



Report of the Leader

Council – 26 April 2018

Swansea Public Services Board Local Well-being Plan – Working Together for a Better Future

Purpose:	To approve Swansea Public Service Board's Local Well-being Plan, this includes Local Well-Being Objectives and the steps the Partnership will take to achieve them as set out within the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and statutory guidance.
Policy Framework:	The Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The Swansea Public Services Board Local Well-being Plan is approved.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report requests approval for the Public Services Board's Local Well-being Plan. As a statutory member of the Swansea Public Service Board the Council needs to approve the Swansea Local Well-Being Plan before the Public Services Board can give final agreement to publish the Plan.
- 1.2 This report sets out the legal requirements met by the Plan, the methodology used, the consultation and engagement process employed and key elements of the Plan including next steps and how it informs and

is informed by the well-being Plans of individual public bodies including the Council.

2. Legal Context

- 2.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) 2015 Act (WFG Act) and the statutory guidance Shared Purpose: Shared Future sets out a well-being duty to be met by individual public bodies such as Swansea Council (how this is discharged is set out in Swansea Council's Corporate (well-being) Plan). The WFG Act also sets out a collective well-being duty to be discharged via Public Services Boards. These are distinct but complementary duties.
- 2.2 The Local Well-being Plan identifies Local Well-being Objectives which set priorities for collective action to be taken forward by one or more of the Public Services Board's partners. It also sets out steps to achieve these objectives and how they maximise contribution to the national well-being goals in line with the WFG Act's five ways of working. The actions underpinning these steps and who will deliver them will be set out in an Action following the Plan's publication.
- 2.3 Swansea Council is one of four statutory members of the Public Services Board. The Local Well-being Plan has been approved by representatives of all statutory members collectively at Core Group. It now has to be approved by each statutory member's decision making body before publication on 3rd May 2018.
- 2.4 Statutory Guidance also reminds public bodies that when reviewing their own Well-being objectives as part of annual reporting that 'there is an opportunity to align their well-being objectives with those of the Public Service Board, if a public body so wishes'.

3. The Methodology

- 3.1 The development of the Well-being plan took into account both the National Principles of Public Engagement in Wales and Children and Young People's Participation Standards. This placed an emphasis on involvement with citizens, staff and leaders throughout the development of the Plan.
- 3.2 The Plan took into account matters raised in the Assessment of Local Well-being 2017, Welsh Government's Future Trends Report, Western Bay Population Assessment and Area Plan. In addition, experts and the lived experience of citizens and service users were considered as part of the involvement process.
- 3.3 The involvement process was delivered in three distinct phases. The first began with a blank sheet in 2017 and engaged citizens, leaders, managers etc. in foresighting workshops to identify the Swansea we want for the future and the priorities to address in order to achieve this vision. The next

phase distilled ten themes identified in Phase 1 into 4 objectives through further discussion and technical consultation. The final Phase of formal consultation used the extensive networks of all PSB Partners to consult with stakeholders in the way most suited to them.

- 3.4 Activities led by Swansea Council included an online survey, public and staff workshops, PR, social media, engagement via Councillors and engagement with the public including schools, community groups etc. via services.

4. Report Structure and Contents

- 4.1 The Plan is structured around four Well-being Objectives and a cross cutting theme. It starts by setting out the background of the Public Service Board, challenges and opportunities facing Swansea and WFG Act. It later also sets out how the Plan was developed, future trends impacting the Plan, key themes from the Assessment of Well-being and how people and organisations were involved.

- 4.2 The Plan then addresses each of the Well-being Objectives in turn. It sets out the background context, what is needed to drive change in the form of driver diagrams, the well-being objective and Steps necessary to deliver it in the short, medium and long term. The Plan then sets out how each objective maximises contribution and aligns with the WFG Act's five ways of working.

- 4.3 Finally the Plan looks at how connections are made between objectives. It also identifies the next step being the agreement of a detailed Action Plan.

5. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 5.1 A full EIA report has been completed and is attached as an appendix.

- 5.2 The Local Well-being Plan exists to improve the well-being of all Swansea's population in its diversity. The Plan was written by and consultation undertaken by the Public Service Board partners which represent the public, private and third sector. This means that the reach of the consultation process was extensive with each partner using the most appropriate means to reach out to their service users and stakeholders. This resulted in many equality groups being engaged. Prior to formal consultation, citizens, staff and leaders were all engaged in initially determining the focus of the Plan and later how the plan developed. This involvement process was iterative and involved numerous workshops as the Plan evolved in addition to a formal consultation period.

- 5.3 The Plan is based on evidence identified by an Assessment of Local Well-being. This and other sources provided a detailed understanding of people and how they are impacted by the Plan. Some gaps have been identified and will be actively addressed in future research. The Plan explicitly

contains actions designed to tackle poverty, address inequalities and promote a co-productive approach across agencies in Swansea.

5.4 The plan addresses the promotion of Welsh culture and language within the objective aimed at building Strong Communities. We will ensure the development and delivery of the action plan aligns with the Welsh Language Measure's requirements.

5.5 The Local Well-being Plan was developed taking into account the National Standards for Public Engagement and the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Swansea Public service Board has committed to the adoption of both approaches.

5.6 The EIA resulted in the identification of the following key outcomes:

- The development of an Action Plan to implement the Local Well-being Plan will be actively informed by the consultation feedback specifically those comments relating to ideas for action. Further EIA's may be required on activities within the action plan.
- In the future development of the Plan and the production of future Assessments of Local Well-being we will widen our understanding of Service uses to include the breadth listed in Section 2 of the EIA.
- All future actions will ensure that children's specific well-being needs continue to be considered in the development and production of Action Plans, and that children's rights are recognised and visible across the process.
- The PSB will continue to ensure the delivery of the plan aligns with the Welsh Language measure.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 Any implications arising from the plan will need to recognise the respective roles and responsibilities of partners whilst seeking to share constrained resources wherever practical, legitimate and efficient to do so.

6.2 The specific financial implications that may arise from the Council's contributions in cash or in kind will need to accord with the existing budget agreed for 2018-19, the approved medium term financial plan and, having due regard to the well-being of future generations, longer term aspirations and funding projections.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 The Public Service Board is required to prepare and publish a Local Well-Being Plan. The first plan must be published by 3 May 2018.

7.2 Section 43(5) of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 provides that the function of approving the Local Well-Being Plan rests with full Council.

Background Papers:

Equality Impact Assessment.

Appendices:

Appendix A - Swansea Public Services Board Local Well-being Plan.

Appendix B - EIA Form.