



Public Services Board Joint Committee – 10 February 2022

Assessment of Local Well-being 2022 update

Purpose: To set out recent developments in the Swansea Assessment of Local Well-being 2022

Link to Well-being

Objective: Cross cutting

Recommendation(s): It is recommended that:

- 1) The Joint Committee note the report, including recent progress, the future timetable and the regional analysis commission.
- 2) The Joint Committee approve the draft Assessment of Local Well-being 2022 for consultation.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 specifies that the next assessments of local well-being in Wales should be published by 5 May 2022.
- 1.2 Previous update reports have been provided to the Joint Committee on 15 October 2020, 11 February, 8 April, 17 June and 21 October 2021 – link to latest report: <https://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=9241&x=1&LLL=0>.
- 1.3 Due to the cancellation of the last Joint Committee meeting, a further update was circulated by email in December 2021. This report provided committee members with an update on progress, discussed options for the approval of the draft assessment ahead of the consultation period, and asked for partner's views on formats and accessibility.

2. Recent developments

- 2.1 The following has occurred since the last Joint Committee meeting (Oct-21):
- 2.2 The Swansea PSB Assessment Editorial Group has continued to develop the assessment by collating and editing content based on the four strands or dimensions of well-being – social, economic, environmental and cultural. The

group includes (nominated) representatives from the four statutory partner organisations (Council, NRW, Fire and Rescue Service, Health Board).

- 2.3 Via four strand-based groups, content has been drafted around identified 'key' or 'associated' topics within each well-being dimension. The Editorial Group has since developed the chapters into the main draft assessment document, which (at time of writing, 2 February) is being brought together and translated.
- 2.4 As previously noted, resource-related issues (primarily arising from the ongoing effects of the pandemic) have continued to impact the development of the assessment. This will have affected the Health Board in particular (e.g. for the Physical Health and Mental Health topics in Social well-being), although other organisations and Council services have also experienced difficulties due to current circumstances and pressures affecting capacity and commitment.
- 2.5 As outlined in the December update report, time pressures didn't allow a separate window for the Board to consider and approve the draft assessment ahead of the necessary translation work. Subsequently the draft was circulated to the Joint Committee's statutory partner representatives for approval, or for any required changes to be specified, by 31 January. In this way, suggested improvements to the draft assessment could have been considered and included, and translated, ahead of the proposed consultation start date.
- 2.6 No specific comments or suggestions came from the partners during this time. However, the further detailed views of statutory partners, invited participants, statutory consultees (as listed in the WFG Act) and the wider PSB partnership, together with the general public and other organisations, will also be actively sought and encouraged during the formal consultation period.

3 Timetable and analysis brief

- 3.1 In summary, the remaining stages and dates of the assessment timetable are:
 - by 9 February 2022: return of main commissioned translations
 - to 11 February: further refinement and associated translation
 - asap w/b 14 February: scheduled commencement of consultation on draft assessment – public and statutory consultees (up to 5 weeks)
 - February-March 2022: analysis chapter commission – see 3.2 below
 - 18 March: close of consultation (ahead of pre-election period start)
 - 21-30 March: consideration of consultation responses and actions
 - 1-30 April: post-consultation amendments, follow-up and translation
 - 5 May 2022: statutory deadline for final publication of assessment.
- 3.2 As noted above (3.1), as part of ongoing regional collaboration, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea PSBs have commissioned Swansea University to undertake a research project which aims to better understand the well-being data and evidence collected in the assessments to create an additional chapter for each area. The following extract from the project brief (funded by the current year's regional WG grant for PSBs) outlines the main objectives of this commission:

- To draw out the key implications and messages (the 'so what') from the draft well-being assessments.
- To analyse information collected and define what this means in practical terms for Neath Port Talbot/Swansea.
- To pull together and link the social, economic, environmental and cultural chapters from the well-being assessments into an overall analysis for each locality (NPT and Swansea).
- To bring out the key links between topics and dimensions within the well-being assessments and their implications across the other dimensions of well-being.

The University's work on this commission will soon be underway with ongoing steer and input from our editorial group. Whilst the resulting chapter will not be available for the start of our consultation period, it is envisaged that this work will be included in the final assessment documents for May 2022 as part of our initial 'response analysis' and to serve as an initial 'bridge' towards the Well-being Plan in May 2023.

4. Next steps / actions

- 4.1 The Joint Committee note the report, including recent progress, the future timetable and the regional analysis commission.
- 4.2 The Joint Committee approve the draft Assessment of Local Well-being 2022 for consultation. This will be a further refinement of the version previously circulated. The latest draft version will be sent to Joint Committee members under separate cover before this meeting (10 February), and ahead of the proposed formal consultation start.

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