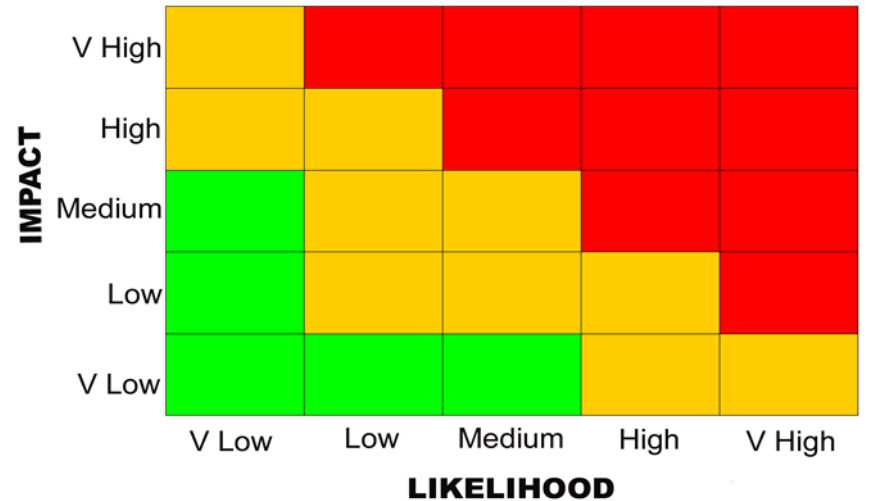
Key Updates this period

Overview of key risks

KPI Results (Operation Dawns Glow) It is pleasing to report the figures are below target.

KPI description	Result	Target	Comment
Number of deliberate fires	4480 	5205	These figures are from April 21 to Dec 21. Dec 21 to April 22 figures will be available at end of April 22
Number of deliberate grass fires	1298 	1554	These figures are from April 21 to Dec 21. Dec 21 to April 22 figures will be available at end of April 22
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Risk Matrix (RAG Status)



1. Risk 1, Amber, low likelihood but high impact. - Lack of community engagement,
2. Risk 2, Red, medium likelihood but high impact. - Extended land burning outside of the Heather and Grass Burning Code.

Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes

Operation Dawns Glaw

- In 2021, Fire and Rescue Services across Wales dealt with 2,089 grass fires. Whilst this was a slight decrease in 2020, the number of accidental fires in 2021 had increased by 24%.
- Fire break cutting will be accelerated with the successful Welsh Government grant application for the purchase of an i-cut machine within MAWWFRS.

Tackling Poverty

- 1892 citizens were supported to find employability and training provided by the single referral pathway.
- Lifelong Learning Service had 2452 enrolments on to a range of courses to improve health and wellbeing.
- CfW and CfW+ teams helped 348 people to work and 686 people enrolled on the programmes.
- The Welfare Rights Team raised over £1,014,000 in Welfare Benefits for the residents of Swansea and addressed in excess of £77,000 of debt.
- Over £300,000 in grants for Men's Sheds, Food Poverty and Period Dignity in Communities was offered, with £25,000 supporting 7 new or existing Men's Sheds in Swansea to enable them to provide community spaces where people from all backgrounds can meet, chat and take part in activities to help reduce loneliness and isolation.

Regeneration Swansea

- The partnership received details of the projects approved under the UK's Community Renewal Fund and discussions commended regarding preparations for bidding to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Safer Swansea Partnership

- In July 2021 the Safer Swansea Partnership supported the National ASB Awareness Week campaign and carried out 3 large engagement events in hot spot locations throughout the city. The events were underpinned by a city-wide social media campaign on all platforms using the #ASBAWARENESSWEEK which was used more than 9,000 times and had an economical value of £140,000 and reached more than 16,000,000 users nationally.

Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS)

- Interact (volunteer project supporting people referred by social services) 54 people were supported by a 1-1 volunteer over the phone, with some attending group sessions.
- Transcend (mental health peer monitoring volunteering project) 29 referrals matched.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing (supporting community members with enduring mental health needs in community settings) 81 individuals were supported via 1-1 telephone calls and virtual coffee groups.
- A Better Welcome to Swansea & Healthy Living Wellbeing group (supporting refugees and asylum seekers) 268 participants signposted for support/advice and guidance.
- Wassup (supporting looked after children – providing an independent visitor service) 19 matches.

<p>Challenges/ Barriers</p> <p>Operation Dawns Glaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued instability with Covid-19 infection levels, reducing the opportunities for engagement • Continued good weather, will see continued burning of land outside of the permitted times (15th of March for lowlands and 31st of March for highlands) set out within The Heather and Grass Burning Code • Impact of continued good weather affecting incidence of grass fires. • Difficulties with progress being measured against short term measurements instead of medium to long term measurements. The reported figures for incidence of grass fires can be affected by matters out of MAWWFRS and partners' control, such as periods of good weather. • Conflicting priorities as partners 'unlock' from Covid-19 and start their return to business as usual, causing a lack of focus on Operation Dawns Glaw. 	
<p>Priorities for next period</p>	<p>Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken</p>
<p>Operation Dawns Glaw</p>	<p>Operation Dawns Glaw The multi-agency taskforce, set-up to bring a dedicated focus on deliberate and accidental grass fires across Wales (Operation Dawns Glaw). This multi-agency taskforce</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to engage with our communities on a multi-agency basis to highlight the impact of deliberate fires. • Continue with the collaborative work in cutting fire breaks to protect areas of SSRI as well as areas with high economic value, such as newly planted trees, crops, and property. 	<p>including partners from Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the four Welsh Police Forces, Local Authorities.</p> <p>Opportunities for direct multi-agency engagement with the agricultural community at events such as the Royal Welsh Show and the 2022 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol at Tregaron, as well as local shows</p>				
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<p>Report Prepared by: Chief Fire Officer, Roger Thomas</p>					

Project Title: PSB Highlight Report	Workstream: To Give Every Child The Best Start
Project Lead:	Date: 10 th June 2022
Project Overview & Key Success Measures	Links to other workstreams or partners
<p>Description: The early years Best Start Objective aims to support the ambition that all children will have the best start in life, and that services will support all children to be the best that they can be as they enter school and beyond, with a view to them fulfilling their potential.</p> <p>To help achieve this we need to support families in a holistic and rounded way, ensuring that parity of access to opportunities to grow and develop are not constrained by geography, income or other outside factors, such as safeguarding.</p> <p>We must continue to strive to provide services that support the child and the family through all aspects of their journey.</p> <p>We must aim to deliver services in line with the Future Generations Act and the five ways of working, by ensuring that we work collaboratively, and co-produce families in the transformation process.</p> <p>It is important we ask and understand what matters to individuals, families and carers to ensure that we are supporting every child to have the Best Start in Life.</p> <p>Qualitative KPI's associated with the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing WG Programme for Government Early Years Expansion Priorities 	<p>There is a link to the stronger communities work stream as the exploration of the Programme for Government will support children in current non-flying start areas, as does the SLT training programme & Elklan sessions.</p> <p>There are links to live well age well, as this objective aims to give every child the best start in their journey in order to live well and consequently age well.</p> <p>Links to the Maternity Voices Partnership</p>

- Ensuring parents are supported for birth and early childhood (JigSo Steering Group)
- Understanding how to effectively integrate early years services (via the Early Years Maturity Matrix)
- Upskilling the workforce to better support children and families i.e. through the Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) training

Quantitative KPIs associated with the project

- The number of families that engage with the Jigso team
- The number of settings that engage with the Pathfinder SLT training programme
- The scores given in the Early Years Maternity Maturity Matrix (EYMMM)

Project Outcomes/ Milestones

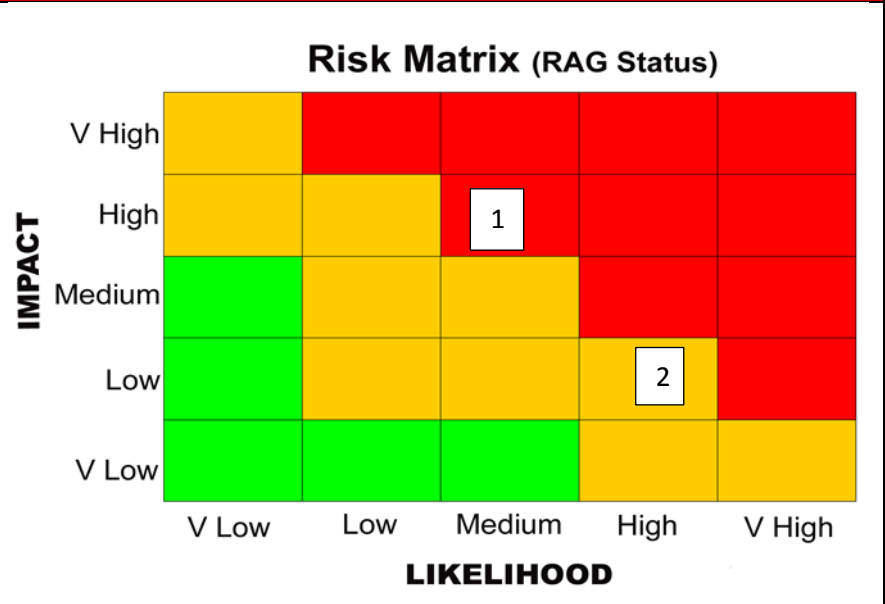
1. Agreement for WG to support the Pathfinder Integration business plan
2. Setting up of the stakeholder group to progress the WG programme for government.
3. The completion of the first two session of the Early Years Maternity and Maturity Matrix sessions with stakeholders. This was completed in May 2022, and the draft report is in preparation.
4. Completion of the examination of the Early Years Front door following the Vanguard Systems review in 2021. Recommendations are being acted upon to ensure greater integration between Family Information Service (FIS) and the Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

Key Updates this period **Overview of key risks**

- KPI Results**
1. Stakeholder working group to consider the programme for Government is in place.
 2. EYMMM stakeholder sessions have been completed, ad engagement with EIF has begun to develop action plan in advance of public consultation
 3. WG sign of for the Early Years Integration Transformation Business Plan has been agreed
 4. Work has begun on supporting the findings of the Early Years Front door research.

KPI description	Result	Target	Comment

- Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes**
- Highlight a – Good progress has been made in understanding the WG objectives, and a productive working stakeholder group has been set up to support this understanding of the ambitions.
 - Highlight b – Approval from WG for the Pathfinder integration projects around Family support, Speech and Language Support and Occupational Therapy support.
 - Highlight c – Completion of the EYMMM stakeholder sessions and engagement with the Early Intervention Foundation to progress a plan for moving forward to better understand our integrated processes.



1. Risk 1 Not being able to appoint a sponsor for the EYMMM, this will delay action plan and raise barriers to alignment of strategic visions.
2. Risk 2 underspend in WG Pathfinder Business plan due to delayed sign off from WG
3. Risk 3
4. Risk 4

<p>Challenges/ Barriers</p> <p>Area 1 – We need to identify a strategic sponsor for the EYMMM</p> <p>Area 2 – Continued exploration of the membership of the steering group to ensure that we have the right people round the table to take the work forward.</p> <p>Area 3 – Get the Pathfinder projects operational after waiting for funding, including the HV in Llchwyr and the CNN in the same area.</p>									
<p>Priorities for next period</p>	<p>Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken</p>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 – Continuing to develop the plans for future Government • Priority 2 – Ensure that the projects associate with the Pathfinder integration work begin after receiving funding approval from WG 	<p>Stakeholders involved include PSB Partners, wider partners outside the PSB, operational leads of the pathfinder projects.</p> <p>Early Years programmes team.</p> <p>Health visiting</p> <p>Midwifery Services</p> <p>Speech Therapy</p> <p>Occupational Therapy</p>								
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<p>Report Prepared by: Gary Mahoney</p>									

Project Title: PSB Highlight Report

Workstream: Working With Nature

Project Lead: NRW & SEF

Date: 10/06/2022

Project Overview & Key Success Measures

Links to other workstreams or partners

Description

To improve health, enhance biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint.

Qualitative KPI's associated with the project

- **Green Infrastructure (GI):**
 - produce county-wide strategy and ensure implementation, and SPG guidance for city centre developments.
 - support the Penderi GI project
- **Nature Recovery:**
 - develop Local Nature Recovery action plan
- **Tree planting:**
 - identify suitable/useable land
 - support community schemes
 - develop and promote good practice guidance for tree planting
- **Green Spaces:**
 - Enhance and support community use of and involvement with green spaces for multiple benefits including food growing, health, and community cohesion
- **Transport and Active / Sustainable Travel:**
 - develop Healthy Travel Charter for Swansea Bay (Swansea & NPT)

Partners / Stakeholders involved:

Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
Swansea Environmental Forum
Swansea Council
Swansea University
Swansea Local Nature Partnership
Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue
Swansea Bay University Health Board
Low Carbon Swansea Bay network
The Environment Centre
Swansea Community Green Spaces Project
Swansea Community Growing Network
Welsh Government
Green Infrastructure Consultancy
Pobl
4theRegion
University of Wales Trinity St David's
Swansea Climate Action Network

- deliver a SW regional conference and follow-up activities / actions
- **Carbon Reduction and Climate Adaptation:**
 - develop and promote Climate and Nature Charter for Swansea
 - support climate / net zero plans
- **Deliver a SW regional food conference**
- **Community Engagement:** deliver a programme of events run by SEF, Environment Centre, LCSB, etc.

Quantitative KPIs associated with the project

Quantitative KPIs will be developed in line with the new Well-being Plan.

Project Outcomes/ Milestones

Green Infrastructure (GI):

- Swansea Centre GI Strategy (Swansea Central Area: Regenerating our City for Wellbeing and Wildlife) published in Feb 2021.
- Action Plan for the Swansea Central Area has been drafted
- Implementation of strategic objectives is ongoing
- Public engagement for the county-wide GI strategy is underway with the first event contributing to the Swansea City Conference in the new Arena, and will also engage with attendees at the Green Recovery Conference.
- CRF funded training packages for businesses (SMEs) and community groups have developed for delivery by end Dec 2022

- NRW has submitted a bid for a 3-year extension to the GI Officer post dedicated to developing and supporting GI across Swansea & NPT, and SW Wales
- GI Supplementary Planning Guidance in development
- Support to development and delivery of Penderi Masterplan GI project is ongoing

Nature Recovery:

- Ecological connectivity mapping for the whole county has been completed
- Biodiversity and new Local Nature Partnership officers have been recruited
- £1.2m grant aid secured for 22/23

Tree planting:

- Guidance for tree planting activities has now been produced, awaiting translation prior to publishing
- Mapping opportunity areas and useable land for planting is progressing
- A Tree Strategy for Swansea is being prepared
- A need has been identified to build tree nursery capacity

Green spaces:

- The project officer is continuing to support local groups albeit with reduced funding
- Will now look to work with partners and stakeholders to plan future activities with a view to a new funding bid being developed

Transport and Active / Sustainable Travel:

- The launch of the Swansea Bay Healthy Travel Charter on 25th May at Bay Campus was very well-received and

included a short video of support from Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Lee Waters. Numerous attendees from partner organisations joined together to celebrate the launch, including the Chief Executive of Swansea Bay University Health Board and the Vice-Chancellor of Swansea University. Through 17 ambitious actions, the charter promotes walking, cycling, public transport and ultra-low emission vehicle use; the actions include establishing a network of sustainable travel champions within each organisation, developing targeted communications campaigns for staff, offering and promoting the cycle to work scheme and promoting public transport discounts.

- The CRF-funded Community-led Sustainable Transport Solutions, headed up by Swansea CVS, SEF and 4theRegion has already undertaken a significant amount of consultation with potential beneficiaries and other stakeholders, including an online survey and several community events. Eols have been invited from communities interested in piloting innovative community-led transport projects, for which funding and other support is available through the project.

Carbon Reduction and Climate Adaptation:

- Climate and Nature Charter launched in November 2021 with all PSB partners signed-up.
- SEF continuing to support Swansea Council's net zero programme and recently appointed Carbon Reduction officer.
- Discussions are ongoing with Swansea Council re climate change related policies concerning energy, transport, food and nature, linked to the findings of the NRW SoNaRR report.

- The local food forum, Bwyd Abertawe, has met to progress the development of a Food Charter for Swansea and also to submit a bid at the end of June for Sustainable Food Places to support work towards the Sustainable Food Places accreditation.

Community Engagement:

- SEF, EC, LCSB and other partners have continued to deliver engagement activities linked to our priority topics. Including a webinar from NHS Wales and Swansea Bay Health Board about their Decarbonisation Plans. Those attending were inspired by the passion, commitment and ingenuity of health board colleagues working hard to reduce their carbon footprint and support nature recovery.

Key Updates this period

Overview of key risks

KPI Results

KPI description	Result	Target	Comment

Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes

- Healthy Travel Charter for Swansea Bay launched
- £1.2m secured for nature recovery and new staff recruited
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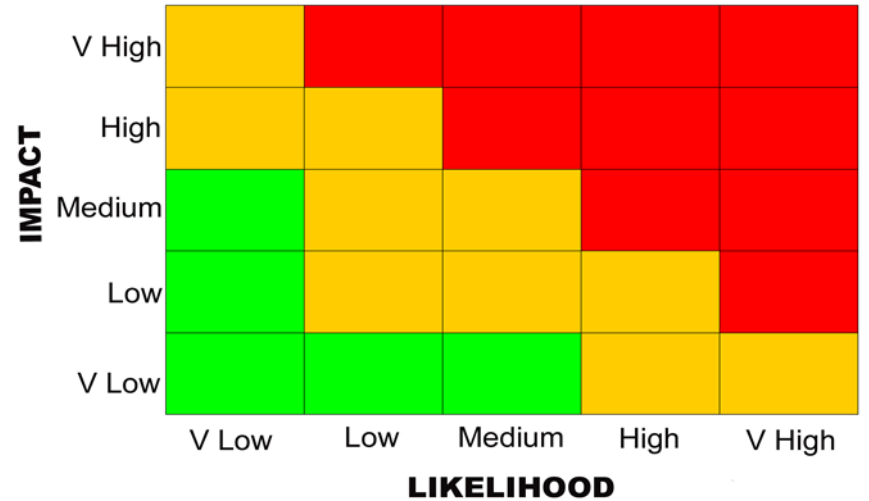
Challenges/ Barriers

- Integration of well-being topics (ref emerging 2022 well-being assessment) and collaborative working / delivery across task groups e.g. preventative health and equality of access to green / blue space
- Resourcing / funding of project delivery / activities
- Lack of data evidence in some areas
- Opportunity for more regional working S’sea / NPT and / or SW region

Priorities for next period

- Continue developing and delivering against the projects listed above, including securing funds for longer-term delivery
- Start the process of Well-being Plan priority setting:

Risk Matrix (RAG Status)



1. Insufficient cross-sectoral engagement with this project
 2. Uncertainty of longer-term funding for SEF and other priority projects
- Both above are medium likelihood and high impact

Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify priority WWN objectives - Work with PSB partners to identify cross-cutting objectives and collaborative working opportunities 							
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Adam Hill
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Civic Centre
Swansea
SA1 3SN

3 May 2022

Dear Mr Hill,

Award of Funding in relation to Regional Support for Public Services Boards, 2022-23 – Western Bay Region

1. Award of Funding

- (a) We are pleased to inform you that your Application has been successful and funding of up to £58,440 (Fifty Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty Pounds) (“the Funding”) is awarded to you for the Purposes (as defined in Condition 4(a)).
- (b) The Funding relates to the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and must be claimed in full by 6 April 2023 otherwise any unclaimed part of the Funding will cease to be available to you.
- (c) This letter shall become effective on the date of signature evidencing acceptance by you as set out in the acceptance page below.
- (d) If you have any queries in relation to this award of Funding or the Conditions please contact the Welsh Government Official who will be happy to assist you.

2. Statutory authority

This award of Funding is made on and subject to the Conditions and under the authority of the Finance and Local Government Minister acting pursuant to functions transferred under section 58A of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

3. Interpreting the Conditions

Any reference in the Conditions to:

'you', 'your' is to

City and County of Swansea Council
Civic Centre
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'we', 'us', 'our' is to the Welsh Ministers;

'Welsh Government Official' is to

Judith Davies
Local Government Partnerships
Welsh Government
Cathays Park 2
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
judith.davies2@gov.wales

or such other Welsh Government official as we may notify you.

'Project Manager' is to your project manager who is responsible for the day to day management of this award of Funding:

Leanne Ahern
Swansea Council
Civic Centre
Swansea
SA1 3SN

'Application' is to your funding proposal dated 28 February 2022.

'Business Day' is to a day other than a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday in Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971;

'Conditions' is to the terms and conditions set out in this letter and the Schedules;

'Costs Incurred' is to the cost of goods and/or services you have received regardless of whether you have paid for them by the date of your claim;

'Costs Incurred and Paid' is to the invoiced cost of goods and/or services you have received and which have been paid for by you in cleared funds by the date of your claim;

'Notification Event' is to any of the events listed in Schedule 2;

'Indicative Payment Profile' is to the indicative payment profile set out in Schedule 3;

'Personnel' is to your management/employees and suppliers or any other person appointed or engaged by you in relation to the Purposes;

'Schedule' is to the schedules attached to this letter; and

any reference to any legislation whether domestic or international law will include all amendments to and substitutions and re-enactments of that legislation in force from time to time.

4. Use of the Funding

- (a) You must use the Funding solely for the purposes set out in Schedule 1 (the "**Purposes**")
- (b) Any change to the Purposes will require our written consent which must be obtained from us in advance of implementing any change. Please note that we are not obliged to give our consent but we will consider all reasonable written requests.
- (c) You must not use any part of the Funding for any kind of activity which in our opinion could bring us into disrepute, including but not limited to (1) party political purposes, (2) the promotion of particular secular, religious or political views; (3) gambling, (4) pornography, (5) offering sexual services, or (6) any kind of illegal activities.
- (d) You must not use any part of the Funding for: (1) purchasing capital equipment (other than as specified in the Purposes), (2) your legal fees in relation to this letter, (3) Costs Incurred or Costs Incurred and Paid by you in the delivery of the Purposes prior to the period referred to in Condition 1(b).

5. Funding pre-conditions

- (a) We will not pay any of the Funding to you until you have provided us with the following information and documentation:
 - i) this letter signed by you;
 - ii) documentary evidence that the signatories who have signed this letter on your behalf are duly authorised to do so
 - iii) documentary evidence that you have put in place all staff and other resources detailed in the Application as required to commence and complete the Purposes;

- (b) Where you are required to provide information and documentation to us as evidence that you have satisfied a particular pre-condition, Condition or in support of a claim, the information and documentation must be in all respects acceptable to us. We reserve the right to reject any information and documentation which is for any reason not acceptable to us, and/or request any further or additional information and/or documentation in support of the request for Funding

6. How to claim the Funding

- (a) You may claim the Funding bi-annually in arrears based on Costs Incurred by you in the delivery of the Purposes.
- (b) You must claim the Funding in accordance with the dates set out in the Indicative Payment Profile. You must claim the Funding promptly. We reserve the right to withdraw any part of the Funding that you do not claim promptly.
- (c) You must submit your claims for payment of Funding to the Welsh Government Official.
- (d) You must use our claim pro-forma (which is available from the Welsh Government Official) and attach
 - i) confirmation that you are operating in all respects in accordance with your constitution; and
 - ii) confirmation that you have appropriate financial, risk and control systems in place before utilising any part of the Funding to provide a grant to or procure any goods or services from third parties;
- (e) We will aim to pay all valid claims as soon as possible and typically within 20 Business Days of receipt of a valid claim being made in accordance with the provisions of this letter, and provided always that the Funding pre-conditions set out in Condition 5 above have been satisfied and that on both the date of the claim and the date the Funding is to be paid to you:
 - i) the declarations made in Condition 8 below are true and correct and will be true and correct immediately after the relevant Funding has been paid to you; and
 - ii) no Notification Event is continuing or might result from the proposed Funding.

7. Your general obligations to us

You must:

- (a) safeguard the Funding against fraud generally and, in particular, fraud on the part of your Personnel and notify us immediately if you have reason to suspect that any fraud within your organisation has occurred or is occurring or is likely to occur whether or not it relates to the Funding. You must also participate in such fraud prevention initiatives as we may require from time to time;
- (b) maintain appropriate procedures for dealing with any conflicts of interest in relation to the Funding whether actual, potential or perceived;
- (c) comply with all applicable domestic or international laws or regulations or official directives;
- (d) maintain adequate insurances to cover against the risks which may arise in connection with any property or any activity undertaken in delivery of the Purposes. We reserve the right to require you to provide proof of your insurance;
- (e) maintain appropriate financial, risk and control systems before utilising any part of the Funding to provide a grant to or procure any goods or services from third parties;
- (f) co-operate fully with the Welsh Government Official and with any other employee of the Welsh Government or consultant appointed by us to monitor your use of the Funding and your compliance with the Conditions;
- (g) inform us immediately if any of the declarations made in Condition 8 is incorrect in any respect or, if repeated at any time with reference to the facts and circumstances then existing, would be incorrect;
- (h) notify us of any funding received by you from any source which is procured or utilised in conjunction with the Funding to directly support the Purposes including but not limited to your insurance provider (cancellation/business disruption insurance), the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and/or any Welsh Government fund/scheme and any other funders. The intention of this Condition is to avoid any duplication of funding in respect of the Purposes.

8. Declarations

You declare that:

- (a) you have the power to enter into and to perform the obligations set out in the Conditions and you have taken all necessary action to authorise the entry into and performance of the obligations under the Conditions;
- (b) no limit on your powers will be exceeded as a result of claiming the Funding, or the grant of any security contemplated by the Conditions;
- (c) the entry into and performance by you of, and the transactions contemplated by, this letter do not and will not contravene or conflict with:
 - i) your constitutional documents;
 - ii) any agreement or instrument binding on you or your assets or constitute a default or termination event (however described) under any such agreement or instrument; or
 - iii) any law or regulation or judicial or official order, applicable to you;
- (d) no Notification Event is continuing or might reasonably be expected to result from the provision of the Funding and no other event or circumstance is outstanding which constitutes (or, with the expiry of a grace period, the giving of notice, the making of any determination or any combination thereof, would constitute) a default or termination event (howsoever described) under any other agreement or instrument which is binding on you or to which any of your assets is subject;
- (e) no litigation or arbitration or administrative proceeding is current or pending or, so far as you are aware, threatened, which has or could have an adverse effect on your ability to perform and comply with any of the Conditions;
- (f) you have disclosed to us all material facts or circumstances which need to be disclosed to enable us to obtain a true and correct view of your business and affairs (both current and prospective) or which ought to be provided to any person who is considering providing funding to you;
- (g) any information, in written or electronic format, supplied by you to us in connection with the Funding was, at the time it was supplied or at the date it was stated to be given (as the case may be):

- i) if it was factual information, complete, true and accurate in all material respects;
 - ii) if it was a financial projection or forecast, prepared on the basis of recent historical information and on the basis of reasonable assumptions and was arrived at after careful consideration;
 - iii) if it was an opinion or intention, made after careful consideration and was fair and made on reasonable grounds; and
 - iv) not misleading in any material respect, nor rendered misleading by a failure to disclose other information, except to the extent that it was amended, superseded or updated by more recent information supplied by you to us.
- (h) you have discussed and agreed the Targets with us and you are confident that they are realistic and achievable;
- (i) there are no conflicts of interest in relation to the Funding whether actual, potential or perceived;
- (j) acceptance of this award of Funding will not result in duplicate funding in respect of the activities required to deliver the Purposes. This includes but is not limited to any payments received by you in relation to the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from your insurance provider (cancellation/business disruption insurance), the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and/or any Welsh Government fund/scheme and any funders.
- (k) You will be deemed to repeat the declarations in this Condition 8 on each date you may have any liability to repay the award of Funding to us, and by reference to the facts and circumstances existing on each such date.

9. Notification Events and their consequences

- (a) You must notify us immediately if a Notification Event has occurred or is likely to occur but we also reserve the right to notify you where we believe a Notification Event has occurred or is likely to occur.
- (b) We will either:
 - i) notify you that we, at our absolute discretion, consider the Notification Event is not capable of remedy; or

- ii) if we consider, at our absolute discretion, that the Notification Event is capable of being remedied, seek to discuss the Notification Event with you with a view to agreeing a course of action to be taken to address the Notification Event.
- (c) We will be entitled to take any of the actions listed in Condition 9(d) if:
- i) despite our efforts we have been unable to discuss the Notification Event with you; or
 - ii) we notify you that the Notification Event is not, in our opinion, capable of remedy; or
 - iii) a course of action to address and/or remedy the Notification Event is not agreed with you; or
 - iv) a course of action to address and/or remedy the Notification Event is agreed with you but you fail to follow it, or any conditions attached to it are not met (including without limitation the timescale for such course of action) to our satisfaction; or
 - v) the course of action fails to remedy the Notification Event to our satisfaction.
- (d) If any of the circumstances set out in Condition 9(c) occurs we may, at our absolute discretion, by notice to you:
- i) withdraw the award of Funding; and/or
 - ii) require you to repay all or part of the Funding; and/or
 - iii) suspend or cease all further payment of Funding; and/or
 - iv) make all further payments of Funding subject to such conditions as we may specify; and/or
 - v) deduct all amounts owed to us under the Conditions from any other funding that we have awarded or may award to you; and/or
 - vi) exercise any other rights against you which we may have in respect of the Funding.
- (e) All repayments of Funding must be made to us within 20 Business Days of the date of our demand.

10. Monitoring requirements

You must:

- (a) provide us with such documents, information and reports which we may reasonably require from time to time in order for us to monitor your compliance with the Conditions.

- (b) meet with the Welsh Government Official and such other of our representatives as we may from time to time reasonably require;
- (c) ensure that the Project Manager (or such other person as we may agree) together with any other person we may require attends all meetings with the Welsh Government Official.

11. Audit Requirements

- (a) You must:
 - i) maintain complete, accurate and valid accounting records identifying all income and expenditure in relation to the Purposes;
 - ii) without charge, permit any officer or officers of the Welsh Government, Wales Audit Office or any UK subsidy enforcement body at any reasonable time and on reasonable notice (in exceptional circumstances, such as the prevention or detection of fraud, it may not be practicable to provide you with reasonable notice) being given to you to visit your premises and/or to inspect any of your activities and/or to examine and take copies of your books of account and such other documents or records howsoever stored as in such officer's reasonable view may relate in any way to your use of the Funding. This undertaking is without prejudice and subject to any other statutory rights and powers exercisable by the Welsh Government, Wales Audit Office or any UK subsidy enforcement body or any officer, servant or agent of any of the above;
 - iii) retain this letter and all original documents relating to the Funding until we inform you in writing that it is safe to destroy them;
- (b) Under paragraph 17 of Schedule 8 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 the Auditor General for Wales has extensive rights of access to documents and information relating to monies provided by the Welsh Government. They and their officials have the power to require relevant persons who control or hold documents to give any assistance, information and explanation that they may require; and to require those persons to attend before them for such a purpose. The Auditor General and their staff may exercise this right at all reasonable times.

12. Third party obligations

- (a) Nothing in the Conditions imposes any liability on us in respect of any liability incurred by you to any third party (including, without limit, employees and contractors).
- (b) You must indemnify us against any liabilities, claims, proceedings, demands, losses, costs and expenses suffered or incurred by us directly or indirectly arising as a result of or in connection with any failure by you to perform fully or in part any obligation you may have to a third party.

13. Intellectual property rights and publicity

- (a) Nothing in the Conditions transfers to us any rights in any intellectual property created by you as a result of the Purposes.
- (b) You must acknowledge our support in relation to the Purposes. Such acknowledgement(s) must be in a form approved by us and must comply with the Welsh Government's branding guidelines.
- (c) You must provide the Welsh Government Official with details of all the acknowledgement(s) referred to in Condition 13(b) for our approval before any such acknowledgements are used and you may not use such acknowledgments without our prior written approval. We will endeavour to respond to all written requests for approval within 10 Business Days.
- (d) You agree that from the date of this letter until 5 years from the date of the final payment of Funding we may include details about your organisation and business, the Funding and the Purposes in Welsh Government promotional materials and you further agree to cooperate with our reasonable requests to achieve the production of such materials.

14. Information

- (a) You acknowledge that we are subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOIA"), the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (the "EIR"), the Data Protection Act 2018 (the "DPA") and the retained EU law version of the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) (the "UK GDPR").
- (b) You acknowledge that we are responsible for determining in our absolute discretion whether:
 - i) to disclose any information which we have obtained under or in connection with the Funding to the extent that we are

- required to disclose such information to a person making a disclosure request under the FOIA or the EIR; and/or
- ii) any information is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA or the EIR.
- (c) You acknowledge that we may share any data you provide to us with fraud prevention agencies and third parties for the purposes of preventing and detecting fraud. Any personal data we collect will be managed in accordance with our Privacy Notice which is available to view here [Privacy notice: Welsh Government grants | GOV.WALES](#)

15. Buying goods and services

- (a) If you decide to buy any goods and/or services to deliver the Purposes, they must be purchased in a competitive and sustainable way so as to demonstrate that you have (i) achieved best value in the use of public funds, and (ii) complied with your conflict of interest policy at the relevant time.
- (b) We may from time to time request evidence from you to demonstrate your compliance with this Condition 15. Such evidence may take the form of evidence of your:
 - i) compliance with any procurement regulations, legislation or guidance in place from time to time to which you, or any person carrying out a business or function of the same or similar nature to you, is subject; or
 - ii) compliance with your procurement policy in place at the relevant time; or
 - iii) obtaining a minimum of three written quotations for the relevant goods and/or services.

You must supply such evidence to us promptly following our written request for such evidence.

16. Giving notice

- (a) Where notice is required to be given under the Conditions it must be in writing (this does not include email but may include a letter attached to an email) and must prominently display the following heading:

“Notice in relation to the Regional Support for Public Services Boards 2022-23”.

The address and contact details for the purposes of serving notice under the Conditions are as follows

You: the Project Manager at the address stated in Condition 3.

Us: the Welsh Government Official at the address stated in Condition 3.

(b) A notice will be deemed to have been properly given as follows:-

Prepaid first class post: on the second Business Day after the date of posting.

By hand: upon delivery to the address or the next Business Day if after 4pm or on a weekend or public holiday.

By email attachment: upon transmission or the next Business Day if after 4pm or on a weekend or public holiday.

17. Equality

You must have in place and apply equality policies covering employment, use of volunteers and provision of services, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

18. Welsh language

- a) The Welsh Government is committed to supporting the Welsh language and culture and The Cymraeg 2050: A million Welsh speakers Welsh language strategy (Cymraeg 2050) provides a vision for the growth and further development of the Welsh language.
- b) Where the Purposes include or relate to the provision of services in Wales, they must be provided in Welsh and English unless it would be unreasonable or disproportionate to do so. They must be provided in such a way as to not treat the Welsh language less favourably than English, in accordance with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.
- c) Where the provision of services forms part of the Purposes, you must act in accordance with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the aims of Cymraeg 2050. In practice, this will include the following:

- i) Ensure that any written material produced, including digital material, is bilingual.
 - ii) Ensure that any signage is bilingual.
 - iii) Ensure that any training or public events are held bilingually.
 - iv) Actively promote and facilitate the Welsh language (including providing services and increasing opportunities to use the Welsh language) within funded activities.
- d) For general advice on providing services bilingually and for information on which organisations are able to support you, please contact the Welsh language advice service “Helo Blod” on 03000 258888 or e-mail heloblod@gov.wales with your query.

19. Sustainable development

Your use of the Funding must contribute to the achievement of the Welsh Government’s well-being objectives contained in the Welsh Government’s Programme for Government. You must work in a sustainable way (sustainable development principle) in delivering the Purposes so as to ensure you are working in a preventative, integrated, long-term and collaborative way that involves people that reflect the diversity of Wales. Please refer to Schedule 1 for further information.

20. Welsh Ministers’ functions

You acknowledge that the Welsh Ministers have a range of functions which will continue to accrue and be amended and that decisions in relation to each such function are obliged to be taken in the light of all relevant and to the exclusion of all irrelevant considerations. You agree that nothing contained or implied in, or arising under or in connection with, the Conditions will in any way prejudice, fetter or affect the functions of the Welsh Ministers or any of them nor oblige the Welsh Ministers or any of them to exercise, or refrain from exercising, any of their functions in any particular way.

21. General

- (a) If at any time any of the Conditions are deemed to be or become invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any law, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions will not in any way be affected or impaired.
- (b) No failure or delay on our part to exercise any power, right or remedy under the Conditions will operate as a waiver of any such

power, right or remedy or preclude its further exercise or the exercise of any other power, right or remedy. The powers, rights or remedies hereby provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any powers, rights or remedies provided by law.

- (c) Any amendment or variation to the Conditions must be in writing and signed by us and you in the same manner as this letter (or as otherwise agreed by us in writing from time to time).
- (d) You may not assign or otherwise dispose of in any way your rights, benefits, obligations or duties under the Conditions.
- (e) Conditions 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, and 21(e) and such other Conditions which by implication need to continue in force beyond the final payment of Funding will so continue in full force and effect.
- (f) The award of the Funding is to you alone and no one else is entitled to make any claim in respect of the Funding or seek to rely on or enforce any of the Conditions.
- (g) In circumstances where you comprise two or more persons or bodies, the liabilities of such persons or bodies shall be joint and several and the default of one of such persons or bodies shall be deemed to be the default of all.
- (h) The Conditions and any disputes or claim (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with it its formation or its subject matter are to be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Wales and England as applied in Wales and the parties hereto submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Wales and England.

22. How to accept this award of Funding

- (a) To accept this award of Funding you must sign and return a copy of this letter to the Welsh Government Official. None of the Funding will be paid to you until we have received your signed.
- (b) We must receive your signed letter **within 28 days of the date of this letter** or this award of Funding will automatically be withdrawn

Yours faithfully



Signed by Kevin Griffiths under authority of the Minister for Finance and Local Government, one of the Welsh Ministers.
Yours faithfully

SCHEDULE 1 The Purposes

The Purpose of the Funding is to assist Public Services Boards as they move to the delivery of the local well-being plan, as well as continuing to assist in the consolidation of work on the assessments of local well-being and well-being plans.

Proposals for support funding must demonstrate how the group of PSBs would be enabled to build their strategic capacity and capability to support the delivery of well-being plans as well as consolidate work on the assessments and plans.

The funding will be available for the following purposes and can be used for one or more of the criteria set out below:

- Strengthen the continuation of community engagement. Effective engagement with communities continues to be an important aspect of the work of PSBs and this will aim to encourage the coordinated ongoing approach to community engagement with individuals and all organisations within the local area.
- Support PSB in the development of the well-being plans where common regional objectives are identified. The sharing of knowledge and good practice is essential to avoid duplication.
- Supporting PSBs to take a more evaluative approach to the delivery of well-being plans by ensuring an appropriate monitoring and evaluation activity to evidence outcomes and track progress over time.

Activity	Cost
<p>To support the PSBs in the development of their Well-being Plans and how exploring outcomes can be evidenced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contributing to the ongoing availability of the knowledge and expertise that has been developed to support the two Public Services Boards and applying this to support the co-ordination and preparation of the Well-being Plans. ○ Providing resource and capacity across the region to assist with the analysis of evidence from Well-being Assessments to support and inform the development of the Well-being Plans. 	£58,440
<p>To support the PSBs in the development of their Well-being Plans and explore how outcomes can be evidenced.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Providing resource and capacity across the region to assist with the analysis of consultation and Commissioners Advice to support and inform the development of the Well-being Plans. ○ Providing resource and capacity across the region to assist with the analysis of statutory obligations and other considerations to support and inform the development of the Well-being Plans. ○ To support the PSBs to explore options for measuring outcomes from Well-being Plans. 	
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Please note:

- The regional support fund can only fund fixed term/secondment posts and for the specific work as shown in your proposal of 28 February 2022.

SCHEDULE 2

Notification Events

The Notification Events referred to in Condition 9 are listed below:

1. repayment of any part of the Funding is required in accordance with any relevant legislation;
2. you fail to comply with any of the Conditions;
3. the Funding, in full or in part, is not being used for the Purposes;
4. you fail to achieve any or all of the Targets;
5. there is unsatisfactory progress towards completing the Purposes, including meeting the Targets;
6. you fail to provide information about the Purposes requested by us or any UK subsidy enforcement body or any of its auditors, agents or representatives;
7. we have reason to believe that you and/or any of your Personnel are involved in fraudulent activity or have been involved in fraudulent activity [whilst the Purposes are/were being carried out];
8. we have made an overpayment of Funding to you;
9. there is a duplication of funding in respect of any part of the Purposes. This includes but is not limited to any payments received by you in relation to the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from your insurance provider (cancellation/business disruption insurance), the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and/or any Welsh Government fund/scheme
10. any declaration made in Condition 8 is, or proves to be, incomplete untrue or misleading, incorrect in any respect or, if repeated at any time with reference to the facts and circumstances then existing, would be incorrect;
11. there has been a modification (qualification, adverse or disclaimer) to the auditor's opinion on your financial statements;
12. an event or circumstance has occurred and is outstanding which constitutes (or, with the expiry of a grace period, the giving of notice, the making of any determination or any combination thereof, would constitute) a default or termination event (howsoever described) under any other agreement or instrument which is binding on you or to which any of your assets is subject;

13. a moratorium in respect of all or any of your debts or assets or a composition or an agreement with your creditors is agreed, applied for, ordered or declared;
14. you stop or suspend payment of any debts or are unable, or admit in writing your inability, to pay your debts as they fall due;
15. the value of your assets is less than your liabilities (taking into account contingent and prospective liabilities);
16. you commence negotiations, or enter into any composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement, with one or more of your creditors with a view to rescheduling any of your indebtedness (because of actual or anticipated financial difficulties).
17. any action, proceedings, procedure or step is taken in relation to you in relation to:
 - (a) the suspension of payments, a moratorium in respect of any indebtedness, winding up, dissolution, administration or reorganisation (using a voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise); or
 - (b) a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with any of your creditors; or
 - (c) the appointment of a liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, compulsory manager or other similar officer in respect of you or any of your assets.
18. a statutory demand is issued against you;
19. you cease, or threaten to suspend or cease, to carry on all or a material part of your business;
20. there is a change in your constitution, status, control or ownership and/or your external auditors resign;
21. you fail to comply with any statutory reporting obligations which are applicable to you (including, but not limited to, filing requirements at Companies House, the Charity Commission, the Financial Conduct Authority);
22. there is any change, whether permanent or temporary, in your shareholders, directors, trustees or partners and/or Personnel which may affect your ability to deliver the Purposes;

23. any event occurs or circumstances arise which in our opinion gives reasonable grounds for believing that providing the Funding and/or the continuation of the arrangements contemplated by this letter could bring us into disrepute;
24. any event occurs or circumstances arise which in our opinion gives reasonable grounds for believing that you may not, or may be unable, to perform or comply with any of your obligations under the Conditions.

SCHEDULE 3
Indicative Payment Profile
(refer to Conditions 5(b), 6(a) and (b))

Instalment number	Earliest date for claim	Last date for claim
1	01 October 2022	31 October 2022
2	01 April 2023	06 April 2023

TWO SIGNATORIES ARE REQUIRED

We declare we are duly authorised to accept the award of Funding **Regional Support for Public Services Boards, 2022-23** and the Conditions relating to the Funding.

_____ Signature
An authorised signatory of **City and County of Swansea Council**

_____ Name

_____ Job Title

_____ Date

_____ Signature
An authorised signatory of **City and County of Swansea Council**

_____ Name

_____ Job Title

_____ Date

Agenda Item 18



**To/
Councillor Rob Stewart &
Councillor Andrea Lewis,
Joint Chairs of Swansea Public
Services Board
BY EMAIL**

cc: Vice-Chair of Swansea PSB

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09 February 2022

Summary: This is a letter from the Scrutiny Programme Committee to the Joint Chairs of Swansea Public Services Board following the meeting of the Committee on 18 January 2022. It is about the performance of the Public Services Board. A formal written response is not required.

Dear Councillor,

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 18 January

We are writing to you following our Scrutiny session on the Public Services Board (PSB) with our views, reflecting on information presented, questions, and discussion.

As part of our ongoing scrutiny, the Committee considered the PSB Annual Report 2020/21 in relation to overall progress and performance of the PSB and put a spotlight on delivery of the 'Early Years' and 'Live Well, Age Well' PSB well-being objectives. We thank you for attending the meeting, and appreciated the input provided by Keith Reid, Executive Director - Public Health at Swansea Bay University Health Board on 'Early Years' and Adam Hill, Swansea Council Deputy Chief Executive, on both 'Live Well, Age Well', and work of the PSB Joint Committee.

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This was further evidence to the Committee on how the PSB is performing and making a difference for citizens, and follows on from the June 2021 PSB Scrutiny session, at which we heard from the other Statutory Members of the PSB: Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service and Natural Resources Wales about their organisation's role and responsibilities in relation to the PSB, and on the delivery of PSB Well-being Plan objectives that they are leading on.

We also took the opportunity to follow up on previous issues raised by the Committee, communicated to you within previous letters.

Scrutiny Views

From our discussion, the Committee would highlight the following issues in terms of providing 'critical-friend' challenge to the PSB for improvement:

We recognise that the PSB plays a key role in partnership working and relationship building. Having raised this with you previously, there is still some confusion around what should be deemed to be PSB achievements versus achievements that could be attributed to individual organisations or other partnerships. This is a debate about the distinctiveness of the PSB.

We note that a lot of good work has taken place across work streams, and it may simply be a case of making the PSB more visible and promotion of the PSB as the body effecting positive change. We noted achievements which you felt relied upon the involvement of the PSB, such as commitment to Swansea as a Human Rights City, Charter on Climate Change, Community Safety improvements to the High Street, and focus on natural resources, as well as specific activities in response to Covid.

We accept that the work of the PSB is open to the public and information is available online, but perhaps pro-active messaging about the work of the PSB, and Joint Committee decision-making, would help to raise awareness and profile of the PSB. This would be for the benefit of councillors as well as the public.

We noted that the next meeting of the PSB Joint Committee would include a discussion on strategies for public engagement. We asked about PSB activity which has directly engaged with the public on and were provided with examples of community feedback and engagement events, in relation to PSB well-being objectives, to inform policy development and service improvement.

We have called upon the PSB to improve its performance framework to better evidence the tangible difference the PSB is making and improve the clarity of action and outcomes from meetings. The Committee was pleased to hear that this is being worked on. We heard that the Joint Committee will be having a focused discussion on this, and work has been carried out to improve the framework for delivery of work, baseline data, and the measuring of success, to support the reporting of performance, with clarity about the involvement of

the Joint Committee in work streams and what the PSB is adding. We look forward to hearing more on this, as it will help us to scrutinise performance more effectively. It will be good to have new arrangements, with a mix of meaningful quantitative and qualitative performance indicators, in place as the PSB prepares a new Well-being Assessment and develops a new Well-being Plan. The success of the PSB should be demonstrable.

We realise that almost the past two years have been dominated by the Covid response and has impacted on 'business as usual', but hopefully the PSB can now emerge from it and re-focus on the objectives, as we return to some sort of normality.

Your Response

We hope that you find the contents of this letter useful and would welcome any comments, however we do not expect you to provide a formal response. However, we do expect the PSB to consider our views and the Committee will follow up on progress in addressing these issues.

Our next PSB Scrutiny session will take place in the new municipal year, arrangements for which will be communicated in due course.

Yours sincerely,



COUNCILLOR PETER BLACK

Chair, Scrutiny Programme Committee

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Agenda Item 19



**To/
Adam Hill, Deputy Chief Executive
Swansea Council & Trudi Meyrick,
Chief Superintendent South Wales
Police
Joint Chairs of Safer Swansea
Community Safety Partnership
BY EMAIL**

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08 April 2022

cc: Cllrs. Andrea Lewis & Alyson Pugh

Summary: This is a letter from the Scrutiny Programme Committee to the Joint Chairs of the Safer Swansea Community Safety Partnership following the meeting of the Committee on 15 February 2022. It is about the performance of the Safer Swansea Partnership. A formal written response is not required however issues raised and recommendations made will be followed up by the Committee.

Dear Adam / Trudi,

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 15 February

We are writing to you following our Crime & Disorder Scrutiny session, looking at the performance of the Safer Swansea Community Safety Partnership, with our views, reflecting on information presented, questions, and discussion. This follows on from our previous session on this in May 2021.

We thank you for attending the meeting and appreciated the input, including detailed presentation, provided by Paul Thomas, the Council's Community Integration Partnership Manager and Superintendent Mark Brier, in helping us to understand the partnership working and activities, progress / achievements against priorities and objectives, challenges over the past year, and focus for the future. You also provided the Committee with relevant performance and crime statistics. The meeting also benefited from the attendance of the Leader of the Council, Cllr. Rob Stewart, and Cabinet Member, Cllr. Alyson Pugh, who is also a Safer Swansea Partnership Representative, and the Council's Chief Executive, Phil Roberts. It was a very engaging and constructive scrutiny session.

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Through questioning we were able to explore a number of issues including the following:

Safer Swansea Partnership (SSP) priorities

We asked about the relationship between Safer Swansea Partnership (SSP) priorities, individual Police priorities and Council priorities, and other strategic objectives, including the Public Services Board, and how this work has synergy and complements each other.

The Committee heard about key priorities within the Police & Crime Commissioner's Crime Reduction Plan and Chief Constable's Delivery Plan. We also heard about the role of the Serious Organised Crime Board within the overall SSP Governance Structure - a discrete regional partnership group to problem solve issues on organised crime which sits alongside the SSP, gathering and sharing intelligence, e.g., issues such as exploitation and County Lines.

We also heard about the vital role played by non-statutory and Third Sector organisations in delivering SSP priorities, e.g., the work led by Swansea Women's Aid and Barod helping with approaches to addressing issues relating to High Street.

We also asked about developments in relation to the renewal of the Safer Swansea Partnership Strategy, as the current 3-year strategy was for 2018-2021.

The continued impact of the pandemic, and effect on crime and disorder and SSP activities

We heard that well-established partnership working arrangements have strengthened over the past two years and helped to maintain a good response to the pandemic and deal with the challenges. The development of meetings on-line has improved contact and interaction between partners and enabled more frequent dialogue to tackle problems.

It was clear that the pandemic has disrupted everyone's work, and impacted every person, and there was acknowledgement of the 'hidden harms' (e.g., exploitation, abuse, violence) and community tensions that have surfaced exacerbated by social media. We were interested in what the SSP was having to do differently, and what the local experience was in terms of crime and disorder exacerbated by the pandemic, e.g., anti-social behaviour, violence against women / domestic abuse.

There was also some discussion about the extent to which have we seen breaches of Covid rules over the past year and take up of resources in their enforcement. We heard that Welsh Government funding had enabled us to set up Joint Enforcement Teams so existing resources did not have to be

diverted, and these have worked effectively in challenging circumstances, though 'business as usual' in terms of the work of Environmental / Public Health teams has been impacted upon significantly, to divert attention to Covid enforcement. We noted a deliberate shift towards 'education' in signposting advice and support, in ensuring public compliance with the rules (which have changed frequently over the last two years), than simply focussing on enforcement and punishment. We heard your praise for the majority of local people and business who have been supportive of the various restrictions and compliance with the rules.

The Partnership's response to the Mayhill riot in May 2021 and implications for the SSP of findings of the Independent Learning Review on Events at Mayhill and Waun Wen

We asked about progress on the recommendations, which include reference to improvements necessary to partnership arrangements, multi-agency working, and community engagement. We noted that an Extraordinary Safer Swansea Partnership meeting was to be held at the end of February to look at the recommendations made in the inquiry and agree actions. We noted this meeting will also involve the Police & Crime Commissioner.

We heard about the work carried out and support in the immediate aftermath to address the situation and positive steps taken to engage the communities, though Committee members raised some concern regarding disparity in support and visibility within the two different areas, following the riot, probably hindered the fact that geographical boundaries meant different officials being involved. There was a remark that some communities are still feeling left behind and abandoned, and the disparity needed to be addressed. We stressed the need to involve the communities to identify the right solutions and improvements.

We also noted that there would be an internal review of the riot within the Police and re-structure to address the issues raised and ensure operational learning from the experience, to prevent this happening anywhere else in Swansea. The Committee felt it important that the full forensic investigation, as called for by the Independent Learning Review, should be open and transparent and we look forward to its findings. There was also some discussion on current police resources / staffing levels, given concerns about the Police response to the incident and how it was dealt with. It was clarified that the issue was not about the sufficiency of resources but about how well those resources were deployed on the night in question, acknowledging there were procedural failures, that the Police will learn from, as the disorder developed and escalated very quickly.

At the time of our meeting, we noted that following Police investigations a large number of individuals have now been charged with various offences relating to the unprecedented incident.

How the recent findings of the Child Sexual Exploitation IICSA Report were being addressed

The report looked at Swansea, amongst other cities, and the Committee were concerned to read that little was known about organised networks / gang related exploitation operating in the area. We were aware that this matter was being discussed in detail within the Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel in March however were keen to get some assurance around improvement. We heard that work is ongoing around addressing the 'intelligence gap' in terms of profiling and data completeness, and improved multi-agency working including closer joined up working between the Police and Social Services around safeguarding and exploitation. It was stressed to us that improvements have already been made which postdate the period looked at by the report, and we were reassured that robust arrangements are in place, including the establishment of a Multi-Agency Child Missing Exploitation Trafficking Panel, which is looking at issues around Child Sexual Exploitation.

The extent and nature of Hate Crime in Swansea

We asked whether 456 hate crimes reported in Swansea during 2021 was a comparatively low or high figure, and what positive action the SSP has taken in relation to community cohesion / hate crime, including addressing the reluctance of some vulnerable individuals to report such crimes because of their experiences with public authority, and increasing public trust.

We were assured that Swansea was not an outlier in terms of the level of hate crime reported, though this remained a key area of focus, including partnership work on improving community cohesion and integration through education, training, work with schools, and public / social media messaging about diversity to challenge hateful abuse and prejudices, and break down barriers. We were particularly interested in the experience of Swansea's refugee and asylum seek population but were told that there was no prevalence of hate crime in the area based on status. Most of the hate crime related to race and religion. We learned of the extra efforts made when families arrive in Swansea with neighbourhood policing in place, and support from Third Sector organisations. There is also multi-agency support to help victims. There was also some discussion on Swansea's commitment to becoming a 'Human Rights City', supported by all Public Services Bord partners.

It is important not to lose sight of the fact that there may be an under-reporting of hate crime and its concealment within communities, and we need to give people the confidence to report it which requires careful contact and engagement.

Violence against Women / Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

The Committee was concerned about how well we were addressing violence against women / domestic abuse and sexual violence, and heard about work on this, as one of the five main SSP Priorities. We heard about successful Home Office grant bids in respect of domestic violence and investment into female safety in the night-time economy, including training for door staff. You also talked about the creation of 'safe spaces' with 20+ businesses and some fire stations coming on board to offer and support this, and holistic support to victims, including the development of remote site for victims to give evidence securely. You told us that significant numbers within the Council's workforce have received training on domestic violence.

Figures from 2019/20, obtained via a Freedom of Information request, would indicate a worryingly low rate of complaints that are received by the Police in relation to sexual offences, particularly rape, leading to charges being brought against alleged offenders. Overall, it was just under 11%, but for alleged instances of rape this was 7.33% across South Wales which is particularly concerning. It is doubtful to us that over 92% of complaints would be completely unfounded. We asked about steps / different approaches begin taken to improve upon this, as part of the strategic approach to address this. We heard there were many challenges faced by the Police in dealing with such cases and one of the reasons for the low figures included the fact that a high percentage of individuals subsequently disengage, and offenders may have been convicted for other offences that were more likely to result in prosecution. We noted that South Wales Police is one of seven pilot forces that are changing the way we look to investigate rape, and heard that work is in progress to improve things including greater focus on perpetrators and perpetrator behaviour, with support to the victim to get the best outcome which may not necessarily be an outcome through the courts, better connectivity with the CPS on the scrutiny of complaints with regular meetings, and a dedicated Rape Investigation Team is being set up as it is a complex crime to investigate, very resource-intensive, and requires joined-up working with others.

Levels of knife crime and anti-social behaviour

Your figures showed that in 2021, there were 612 knife-related occurrences reported in Swansea (342 crimes and 270 incidents). We were appalled by the recent serious stabbing incident in Gorseinon and were concerned whether we were seeing a rise in knife-crime in the area and wanted to know what was being done to prevent this sort of incident. We were told that there was actually a downward trend in knife crime in Swansea and it should be considered to be an isolated incident, however incidents such as that in Gorseinon can affect public perception of knife crime in the area and fear, and the Partnership recognised the need to keep on top of this. We noted that the perpetrators were quickly arrested.

We asked about measures to tackle not only knife crime, but more generally, activities to prevent / deal with anti-social behaviour within communities (e.g., issues with off-road bikers / quad bikes around Swansea), and what has been achieved, particularly in the case of youth anti-social behaviour. You talked about campaigns targeting 11 to 16 year-olds, work in schools, focus on early intervention, and progress with the use of Public Space Protection Orders. The Committee heard about the challenges in dealing with the public's fear of crime and perceptions about safety, and the SSP's response to alleviate that, e.g., specific work on the night-time economy and improving safety.

Scrutiny Views

From our discussion, the Committee would highlight the following issues in terms of providing 'critical-friend' challenge to the Safer Swansea Partnership in dealing with crime and disorder.

Safer Swansea Partnership Strategy

We noted the intention to extend the current Safer Swansea Partnership Strategy for 6 months whilst developing a new Strategy, as we head out of the pandemic and into recovery. We were interested in the timeline / process regarding the new Strategy and any revision to the current five strategic priorities, which the SSP is focussing its work on. It was noted that the Swansea Public Services Board's new Well-being Assessment, which is being finalised, along with other information will help inform the SSP Strategy and the setting of priorities going forward. This will need to include how we address the issues coming out of the pandemic that are impacting on community safety. We would request the SSP to report the draft Strategy to the Committee when it is available so that it can provide comment, and we would be happy also to see wider councillor consultation.

Relationships and communication between the Police and local Councillors

This was something also raised in the last Crime & Disorder Scrutiny session. From the recent discussion, there seemed to be an inconsistent picture across Swansea, with regular meetings working well in some areas but room for improvement in others. We asked you to ensure that there are forward planned regular and structured arrangements in place across all areas, clear points of contact, and feedback to councillors on issues. You undertook to look at this and ensure there is effective engagement between councillors and local policing inspectors, building relationships.

Approaches to improving public information, awareness, and engagement

We called for a more joined up approach to social media across SSP partners to ensure work on community safety is effectively communicated and reaches a large audience. The Committee felt it was important to clearly show to the public what SSP activity looks like, focusing on the positive work, and asked the SSP to reflect on what it currently does and consider how it can utilise social media and other methods of public communication better, and enable the sharing of information and community intelligence gathering that is meaningful. We noted that the SSP will be discussing a Public Participation Strategy shortly which will be consulted upon.

Your Response

We hope that you find the contents of this letter useful and would welcome any comments, however we do not expect you to provide a formal response. However, we do expect our views to be considered by the Partnership and the Committee will follow up on progress in addressing these issues.

Our next Crime & Disorder Scrutiny session will take place in the new municipal year, arrangements for which will be communicated in due course. Currently the Committee looks at the performance of the Safer Swansea Partnership on an annual basis, however, will review this as we develop the scrutiny work programme for 2022/23 and beyond to ensure arrangements are effective.

Yours sincerely,



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Letter from NPT PSB Chair to Swansea PSB Chair

Cllr Andrea Lewis

Chair of Swansea Public Services Board

Dear Cllr Lewis

Re: Thriving at Work Event in collaboration with Swansea University

Following conversations amongst officers in NPT and Swansea University, we are proposing to hold a day event in July to share some learning and knowledge around well-being at work.

The University have been working with their staff and students and are developing a Health and Well-being Strategy to ensure both can 'thrive' in their working/learning environment. They will be sharing this good practice on the day along with other partners who have developed ways of promoting staff well-being during the pandemic.

NPT Public Services Board have agreed to support this initiative and feel there is a good opportunity here to share this learning more widely across both Local Authority areas. I hope Swansea PSB will want to be a part of this day of which there are plans to develop into a series of events, potentially involving our local private employers in the future. The outcomes of this day may also help to inform our well-being plans.

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and will deal with Welsh and English correspondence to the same standards and timescales.

A small working group of officers and key partners will be meeting to develop the detail of the event, which we would also very much like Swansea PSB to be a part of.

If you would like any further information at this stage please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Edward Latham
Leader of the Council
Chair of Neath Port Talbot PSB

Swansea Public Services Board: Well-being assessment

Feedback and advice from the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales,
17th March 2022

1: Summary

- A strong, comprehensive well-being assessment.
- Demonstrates detailed exploration of well-being in Swansea and commitment to the Well-being of Future Generations Act.
- Draws upon a range of quantitative and qualitative sources of information and data, adding depth to key findings.
- Developed in a collaborative manner involving a team of officers from the partner organisations of Swansea PSB, in conjunction with voluntary sector bodies.
- Approach to engagement highlighted within the assessment and annex 1.
- Section 3 (below) highlights areas that if further developed would help strengthen the assessment overall. These relate to: key messages, involvement, future trends, skills for the future, equality and maximising contribution to Wales' well-being goals. Desirable areas are also included for your consideration.

2: Evidence of good practice in the well-being assessment

Process and methodology

The 'Overall approach to the 2022 Assessment' section of the introduction is helpful in providing an overview of the approach undertaken to the draft assessment. From this, you state your approach has changed since the previous assessment, and the assessment is structured around the four dimensions of well-being in the Act – a structure that works well.

It's evident the draft assessment has been compiled in a collaborative manner involving a team of officers from the partner organisations of Swansea PSB, in conjunction with voluntary sector bodies. We note working groups were established and you highlight the wider regional collaboration with Neath Port Talbot PSB and the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board – working together on a joint and common approach to the well-being assessments and population needs assessments.

The draft assessment has drawn upon a wide range of secondary qualitative and quantitative documents, which compliments the primary research, and adds depth to key findings. This is particularly useful where insight is provided on topics where there may not be in-depth quantitative data. For example, in discussion of poverty, the assessment draws upon research undertaken by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's research on Minimum Income Standard, alongside Fair By Design, to outline the key pressures likely to be felt by households on lower incomes, e.g., childcare, transport, and access to services. Likewise, this is considered in relation to digital exclusion, where data is drawn from the National Survey for Wales and Nesta, to conclude that vulnerable households are at risk, and demonstrates some existing work (e.g., 'Our Neighbourhood'), to increase digital access and literacy in Swansea. To compliment this further, international sources add a global perspective, where, for example, lessons are drawn from '*Measuring Up: Comparing Public Transport in the UK and Europe's Biggest Cities*' by The Centre for Cities.

It is helpful the introductory letter and the 'About the evidence' sections within each chapter point out the evidence yet to be collected and/or fully considered, which includes the Future Trends

report. We will be particularly interested to see the findings of the academic research commissioned which aims to bring out the key implications and messages (the 'so what') from the draft assessment. We would be grateful to have sight of this work as and when it is available.

It's good to see the approach you have taken to engagement and involvement, where you have sought to supplement the data and information presented with people's experiences. It's also good to hear that *"the level and quality of response was encouraging"* to your survey in autumn 2021. Your approach to engagement is helpfully detailed within annex 1 of the assessment.

A strength of the assessment is the clear interrogation and critical reflection of data sources, particularly quantitative data. This is evident in the way gaps are outlined, such as recognising there is *'a lack of information on where digital 'not spots' are'* and noting an increase in referral numbers to support services with regard to violence against women, domestic abuse, and sexual violence may not mean an increase in incidents but in-fact increased reporting.

There is good recognition of the impact of recent events throughout the draft assessment, such as Brexit, COVID-19 and the cost of living, together with the climate and nature emergency. As you state: *"This period since the previous assessment in 2017 has in many ways been a momentous and extraordinary time"* and that these *"couldn't have been easily foreseen when the last assessment was undertaken"*.

The draft assessment is honest in its recognition of the challenges and pressures of responding to the pandemic, which has meant some partners have not been able to contribute to the assessment. You highlight this is reflected most in the 'Social' chapter, particularly in relation to physical and mental health, early years and loneliness/isolation. However, we agree that the chapter does still contain extensive information, data and analysis.

The draft assessment is comprehensive and there is good evidence of connections being made throughout. For example, the 'Economy' chapter includes a focus on climate change, decarbonisation, green infrastructure, sustainable transport and energy, and highlights connections to the other chapters in the 'integration' section.

There is an honest appraisal of the data and evidence available to inform the assessment. For example, you highlight the limitations of the 2011 Census Data and state much of the analysis included may be subject to change, as the results of the 2021 Census are expected later this year.

Content

The structure of the draft assessment is clear and works well and it's particularly helpful to see a consistent format applied across each of the dimensions of well-being. This helps ensure each of the topics within the four dimensions of well-being are considered in detail, and in relation to the broader picture of well-being in Swansea.

A linked contents page upfront means the reader can navigate by topic with ease. Providing a demographic profile upfront provides useful insight to what the future of Swansea may look like. Further strengths include the introduction of each well-being chapter exploring alignment to the well-being goals, alongside an outline of key contextual factors and key sub-themes of the chapter. The inclusion of 'conclusions and key messages' at the end of each sub-topic means findings are neatly summarised. This will be particularly useful for the development of the Well-being Plan, as well as bringing issues together to help develop an overall narrative for well-being in Swansea.

The inclusion of case studies and examples of projects delivered within Swansea (internal and external to the PSB) works well. These are included regularly and provide a clear picture about challenges the PSB may be facing and how organisations and sectors are working together to address them. For example, the community cohesion projects such as Together and Tell Me More which seek to bring people from different backgrounds together.

It's reassuring the economy chapter includes a strong focus on decarbonisation. Commitments outlined in the assessment include *"increasing the resilience of the region's manufacturing base, including its (currently) relatively carbon intensive foundation industries"*. Alongside this, we note the Council has recently adopted the new South-West Wales Regional Economic Delivery Plan as its strategic framework for economic regeneration, which includes commitment to making the economy resilient to climate change and acting on decarbonisation, and aiming to establish South West Wales as a UK leader in renewable energy and the development of a net zero economy.

The assessment includes reference to recent and ongoing developments within Swansea, by consistently linking findings to the policy and strategic context. Good examples include:

- Reference to Swansea's application to the Foundational Economy Challenge Fund to test out two new approaches to the design and procurement of services in rural areas of Swansea.
- Embedding findings from NRW's Area Statement for South-West Wales.
- Swansea's Corporate Parenting Strategy 'best life' project.
- The Skills and Talent Project, from the City Deal.

It's great to see the 'Recognising and Respecting Children's Rights' feature highlighting Swansea as the first local authority in the UK to voluntarily make a public commitment to Children's Rights, and the 'Listening to Children and Young People' section within the 'social' chapter is a strength of the assessment. There is rich information in the key issues they have highlighted for your PSB to consider and reflect upon, such as protecting the environment, supporting disabled children, equality for LGBTQ+ children and young people, and developing resources to help young people better understand politics.

We note Swansea's evening and night-time economy (ENTE) has a reputation nationally as a leading light in how the sector should be managed, and it's positive to hear of your response to calls to improve safety for people, in particular women and other vulnerable groups, when visiting the city centre by day and after dark.

The chapter on environmental well-being is comprehensive, with consideration given to the key legislation, strategies and policies in place. It's particularly positive to see a focus on food within the 'Soils, land use and food' section of the assessment, which includes sharing the example from a survey that found 94% of 183 respondents in Swansea would consider joining a CSA veg box scheme, and sharing key messages from the 'Food for the Region' conference. We also note the section indicates a recommendation to pursue a food strategy for Swansea.

The draft assessment also includes a strong chapter on cultural well-being. It's great to hear about the new 'Diversity Pledge for Culture' in the city, which represents a commitment to diversification of audiences, and support to ensure communities with protected characteristics have fair and equal representation and access to your programming. We also note Swansea is signed up to Culture 21 (Agenda 21 for Culture) within the European cohort, and were the first UK city to do so.

3: Areas that could be further developed

Important areas for consideration

There is much to be commended on your work and approach to the draft well-being assessment. Building on the extensive work already undertaken, below are areas we consider to be important for your consideration. If developed further, they would help strengthen the assessment overall.

Key messages

We note reference to the academic research the PSB has commissioned to highlight the key implications and messages (the 'so what') from the draft well-being assessment.

While this is positive to hear, it's not clear from the information set out if these findings would be included in the final well-being assessment, or if this is intended as information aimed at PSB members to help inform next steps as attention shifts to the well-being plan? Clarity on this within the assessment would be helpful. We would also be interested to see the findings of the work.

Involvement

Your approach to involvement is helpfully detailed within annex 1 of the draft assessment. This outlines the three key phases of the work: an online survey; working with partners to make the most of existing events and opportunities; and the consultation process of the draft assessment itself. Annex 1 also provides a helpful overview of the responses, set out in relation to the four dimensions of well-being.

It's reassuring to hear "*the level and quality of response was encouraging*" to your survey in autumn 2021 and your "*approach aims to ensure that gaps are identified and seldom heard from voices considered.*" The 'Listening to Children and Young People' section within the 'social' chapter is a strength of the assessment and we note the comment that a priority for the PSB is meaningful and inclusive opportunities for children and young people to be heard in decisions that affect them.

Similarly, the Ageing Well Steering Group used a range of methods for engaging people 50+ in an effort to increase accessibility and uptake of the consultation, to which 236 responses were received which highlighted some of the key issues they wish to work on to make Swansea a better place to live. It's also good to see the social care section (under 'social') state that the priority is to ensure co-production remains central to the planning, design and delivery of services.

Building on your positive work to date, we encourage you to consider including further information (and reflection) on the following:

- What you consider to be the strengths and challenges of your engagement work to date.
- Identifying the 'seldom heard voices' you are seeking to involve.
- Any approaches or tools you've identified that could potentially improve your work to involve people going forward.
- Using and including quotes from residents within the assessment (we note annex 1 states these will be included in the final published assessment).

Using and adopting strong, innovative involvement techniques that go beyond engagement and move more towards co-production is important for all PSBs. To help inform the next stages of the well-being planning process, the Co-production Network for Wales is producing advice and guidance based on the way in which involvement and co-production has been embedded in the well-being

process so far. We encourage your PSB teams and coordinators to help shape this guidance with Co-Production Network for Wales, as it develops.

Future Trends

While the draft assessment provides a comprehensive overview of well-being in the area, we acknowledge your statement that this is an early draft, and the Future Trends Report is yet to be fully considered.

As currently set out, it is helpful the structure of the draft assessment includes a 'Future Trends and Prospects for Swansea' section for (most of) the topics that fall under each dimension of well-being, and there is valuable information contained within some of these sections. Data on longer-term demographics aside, the environment chapter is perhaps the strongest in looking longer-term, due in part to the challenges faced by the climate and nature emergency, and how that links directly to challenges such as ecosystem resilience, water resources, flood risk etc.

Building on the structure you have adopted for the draft assessment, we recommend full consideration is given to the [Future Trends Report](#) (published in December 2021) to help better inform and strengthen the assessment. This should be carried out in relation to and across all four dimensions of well-being.

Looking ahead, it would also be helpful to understand how the PSB intends to continue to consider and embed future trends information into its next steps, including the development of a well-being plan and setting of objectives and steps. Futures techniques are effective tools for engaging with others and prompting constructive discussion in a way that can help develop plans that deliver meaningful change.

In their feedback to PSBs, NRW are offering to run Three Horizons workshop to help support the incorporation of future trends into the well-being planning process. We encourage your PSB to take up this offer if you haven't already. Our Three Horizons toolkit is available [here](#).

Skills for the future

There is good information contained within the 'Swansea's workforce' section and it's positive to hear the Council and its local/regional partners are working to create a more skilled workforce in the future. This includes sharing examples of several initiatives, including the recently approved Skills and Talent project under the Swansea Bay City Deal, which will work to develop skills in the region, plugging the skills gaps in many sectors.

With the ongoing and forthcoming regeneration projects including Copr Bay, The Kingsway and Blue Eden projects in mind, and the continued growth of the city's two universities, we encourage you to consider the findings in our [recent report](#) on the skills needed to transition to a low carbon economy. It finds that across Wales there are significant skills gaps in green industries which must be addressed.

This could be explored further within the 'Future trends and prospects for Swansea' area of the 'Swansea workforce' section and in relation to the discussion of school attainment and training and education provision in the region. Clear links should also be made to your local Regional Skills Partnership.

Equality

The draft assessment is strong in its consideration of equality. Examples of good practice includes the discussion of domestic violence and its consideration of different identities (and changing statistics). For example, *“The percentage of BAME cases referred to MARAC has remained in the region of 6.6% and 7.4% since 2018 with less than 1% fluctuation year on year. However, the specialist advice service for BAME victims saw a significant drop in numbers from 2018 to 2021, possibly correlating to the lack of outreach events due to the pandemic.”*

Other examples highlighted include Swansea being the first local authority area in Wales to set up a Poverty Truth Commission and the Council passing a motion expressing its solidarity with BAME communities in Swansea and across the world in their fight for justice, which also committed the Council to celebrating and memorialising a greater range of Swansea’s citizens of the past, particularly women, BAME, disabled, LGBT and working-class people. Swansea has also been a City of Sanctuary since 2010 and an asylum seeker dispersal area since 2001. In the culture chapter, the assessment also discusses engagement with the Black Lives Matter movement in the summer of 2020, alongside events and celebrations such as LGBT+ month and Diwali.

The assessment also provides a thorough analysis and exploration of crime in Swansea, covering a wide range of topics which includes: Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence; substance misuse; street vulnerability; evening and night time economy; hate crime; community cohesion and wildfires.

We acknowledge the assessment highlights existing gaps. Building on the positive work undertaken to date, we recommend:

- Ensuring all [‘protected characteristics’](#) outlined in the Equality Act are considered within the assessment.
- Some consideration is given to how intersectionality affects people in the area. For example, what is like to be young and LGBTQ+ in Swansea? We note in the ‘Listening to young people’ section, children and young people highlighted ‘Equality for LGBTQ+ children and young people’ as a key issue.
- Making the links to your engagement work on engaging with seldom heard voices, as this develops.

We also encourage you to consider the implications of our recent [‘Inequality in a future Wales’](#) report. This highlights the how future of work, changing demographics and climate change could increase existing inequalities if the impacts on different groups in society are not factored in.

Maximising the PSB’s contribution to Wales’ well-being goals

Understanding the full definition of Wales’ well-being goals can help ensure the assessment is considering the wide range of topics and themes of well-being within your area.

The table below sets out areas that could be explored further within the assessment, and/or taken into consideration for the well-being plan.

It is appreciated that it may not be possible for all the information below to be fully considered / incorporated in your assessment. Instead, you may wish to choose some areas to compliment the extensive work you have already undertaken:

Welsh Language	<p>The draft assessment provides strong consideration of the Welsh language. This includes key statistics, cultural initiatives and events in the area, making the links to Cymraeg 2050 and the important role Swansea played in the history of Welsh language and culture: <i>“The Welsh Language owes much to the history of Swansea; the deep roots of the language and it’s literature can be traced back beyond the medieval period through Welsh language poets and their patrons”</i>.</p> <p>As the PSB’s attention shifts to the well-being plan, we recommend clear links are made to your local authority’s promotional strategy and your relevant Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP).</p>
Fair and local procurement	<p>The assessment acknowledges <i>“Local sourcing of goods and services by residents, businesses and public sector plays an important role in both supporting the local economy and reducing environmental impact.”</i> Our bitesize resource on procurement provides a helpful summary on the Commissioner’s vision for procurement, identifying the key issues highlighted by public bodies during the research and Section 20 Review, as well as the recommendations outlined in our ‘Procuring well-being in Wales’ report.</p>
Brexit	<p>Likely to have an impact for Swansea and its residents, e.g., EU citizens residing in the city, the ability of businesses to import and export goods, and sectors such as tourism and the creative industries that have relied on free movement of people. The WCPP’s briefing: ‘The impacts of Covid-19 and Brexit on well-being’ is a helpful resource on this.</p>
Regional Skills Partnership	<p>It’s not clear if the links have been made with your local Regional Skills Partnership. Your assessment will be a significant resource for them. Similarly, their strategies and priorities will be key for your PSB. Please also see above points on skills for the future.</p>

Other areas for consideration (desirable)

These are areas you might wish to amend / update to strengthen the assessment overall:

- **Localised data:** The draft assessment provides some breakdown of data to smaller geographies within Swansea, but this could be more consistent through the document (where possible to do so). Comparison of different areas can be helpful to highlight local inequalities, any best practice from programmes delivered at a local level, and to identify where targeted interventions may be required.
- **Integration:** A strong feature of the assessment which recognises many issues are inter-connected. Structuring a well-being assessment by well-being dimension does work well but there are some sections where clearer links could be made to other areas/chapters of the assessment. For example, the chapter on poverty is extensive and includes fuel and food poverty, and further links could be made here to the environment and economy chapters. Similarly, while integration is discussed in relation to digital connectivity where it states: *“there are also links to aspects of the social chapter, including housing and poverty”*, it would be helpful in examples like this if some further information/context could be provided on how this is the case.
- **Collaboration:** Building on the collaborative approach taken to developing the assessment in the region, it would be beneficial if the assessment identified *who* all the partners were and *how* the collaboration was managed. This information would help for future learning, as

cross-sector collaboration is a challenging but often effective means of delivering social change.

- **Overall conclusions:** The 'economy' chapter finishes with a section on 'Overall Conclusions'. For consistency, you may wish to include a similar section in the other three main chapters.
- **Net Zero:** The environment chapter refers to Welsh Government's Low Carbon Delivery Plan (Prosperity for All, 2019). Please note, this document has been updated and replaced with ['Net Zero'](#).

Minor considerations

There are a few minor considerations with formatting you may wish to address for the final assessment:

- The subheading 'adult social care' is the same as the topic heading 'social care'. This could be made clearer.
- Links to the sub-topics where they are listed in the introductory chapter would be beneficial and increase navigability.
- Reference not included properly on page 151. Similarly, text for 'insert image' remains on page 201.

4: Resources to help inform your next steps

Below are resources that can help inform your next steps, as you move from well-being assessment to well-being plan:

- Chapter 4 of the Future Generations Report: ['Setting Good Well-being Objectives'](#)
- The ['Future Generations Framework for Projects'](#)
- [Case studies](#) of how the Act is being implemented on the ground in Wales
- Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales: [Resources](#)

Welsh Government response to the consultation on the draft assessment of local well-being for Swansea, required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

Thank you for sight of Swansea PSB's Assessment of Local Well-being.

Welsh Government acknowledges that the preparation of an assessment and the supporting evidence is a significant undertaking and recognises the amount of work that has been accomplished. Covid-19 has brought huge challenges to the public sector and PSB partners have demonstrated real dedication and resolve in overcoming some truly testing situations over this period. PSBs are demonstrating that they too have a crucial role to play in the recovery from the pandemic, in considering the social, economic, environmental and cultural impacts on communities and co-ordinating the longer-term response. Given all of this, we also recognise that the assessments have been prepared during extraordinary circumstances and this has been taken into consideration when reviewing them.

Our focus has been on the main areas we consider will go towards providing you with a comprehensive view of the state of well-being in your area, ultimately equipping you with a good, clear understanding of the sort of priorities you as a PSB can target your collective efforts to best effect on in your well-being plan. These are the second round of assessments and it is hoped that there will be lessons learned from the first iteration, building on what happened previously.

We have structured our response to the consultation on your assessment in the same way as in 2017 which is as follows:

- **General comments** providing an overview of thoughts on the assessment;
- More **specific comments** on the way in which the analysis has been undertaken and presented and the way in which the statutory requirements have been met;
- A **final summary table** which identifies the areas we would suggest could benefit from further development. We are adopting a consistent approach to these matters which have been categorised as follows:
 - **Category A** – these are significant issues which we would hope would be addressed prior to publication of the well-being assessment. They might relate, for example, to compliance with the statutory requirements or a fundamental issue with the quality of the analysis
 - **Category B** – these are matters which are important and would support a better informed well-being plan and we would hope could be addressed alongside the development of the plan
 - **Category C** – these are matters which would strengthen the assessment but could be addressed over time.

We will be using the same approach in responding to each of the assessments.

Overall Thoughts

This assessment demonstrates clearly the commitment that Swansea PSB has made to embrace the challenge of assessing well-being in the area. It engages well with the key areas identified in the statutory and non-statutory guidance and demonstrates good use of a range of evidence to support the analysis. The assessment is very comprehensive and we recognise the amount of time and effort that has gone into this. The work that has been done provides a strong foundation to build on.

Our evaluation identifies some areas for further development which, if addressed could strengthen the assessment. These include more of an attempt to interpret what the data means for well-being and public services in Swansea and its communities (i.e. the response analysis), and also demonstrating a greater emphasis on the communities that have been identified and the differences that exist between them.

Comments on particular aspects of the Assessment

Statutory Requirements

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (WFG Act) specifies a number of areas that the assessment must cover. This assessment appears to cover some, but not all, of the statutory requirements contained in the WFG Act.

The assessment is based around the same six community areas that were used in the 2017 well-being assessment. The introduction briefly sets out the community areas and they are occasionally referenced in parts of the assessment; however, we would like to see a lot more analysis broken down by these areas throughout the analysis and any differences or similarities between the community areas highlighted. By assessing the well-being of each community, it gives a better understanding of the diversity of the PSB area, and how the varying characteristics of each community impact on well-being, which in turn, helps determine the priorities. It would also be useful to include more background information on the community areas in the introduction, for example an overview of their key characteristics and features, in order to give the reader a better sense of the area and its geography.

The National Indicators have been referenced throughout the assessment, along with the statutory assessments and reviews which the WFG Act specifies the board must consider when preparing the well-being assessment.

Structure and Format

The assessment follows a very clear structure. We particularly like the way topics are set out under the headings 'strengths and assets', 'changes over time', 'comparisons with other places', 'differences within Swansea', 'perceptions and perspectives', 'future trends and prospects' and 'conclusions and key messages'. Overall, this makes the assessment easy to read and the 'return to contents' function included in the footnote allows easy navigation through the document – something we haven't seen in other assessments.

The introduction provides a good overview of the assessment and how you have approached the various aspects of it. The demographic profile gives the reader a useful insight into the area which is particularly helpful for those who may not be familiar with it.

There is a good use of a range of tables and figures that are clearly explained and signposted throughout the assessment. However, it is important to ensure that they are consistently presented and include a title, an x and y label, and the data source.

One small, but important, observation we noted was that the map and table included on page 10 of the assessment has inconsistent colours, which makes it confusing to read e.g. Bay East is orange on the map, and green in the table. Additionally, it would be helpful if the map could be enlarged to make it easier to read the text and details on the map.

The use of case-studies throughout the assessment is effective to support analyses and highlight key areas of interest.

Finally, you may wish to consider including an overview of what the key issues are for Swansea. This will help the board members as they reflect on what priorities to focus on in the well-being plan.

Engagement

It is clear that the PSB has set out to achieve meaningful engagement and involvement (as detailed in the accompanying annex), which aims to ensure that gaps are identified, seldom-heard voices considered and the perspective of citizens included. It is encouraging that all partners have been involved in the engagement exercise and that there has been collaboration with Neath Port Talbot PSB and West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board. Your upfront acknowledgement of the difficulties with engagement faced as a result of Covid-19 also makes for a more credible assessment.

Balance and Comprehensiveness

The assessment is well-balanced and has been structured into chapters covering the four pillars of well-being. It is noticeable however that social well-being contains the most analysis – despite also acknowledging the evidence gaps in relation to health and social well-being due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is good to see that culture has received a fair amount of focus, following the last round of assessments, where overall it was found that culture wasn't given as much attention as the other three themes.

An analysis of Swansea as a whole is covered, with good comparison with the rest of Wales.

Overall, the assessment is very comprehensive and covers a wide range of areas, which provides a really good starting point for understanding what the issues are.

Reflective and Critical Approach

One of the positive aspects of the assessment is that overall it adopts an honest and reflective approach throughout. Each topic clearly sets out notes on the evidence source, their strengths and limitations, any inconsistencies or contradictions between them, and gaps / further research required. This provides an impressive systematic approach to the chapters and provides real credibility to the assessment.

Quality of Analytical Approach

The assessment draws on a broad range of evidence and data to provide a thorough and comprehensive situation analysis.

In total there were 330 responses to the primary research exercise. Although this is not a huge amount in terms of a quantitative survey, it potentially provides a rich basis for qualitative analysis. Some of the analysis that has been conducted so far is presented quantitatively and with levels of precision (e.g. 40.2% agreed ...) which would imply the survey is representative while this is not necessarily the case. To strengthen the credibility, we would recommend highlighting that the findings cannot be said to be statistically representative of the wider population, and stating that any quantitative findings from the survey should be treated as indicative only of what the wider population might think, and instead focus on the qualitative intelligence gathered from the survey.

We note that further coding and qualitative analysis is being included in the next steps, along with inclusion of illustrative quotations and further breakdowns by

community area / age group etc. This approach is encouraging and we expect it will provide a strong basis for a plan that is informed by local engagement and intelligence gathering, coupled with the higher level quantitative analysis.

The annex outlines in detail the approach taken to the collection and analysis of evidence and data, but it would be useful to include a short methodology section in the main assessment summarising this information and providing some background to the methods used. For example, the assessment usefully draws on data from the National Survey for Wales in several chapters and the 'Perceptions and perspectives' section under Children, Young People and Families on p26 mentions evidence collected from members of Swansea Council's Corporate Parenting Board and Care Experienced Children and Young People since December 2020. It would be useful to provide some additional information on this exercise to emphasise the valuable engagement work that has been undertaken as part of the assessment, and also provide some background information for data sources such as the National Survey.

Overall, the assessment provides a thorough, comprehensive and methodical situation analysis. This can now be strengthened by starting the response analysis ("so what does this all mean for Swansea and the communities within it?") to inform the well-being plan.

Future Trends

Future trends and prospects for Swansea are included as topics throughout the assessment. However, these sections could be strengthened by including more detail on projections and future trends, although we note this is part of your next steps and you will be using the latest Future Trends Report.

In order to strengthen this aspect of the assessment, we would suggest considering the PSB Futures Impact/Certainty Matrix and including this in the introduction or early on in the assessment in order to clearly set out issues that need to be monitored, issues that require further research and issues that are critical and need to be prioritised.

Feedback from other policy areas

Based on the feedback we have received from policy specialists across the Welsh Government, there are some very specific areas which we highlight for your consideration. For example:

- The assessment is silent on Welsh medium childcare although there is a reference to Welsh medium education. It would benefit from further detail of

plans to increase the provision of Welsh medium childcare in the local authority so that there is a clear transition for some children into Welsh medium education.

- The assessment claims to embed poverty at the heart of its policies and this is apparent from the consideration of these issues throughout. It considers employment, living wage, data and digital poverty, child poverty, housing, fuel, race, religion and age as part of the poverty agenda.
- It feels like Swansea have considered the broad range of well-being across the area. Certainly when it comes to the 'early years', they have included strong information about how their work integrates with the broader economic, social and environmental well-being of their communities. And how it compares across the region.
- From a climate change perspective, the assessment is good. It has attempted to look at all aspects of well-being with the environment and climate as a central consideration.
- In terms of crime and policing, the assessment gives a good view of different types of offending behaviours and moreover considers the factors which drive offending behaviour under the 'street vulnerability' heading.

Areas for development

Category A
Category B More attempt to incorporate the response analysis (see 'Quality of Analytical Approach' paragraph). More attempt to compare and contrast the community areas (see 'Statutory Requirements' paragraph). Build on the future trends work by including more projections and consider using the PSB Futures Impact/Certainty Matrix (see Future Trends' paragraph). Review the way results of the primary research are presented and focus more on the qualitative rather than the quantitative findings (see 'Quality of Analytical Approach' paragraph).

Category C

18th March 2022

Dear Councillor Lewis, Chair of Swansea Public Services Board

Well-being Assessment Consultation Response from NRW

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to respond formally to the Swansea Well-being Assessment. In order to provide targeted and co-ordinated support to all of our Public Services Boards, we have arranged our feedback into the following categories:

- (i) Items which are special or significant and distinct to place
- (ii) Assessment and analysis of Environmental Well-being
- (iii) Future trends
- (iv) Application of the Climate Change Risk Assessment for Wales (CCRA3)
- (v) Inequalities between communities and exposure to environmental risk

Beneath each heading we have considered our **recommendations** for the assessment, our **aspirations** for future development of the well-being plan and the NRW **contribution** to all of the above as an integral partner in the Well-being planning process.

The above categories have been drawn from [Welsh Government's Statutory guidance \(SPSF3\)](#) on the collective role of Public Services Boards. NRW will use these categories in combination with the framework for assessing Environmental Well-being provided by [SoNaRR2020](#) to inform all of our consultation responses. Where applicable, we will also draw on local information and evidence gathered as part of our Area Statements. For more information on how we will use this information and that which lies behind the categories listed below **please refer to the attached briefing note: Well-being Planning Framework for Approval**.

NRW will aim to provide formal written feedback on PSB products at three separate intervals during the development of Well-being Plans. This will include this round of **Well-being Assessment consultation**, again following the development of **draft Well-being objectives**, and for one final time during **Well-being plan Consultation**.

Each stage will allow NRW to involve as wide a range of technical specialists as possible within our own organisation. The process will also provide the NRW board with a documented story of Well-being Plan development in each place. This will be invaluable to them at the end of the process when they are looking to sign off each individual Well-being Plan.

Please contact your local PSB rep for information about next steps and NRW involvement.

Yours sincerely

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NRW Well-being Assessment Consultation for Swansea Public Service Board

1. Items which are special or significant and distinct to place

Findings: Meeting Expected

It is clear, particularly through key strategies and commitments supported by well-established as well as emerging / newer partnerships, that Swansea has many strengths and assets to call upon to respond swiftly to the growing challenges of climate change and biodiversity decline, and other environmental risks that impact well-being in Swansea now, and those which are predicted to intensify in future. This is reflected well throughout the document and in all chapters.

Overall, the Environment chapter of the draft Well-being Assessment does well in presenting information, data, and evidence to reflect the significance and value of Swansea's natural environment. However, **reference/s to natural resources** and the risks, impacts and opportunities associated with them **across all well-being dimensions could be more spatially specific** to better reflect important differences, inequalities, and the range of challenges and responses needed. Doing so will better inform and aid subsequent discussions and priority setting, helping ensure resources are committed where they are most needed for a green and just future. If adding this information to the final version of the assessment is not possible within timescales, it would be helpful to note that this will be sought and brought into discussions regards well-being plan objectives and priorities. A particular theme we would encourage the PSB to explore spatially is that of equality of access to and use of high quality, natural green and blue space, and equality of access to active and sustainable travel.

In addition to environmental well-being, our natural assets deliver preventative, cost-effective, and long-term nature-based solutions to some of our most complex social, economic, and cultural needs, e.g., preventative and therapeutic health interventions, and addressing socio-economic inequalities, a regenerative and net-zero economy. 'Integration' is a Topic sub-heading within each chapter and this has helped raise awareness and focus minds on making linkages within / between chapters and topics. It is recommended that the Assessment and evolving well-being planning process looks builds on these high-level linkages to ensure that well-being is considered 'in the round', key cross-cutting themes are identified, and the ground is paved for meaningful collaboration to tackle issues such as transformation of the food, energy, and transportation systems. In the absence of time to fully explore these, it would be helpful for the Assessment to commit the PSB to exploring the opportunities and conflicts / challenges of cross-cutting themes to inform the next phases of the Well-being planning process.

It is particularly heartening to see that young people (in response to a consultation exercise) have as their number one priority, ‘Protecting the Environment and Green Spaces’ (ref *Social Chapter, Listening to Children and Young People: Perceptions and Perspectives*); it will be paramount to ensure these conversations are continued with support for YP to be involved in decision-making about their future in Swansea particularly around this theme. Perhaps the PSB’s Human Rights City Steering Group may be in a position to take this forward?

If timings allow, it would be good to include any feedback from NRW and WG’s Natur a Ni project that has been received from people living / working in Swansea. We will be happy to coordinate this with our colleagues.

Recommendations for the Assessment	Aspirations for future Well-being Plan development	NRW Contributions
<p>Page 105</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set the scene and give important context from the start of this key assessment, and as Swansea’s outstanding natural environment is a major part of the county’s identity and a big draw to visitors, a ‘Place Profile’ giving a more detailed overview of landscape and natural assets could be added following the ‘Demographic Profile’ chapter that is already included. <i>NRW is happy to provide draft text for this – see Appendix A.</i> In the Cultural chapter, page 197, it is noted that, “Swansea’s key strength is its unique mix of city, coast and country offer within one destination. With award winning and globally recognised beaches, parks with green flag status and Britain’s first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it is important to recognise the vital role the natural environment plays in boosting residents and visitors wellbeing.” <p>Recommendation: The above statement to acknowledge that Swansea’s natural resources and resilience are at risk from overuse, the climate and nature emergencies, and these risks are likely to become more challenging to</p>	<p>As we move forwards into the well-being planning phase the assessment provides a good basis for PSB partners to consider in greater depth the factors and cross-cutting issues which are distinct to Swansea including the direct reliance on natural assets. Doing so will help us ensure the risks to and opportunities for our natural resources are recognised and better understood by stakeholders, and their maintenance, management, improvement and / or protection be appropriately resourced to improve the wellbeing of current as well as future generations.</p> <p>Linkages to be explored with NPT (and other?) PSBs, and within the context of the economically and culturally significant Swansea Bay City Region. The current joint consultancy exercise between Swansea and NPT may provide a good</p>	<p>NRW has offered the PSB an opportunity to be involved in hosting a focus group to jointly explore what citizens want for the future of the natural environment and the actions we can all take to safeguard it. This would form part of the national conversation (Natur a Ni / Nature and Us) being hosted by NRW with support from Welsh Government. The results of this focus group, together with the outputs from the national conversation specific to your PSB area, can be woven into longer-term planning through the development of the Well-being Plan.”</p> <p>Please contact NaturaNi@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk for more information about this offer. This is a central team who will work closely with your regional contacts to ensure that we</p>

<p>address if not done so now, impacting the sustainability of the tourism offer and benefits to local economic wellbeing.</p>	<p>opportunity for this exploring links between these two areas.</p>	<p>are complementing and not diverting resources away from ongoing activity.</p> <p>Contact has been made with the Natur a Ni team, and participants invited from Swansea, with some further activity planned. Results from conversations in Swansea will be shared with the PSB in due course.</p>
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2. Assessment and analysis of Environmental Well-being

<p>Page 106 Findings: Meeting expected</p> <p>The Environment chapter provides a good summation of local and national data and evidence as they relate to environmental well-being in Swansea, and this detail is reinforced by remarks relating to climate change and natural resources throughout other chapters. For example, the positive reference to beaches and parks / green space as important natural assets for cultural and economic well-being, particularly tourism, but also as an amenity that innately enhances well-being. However, this could be strengthened by considering the risks / challenges and future trends for these assets and knock-on effects (the ‘so what?’) for longer-term and sustainable cultural and economic well-being.</p> <p>Data sets are contextualised by using corresponding and complementary evidence from a range of sources including Water Framework Directive data, Climate Change Risk Assessment 3 (CCRA3) report, information and data on SINC condition, Local Nature Recovery Action Plan data and evidence, SW Area Statement, and SoNaRR 2020. Although use of this evidence is, in the main, limited to the Environment chapter, it should be noted that the findings of these key reports, particularly SoNaRR, CCRA3, and Area Statements are relevant to all aspects of well-being.</p> <p>As well as details on current and planned regeneration / development activity in Swansea, references to natural resources, in particular to climate change, decarbonisation, and green infrastructure, are made in the Economic chapter. In the next phase of the well-being planning process, this discussion could perhaps go further and ask itself the ‘so what’ question - what / how the the programme of regeneration will, for example, embed and respond to the need to adapt and mitigate for climate change in the longer-term, including implications for flood risk areas, and enabling active and sustainable travel into the city centre and other key employment hubs, attractions, and facilities.</p>
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High-level linkages are made between environmental and other dimensions of well-being in all chapters, which help highlight further discussions around opportunity for cross-partner collaborations.

It is noted that the Environment chapter rightly states the **climate and nature emergencies as being interwoven** and that they must be addressed together, and reference to this is made throughout the chapter. The assessment also includes information on the risks to environmental well-being, including competing land use, habitat loss and degradation, climate change, water quality and quantity, etc. The risks are multiple and relevant to all other dimensions of well-being. A broader and more integrated analysis of the social and economic drivers of sustainable natural resource management (aims three and four of SoNaRR2020) would be beneficial to make sure the PSB is **tackling the root cause of issues that are driving unsustainable management**.

Due to the acknowledged gap on (mental and physical) health in the Social section, there has not been opportunity to identify and discuss the **significant links between health and natural resources**, particularly active travel, air and water quality, access to green and blue space, flood risk, GI, etc... although there is mention of these associations within topics under the Environment chapter. We would welcome opportunity to work with PSB partners to input to health topics and / or **provide some narrative to acknowledge these important links** and commit to exploring them in the development of objective and priority setting for the Well-being Plan.

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Recommendations	Aspirations	NRW Contributions
<p>Include narrative and refs to case studies / relevant research and policy on links between health and natural resources, and nature-based solutions for health and well-being.</p>	<p>Since the last round of Well-being planning, there have been a number of significant shifts in public discussion and understanding in relation to the environment, climate change, and natural resources in Wales. The overwhelming message from SoNaRR is that societal transformation is needed in the Food, Energy and Mobility systems, which are referred to within the assessment. The connections between all four dimensions of well-being are being made apparent in the playing out of everyday events, writ large during Covid and, now, with fuel, energy, and food supply and pricing being impacted, and recent inflation not seen for decades. So, it is important to consider environmental well-being in this integrated way so that we can ensure we are acting for the longer term and tackling the root cause of issues that are contributing towards the climate and nature emergencies.</p>	<p>Depending on the interest of PSB partners, NRW would welcome the opportunity to develop our shared understanding of how collective interventions may shape transformation in the food, energy and transport systems as recommended by SoNaRR2020. For an introductory overview please see:</p>

	<p>Accompanying this is an increasing appreciation of the need for co-ordinated public sector responses. As the Public Services Board moves from well-being assessment and into the response analysis phase, it will be important to identify how collaborative public sector working can drive transformation in the food, energy and transport sectors and identify what levers we have locally that can help shape and drive this transformation for the benefit of current and future generations.</p>	<p>SoNaRR2020 Main messages Video - Welsh subtitles</p>
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3. Future Trends

<p>Findings: Meeting expected</p> <p>Under the 'Future Trends' sub-heading in each topic section, reference to future trends is made throughout the document indicating that consideration of them and their potential impact on well-being in Swansea has been made. The Environment chapter does this well particularly with reference to, and within the context of, the inherently longer timescales and timelags associated with climate change and biodiversity decline, and where there is much research and policy to refer to. However, in some other sections the draft narrative could be strengthened by analysing the implications of the findings of the Future Trends Wales report to greater depth.</p> <p>As part of the response analysis and ongoing discussions leading to the next stage of the well-being planning process, it may be helpful to draw out common 'challenges' or risks that should be addressed collectively through a futures thinking exercise, which may help to identify joint priorities and objectives for the next well-being plan. Greater detail from more in-depth consultation and engagement with partners and stakeholders about potential future scenarios should provide additional, and in some cases more meaningful, insights as to how PSB partners could respond to any of the predicted future trends.</p> <p>NRW would like to work with PSB partners to jointly review the future trend analysis over the remainder of the well-being planning process.</p>		
<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>Aspirations</p>	<p>NRW Contributions</p>

<p>With reference to Future Trends Wales report, build-on the draft narrative to draw out and add details across chapters / topics, as are relevant to Swansea.</p>	<p>As the PSB moves forward into response analysis it will be important to make sure that we work extensively with a wide range of partners and stakeholders to collaborate and co-produce an analysis of the “possible” future trends and their potential impact on Swansea.</p> <p>This work should include demonstrating the use of multiple relevant futures resources such as Go-Science UK trend deck, Future Trends Wales Report, plus things like private sector scenarios and other sources as needed. NRW would like to support the PSB to use future trends tools and resources to produce multiple scenarios and/or options for delivery. This work should help inform ongoing decision making at the PSB.</p>	<p>NRW would like to offer to run a ‘Three Horizons’ workshop, to help support the incorporation of future trends into the next phase of well-being planning.</p>
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4. Application of the Climate Change Risk Assessment for Wales (CCRA3)

<p>Findings: Meeting Expected</p> <p>Climate change, and associated risks or impacts, is mentioned many times throughout the document, and there is important acknowledgement that both the Climate and Nature Emergencies are inter-related challenges which cannot be tackled in isolation.</p> <p>The assessment contains narrative on climate change risk and impacts at a high-level, although does detail those communities at a greater level of flood risk. There is opportunity and need to enhance this assessment and its usefulness in informing further discussions through more detailed assessment of potential impacts on key assets, including infrastructure, protected areas/habitats, and communities. This could be done by identifying, as relevant across all four well-being dimensions, those risks which the Climate Change Risk Assessment 3 (CCRA3) Welsh summary report lists as high magnitude and requiring action now, and what they mean for specific communities and aspects of well-being.</p>		
<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>Aspirations</p>	<p>NRW Contributions</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include in the document, where most relevant, responses regards climate change that were received through well-being assessment survey, engagement activities, and consultation, particularly lived experience. • Add / update narrative with reference to the latest findings of the IPCC 6th Assessment report: <i>“The cumulative scientific evidence is unequivocal: Climate change is a threat to human well-being and planetary health. Any further delay in concerted anticipatory global action on adaptation and mitigation will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all.”</i> IPCC Sixth Assessment Report, 2022 <p>It is recommended to also refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Climate and Nature charter • The work Swansea Council is leading, with support from SEF and the WWN task group, and how this work will help to get a fuller picture of how identified impacts will be addressed, and how current policies and strategies link to the ability to manage risks. • It may be that the above warrants the addition of a climate change topic although, ideally, this should be addressed across and by all dimensions of well-being. 	<p>As the PSB moves forward into response analysis it will be important to undertake analysis (even if only qualitative) of all the CCRA3 risks relevant to the PSB area, and to better understand the degree to which they are already recognised and mitigated. Any place specific local risks should be identified.</p> <p>The PSB should detail potential impacts on communities and infrastructure along with impacts on habitats. To do this, it will be important to set out risk management approaches and opportunities to adapt to risks, such as opportunities for nature-based solutions to support coastal adaptation. The PSB should also set out opportunities for engagement with affected communities to enable delivery of the measures or at least to develop an approach for this.</p> <p>For all those risks relevant Swansea a prioritisation exercise should be undertaken to identify those requiring urgent action as informed by the CCRA3 risk classification i.e., more action needed/further investigation/sustain current action/watching brief. (This will require an assessment of the degree to which current policy and practice along with any existing adaptation and risk management measures are able to manage those risks.)</p>	<p>NRW would like to support the PSB to analyse climate risks and opportunities as they relate specifically to Swansea.</p> <p>NRW would also like to continue to support and actively participate in development and subsequent delivery of a climate strategy for Swansea.</p>
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5. Inequalities between communities and exposure to environmental risk

Findings: Developing

The well-being assessment explores inequalities between different demographic groups and communities in Swansea mainly from a social and economic perspective. Although this provides critically important insights, environmental inequalities resulting from different levels of exposure to environmental risks are only partially addressed. The links between all well-being dimensions and their causal relationships on inequalities are not fully considered and therefore remain unclear. **A more integrated perspective and understanding of this topic should be developed as this would generate valuable additional insights.**

Recommendations	Aspirations	NRW Contributions
<p>Refer to and include, where relevant, findings and recommendations from the FGC for Wales report: Inequality in a Future Wales: Areas for action in work, climate and demographic change.</p> <p>This may help highlight priority areas (topical, soci-economic, spatial) in Swansea for further discussion.</p>	<p>As the PSB moves forward into response analysis it will be important to identify environmental and socio-economic inequalities between and within communities. This would include reference to specific communities which are more vulnerable to environmental risks and hazards. This includes but is not limited to flood risk, poor air quality, noise pollution, water quality (water supply and bathing waters: public health impact) and INNS (public health impact).</p> <p>The PSB should work together to evidence an understanding and analysis of the socio-economic demographics of the communities within Swansea, e.g., poor water quality areas should be</p>	<p>NRW would like to support the PSB to develop a more integrated understanding of inequalities in Swansea and to explore nature-based solutions to alleviate certain aspects and manifestations of inequalities. Our support could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online training webinar to support PSB to link health, education, and nature. • NRW Health Impact Assessment (HIA) guidance and tools to support integrated thinking about natural resources and health, for example a training session on Wider Determinants of Health and outline of HIA with focus on environment. • Use of the Welsh Information for Nature-based Solutions' (WINS) data and maps to identify priority areas for nature-based solutions to air quality, pluvial flooding, noise pollution and

	<p>identifying the socio-economic impacts on people and communities.</p> <p>Further data sets such as the Welsh Information for Nature-based Solutions could also be referenced to highlight some of the potential opportunities to tackle inequalities arising from different levels of exposure to environmental risks and benefits within the PSB area</p>	<p>access to green space. This data combines environmental mapping, population density and deprivation to identify priority areas for nature-based solutions. It is a good example of how to tackle health and wider inequalities.</p>
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Please also see Appendix A for further suggestions of text amendments or additions that may enable the relevant linkages and cross references across chapters/themes.

Appendix A

- Proposed text for section on Swansea's landscape following 'Demographic Profile' on page10.

The Gower peninsula is renowned for its scenic quality, particularly the coastline and prominent open hills such as Rhossili Down and Cefn Bryn, its attractive sea and coastal views and strong sense of place. A large part is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the UK's first. The Swansea area has spectacular geology and geomorphology, which is internationally important, with 20 geological Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), 9 regionally important geological and geomorphological sites (RIGs) and more. The well-visited south Gower coast is indented, with rocky cliffs, headlands and sandy bays backed by dunes; the coastline of north Gower is noted for its broad estuarine marshes, part of the internationally important Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation and boasts views across the Loughor estuary. Inland Gower has open rolling farmland fields and hedges with picturesque and tranquil rural villages. Historic interest is evident throughout rural Gower, including the medieval field system of the Vile at Rhossili and prehistoric features of the uplands. Gower is extremely important for coastal recreation, including surfing, sailing, and swimming and for walking along the coast and uplands. Tourism, in particular camping and caravan parks feature strongly. Around the edges of Swansea, commons, small wooded valleys and farmland provide opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding. Crymlyn Bog is a nationally important nature reserve, and parkland and forest at Penllergaer provide informal recreation. Away from the M4 corridor, these areas can be peaceful. Mumbles Head and the sweeping beach of Swansea Bay define the city's coast and provide the focus for coastal recreation, walking and cycling routes. Open upland rolling hills and valleys dominate the northern part of the area, with extensive views over Carmarthenshire and the Black Mountain. The uplands are also important areas for recreation. Settlements, woodland, and pasture dominate the valleys, which are important routes for walking and cycling, often associated with historic infrastructure such as canals and disused railways as in the Tawe Valley.

- Recommended adjustments in Cultural chapter:

In the Cultural chapter, page 197, it is noted that, "Swansea's key strength is its unique mix of city, coast and country offer within one destination. With award winning and globally recognised beaches, parks with green flag status and Britain's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it is important to recognise the vital role the natural environment plays in boosting residents and visitors wellbeing."

Recommendation: The above statement to acknowledge that Swansea's natural resources and resilience are at risk from overuse, the climate and nature emergencies, and these risks are likely to become more challenging to address if not done so now, impacting the sustainability of the tourism offer and benefits to local economic wellbeing.

Climate Change – Cultural Heritage

The effects of Climate change will be felt across society, including by our built and tangible heritage assets. The relevant risks and opportunities are outlined in the third UK Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA3).

The main current risks to cultural heritage relate to extreme weather fluctuations including increasing temperatures (heatwaves or fires), precipitation and flooding, coastal processes, and from unintended consequences of climate mitigation and adaptation measures within the heritage sector and across other sectors. In particular, coastal heritage sites are at threat from a combination of hazards; sea level rise leading to increased flooding and coastal erosion; driving rain and landscape character changes.

Examples of how climate related pressures impact heritage assets include waterlogging of archaeological sites, damp problems and water ingress issues at historic properties, changes in groundwater levels affecting historic gardens, new pest species threatening heritage landscapes, damage to assets caused by wildfires and flooding and heat risks to collections and archives. It is important that we are of these risks and put in place preventative measures to protect our heritage assets where we can.

However, it is inevitable that we will not be able to save all our assets. Risk management of cultural heritage sites may need to include consultation and engagement with affected communities to accept inevitable loss of heritage sites to climate change hazards.

While our cultural heritage faces large risk from climate change, there are some potential opportunities for cultural heritage through the indirect effects of climate change, such as rising temperatures leading to increased visitor footfall and boosting the local economy.

Although we must also recognise that increased visitors can also lead to erosion of heritage sites.

- Recommended additional narrative for Economic chapter:

Circular Economy and Covid 19

We know that in Wales we are not using our natural resources sustainably. If everyone consumed the same amount of resources as we do in Wales, then we would need two and a half planets to support us. The consequences of this overshoot are already being felt in the shape of climate change and biodiversity decline. In response, the Welsh Government has set out its ambitions for a circular economy, supporting a green and just recovery, in its [Beyond Recycling](#) strategy.

A circular economy keeps resources and materials in use for as long as possible and avoids all waste. This will mean moving away from a 'linear economy' which assumes a constant supply of natural resources or the take-make-use-dispose culture based on the extraction of resources, the production of goods and services, and the disposal of post-consumer waste.

The circular economy offers an approach which can work to reduce consumption. Taking a circular economy approach is a key pillar of a green and just recovery, helping not only to address the climate and nature crisis, but also driving better and more equitable economic outcomes for Wales.

We already have a strong foundation for a circular economy here in Wales, with a strong track record in recycling. Wales is a world leader when it comes to recycling and is currently ranked third best in the world. The Welsh Government's £1 billion investment since devolution in household recycling has helped see recycling rates increase from just 4.8% in 1998-1999, to over 65% in 2020-21. This high rate of household recycling in Wales saves over 400,000 tonnes of CO2 per year from being released into the atmosphere and is a key contribution to tackling the climate and nature emergencies.

We have learned a lot through the Covid-19 pandemic, our recovery from which represents a once in a generation opportunity to reset our individual and collective values and priorities, realigning them with those required to create a more sustainable future. The consensus across Wales, UK, Europe and beyond is that recovery from Covid-19 must address the underlying nature and climate emergencies. The calls for individuals, businesses, governments and global institutions to refocus and accelerate the response to the pandemic along a pathway which both restores nature and decarbonises our economy have been increasing in strength. This integrated approach would consider nature and climate together as the foundation of economic, social and political renewal and regeneration in Wales, reflecting the focus of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

It would be helpful also to include reference to the suite of projects under Swansea Bay City Deal that contribute to the low carbon / net zero ambitions of the region, in particular Homes as Power Stations, Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth, Skills and Talent.