

Report of the Swansea PSB, Chris Sivers

PSB Scrutiny Panel, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

# Swansea Public Service Board Draft Local Well-being Plan

Purpose:	Introduce the Swansea Public Service Board draft Local Well-being Plan to PSB Scrutiny and Performance Panel	
Content:	Draft Local Well-being Plan	
Councillors are being asked to:	Review the draft Plan and feedback any comments or suggestions.	
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## 1. Background

- 1.1 Swansea Public Service Board is required by the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 to: *"improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area by contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals"* (Part 4, Chapter 2: 36 of the Act). In contributing to the achievement of the goals the Public Service Board must assess the state of economic, social environmental and cultural well-being, and set local objectives designed to maximise contribution to achieving the goals.
- 1.2 **Assessment of Local Well-being** The duty to assess the state of wellbeing is discharged via the Assessment of Local Well-being. Swansea Public Service Board published their first Assessment of Local Wellbeing in May 2017.
- 1.3 **Local Well-being Plan** The duty to set local well-being objectives and steps to achieve the objectives is discharged through the production of a Local Well-being Plan. The Public Service Bard needs to agree a set of well-being objectives by May 2018. These objectives,

and the steps to implement them, will be the central feature of the Local Well-being Plan for Swansea, and should reflect where the board has decided that <u>collective action</u> can be taken to have a positive impact on the state of well-being in the area.

### 2. Phase 1 - Development of the Plan

- 2.1 The methodology for developing the plan is illustrated in Appendix A Process Plan Graphic.
- 2.2 During June and July 2017 Netherwood Sustainable Futures was commissioned by the PSB to design and run an involvement process to identify priorities for collective action from which the draft Local Wellbeing Objectives could be refined. The workshops explored:
  - potential strategic priorities for the PSB,
  - the level of ambition of the PSB,
  - areas of work where collective action by the PSB would add value to existing approaches,
  - key issues emerging from the well-being assessment,
  - work of key stakeholders which might inform objective setting,
- 2.3 During the workshops PSB member leadership, representatives from Swansea's public services, the community and voluntary sector and citizens used foresighting as a means to identify long term future trends of significance to Swansea. Informed by the Local Well-being Assessment, lived experience and expert participants strategic priorities were identified and the collective action required to achieve them considered.
- 2.4 This process identified ten key themes (Table 1) which were further scrutinized by the Public Service Board's Planning Group to understand how collective work in the PSB can best add value under each theme, and to identify a specific objectives to describe this activity.

Theme	Description
Pride and Belonging	Developing a sense of pride with Swansea's communities and citizens.
City Deal and Infrastructure	Making the most of City Deal for Swansea's citizens and co-ordinated approach to planning Swansea's infrastructure
Early Years Development	Co-ordinating approaches to preventative work across Swansea
Community Cohesion	Developing cohesive (and resilient) communities across Swansea
Social Capital and Behaviour	Understanding and building on

Change	Swansea's social capital and developing self- reliance for Swansea's citizens and communities
Ageing Well	Supporting people to plan for the future through the life course
Climate Resilience and Carbon Reduction	Working on climate resilience for vulnerable communities and developing low carbon infrastructure
Housing	Co-ordinated approach to appropriate housing for all.
Biodiversity	Co-ordinated approach to enhancing biodiversity
How we work collectively (joint working, learning about each other and giving the community a voice)	Understanding what partners offer, hearing the community's voice and identifying where collective action can make the most difference

Table 1: Themes identified during the workshops in June and July

- 2.5 Using this process the following four draft well-being objectives were identified and agreed in August:
  - 1 Early Years: To ensure that children have the best start in life to be the best they can be,
  - 2 Live Well, Age Well: To make Swansea a great place to live and age well,
  - 3 Working with Nature: To improve health, enhance biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint,
  - 4 Strong Communities: To empower communities promoting pride and belonging.
- 2.6 While the City Deal and Housing represent significant opportunities for change, both already benefit from strong governance arrangements and delivery mechanisms and represent cross cutting themes impacting several Local Well-being Objectives. It was therefore agreed that both were best discharged at programme / organisational level rather than by the PSB.
- 2.7 Between July and October the Public Service Board entered the 14 week engagement with the Future Generations Commissioner (25<sup>th</sup> July 31<sup>st</sup> October), the period of '2 way conversation' between the Board and the Commissioner's Office during which time the Office provided the Board with support, and advice on the shaping of the Plan.
- 2.8 During September and October the Planning Group developed the draft Plan, using the contributions of participants from the Phase 1 workshops, evidence from the Local Assessment of Well-being and stakeholder task and finish groups. A Driver Diagrams approach identified primary and secondary drivers.

2.9 The Plan has been written for the whole of Swansea, keeping the focus accessible and language non-technical.

### 3. Phase 3 - Consultation

- 3.1 The consultation period runs from 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 to the 13th February 2018. During this period the Public Service Board aims to engage as widely as possible across the County with stakeholders, residents and communities. This will be achieved via a formal consultation process hosted by Swansea Council, engagement with statutory consultees and by all the Public Service Board Partners engaging with their forums, networks, service uses and other stakeholders. Engagement will focus on:
  - asking if the Public Service Board has chosen the right objectives,
  - discussing what steps need to be taken to archive the objectives,
  - discussing how stakeholders can be involved in delivering the objectives

to ensure we have got the Plan right for the city and county of Swansea.

- 3.2 In refining the objectives and developing the steps the Board will also start to build an understanding of the impact of trends on future communities and citizens, identify data gaps and the contribution each Objective will make to the seven goals and the five ways of working.
- 3.4 In order to ensure support this 'Team Swansea' approach, the PSB has agreed an Engagement Plan. A training day for Partners and other stakeholders will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December where 'key' messages for the consultation period will be agreed and consultation tools shared.
- 3.5 Following the completion of the consultation period on the 13<sup>th</sup> February all the comments and recommendations will be analysed and the final Plan produced. The Local Well-being Plan will then need to be agreed and published by the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

#### Background papers: draft Well-being Plan

**Appendices:** Appendix A – Methodology for developing the Plan