

Public Services Board (Partnership) - 17 July 2018

Swansea's Assessment of Local Well-being: 2018 Update

Purpose: The PSB Research Group propose that a 2018

Link to Well-being Objective:

No specific objective

update should take the form of a paper focusing on responses to the 2017 well-being assessment consultation – the 'R' proposals within Annex 6. This report includes the 2018 Update paper as

Appendix A.

Recommendation(s): It is recommended that:

1) The Board note the report.

2) The update paper (and its Welsh translation) be added to the assessment web page www.swansea.gov.uk/psbassessment

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Swansea's Assessment of Local Well-being was approved by the Board in April 2017. This partnership document provided the evidence base for the outcomes and drivers of well-being in Swansea, and later helped the Board identify a small number of objectives for its Well-being Plan (approved in May 2018).
- 1.2 However, the assessment (page 7) noted "...there is still a great deal of further work to be done. There is plenty of scope for the assessment to be improved and a number of issues raised in the consultation that we could not address at this stage. Some gaps in the evidence have also been identified and these will need to be considered either locally or nationally. For this reason a further update is planned for 12 months' time and the Research Group will be working on a number of these issues in the meantime."

2. Approach to the 2018 Update

2.1 Discussions at recent Research Group meetings concluded that a 2018 update should not be a general, full-scale review of the assessment's evidence base – in part due to partner resources, but also because the structure of the documents (in terms of outcomes/objectives and drivers) changed between the Well-being Assessment (2017) and Plan (2018).

- 2.2 Instead, the Group agreed that the 2018 assessment update should take the form of a shorter report focusing on responses to the proposals identified in the 2017 consultation, namely the 'R' proposals listed within assessment Annex 6 "Research Group to consider this issue as part of the development of the assessment in 2017/2018". An initial draft of this Update was tabled at the latest Research Group meeting (7 June).
- 2.3 The attached Appendix A Swansea's Assessment of Local Well-being: 2018 Update consists of a high-level introduction and overall summary, followed by the 'R' proposals listed in a two-column table. The right-side column summarises the progress and/or response from the Research Group to each 2017 consultation proposal (left column).

3. Next steps/ Actions

3.1 The Research Group will continue to develop the evidence base behind the assessment, in light of the revised objectives and steps/actions included in the Well-being Plan, as it moves towards the development of a Well-being Measurement Framework and the next assessment (2022).

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Appendices:

Appendix A – Swansea's Assessment of Local Well-being: 2018 Update