

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	15 th December 2022
Report Subject	Consultation on the Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board (PSB) draft Well-being Plan 2023-28
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
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Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires specific public bodies to work together under a Public Services Board (PSB) to improve local economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being.

Responsibilities of PSBs include periodically preparing and publishing an assessment of local well-being, which is used to inform the setting of local well-being objectives that are contained within a five year local Well-being Plan.

Prior to publishing a new Well-being Plan, the PSB is required to consult a number of statutory consultees, including the Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The draft Well-being Plan 2023-28 is presented at Appendix A for consideration and feedback.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the draft Flintshire and Wrexham Well-being Plan for 2023-28.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE WELL-BEING PLAN 2023-28
1.01	<p>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a well-being duty on designated public bodies. This requires them to act jointly under a Public Services Board (PSB) to improve local economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being and thus support the achievement of the seven well-being goals for Wales.</p>
1.02	<p>A PSB is required to periodically prepare and publish an assessment of local well-being. The assessment should be published within the 12 months preceding each ordinary local government election.</p> <p>Flintshire PSBs most recent Well-being Assessment was published in May 2022.</p>
1.03	<p>A PSB is also required to periodically prepare and publish a Well-being Plan that sets out the PSBs local well-being objectives and the action the PSB will take to meet them.</p> <p>A PSB should publish a Well-being Plan no later than 12 months after each local government ordinary election.</p> <p>Flintshire PSBs first Well-being Plan was published in 2017 and covered the period 2017 to 2023. The next Well-being Plan, covering the period 2023 to 2028, is due to be published before 4th May 2023.</p>
1.04	<p>A team of officers drawn from partner organisations involved in the work of both Flintshire and Wrexham's PSBs have worked together to produce a draft Well-being Plan for 2023-28.</p> <p>Based on the evidence and insight highlighted by the well-being assessment; existing priorities of the PSB; and the learning and reflection from joint PSB working on community resilience over the last two years, this team of officers have produced a draft Well-being Plan that identifies the key actions needed to deliver two well-being objectives for 2023-2028:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities across environment, education, employment, income and housing.• Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live healthy and independent lives.
1.05	<p>The draft Well-being Plan has been produced so that partners, stakeholders and communities can be engaged to co-produce ways to improve well-being and build resilience now and over the long term.</p>
1.06	<p>The purpose of the Well-being Plan 2023-28 is to identify a small number of shared objectives, focused around improving local well-being, that public sector organisations work on together to add value to the work of individual organisational plans and enhance outcomes through collaborative working.</p>

1.07	The draft Well-being Plan 2023-28 can be found at Appendix A and is open for feedback and comments under a period of statutory consultation.
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
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2.01	In recognition of shared local well-being priorities, and to enhance effective collaborative working to achieve the outcomes in the Well-being Plan 2023-28, the Public Services Boards of Flintshire and Wrexham have agreed to come together as a single body from January 2023. This is in line with other PSBs within the region.
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2.02	<p>The local authority must provide administrative support to the PSB, this includes arranging meetings, preparing the agenda and papers for meetings and working on the annual report, amongst others.</p> <p>This function is fulfilled by an Officer of the Council, with appropriate management support and supervision.</p>
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2.03	<p>The PSB is supported regionally by the North Wales Insight Partnership (NWIP), which consists of officers across the public sectors, connecting organisations and communities across the region.</p> <p>The NWIP is encouraging regional partnership working to align priorities and identify opportunities across the PSBs, the Regional Partnership Board, and the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.</p>
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2.04	Welsh Government has provided a regional support grant for 2022/23. This grant is allowing the development of some innovative approaches to engagement and co-production, which have already helped to shape the draft Well-being Plan. Welsh Government is considering making this support funding available for a longer period to enable sustainable collaborative working.
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2.05	<p>Working with partner organisations and communities, the Wales Cooperative Network is providing long term support for engagement and co-production.</p> <p>The PSB is utilising the support of this Network to help engage the local communities in well-being work.</p>
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3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
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3.01	<p>A full Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) for the Well-being Plan has not yet been completed. This work will be undertaken alongside the consultation period of the draft Well-being Plan and presented at full Council with the final Well-being Plan 2023-28 in spring 2023.</p> <p>In the interim, an overview of the likely impact the Well-being Plan will have is provided below.</p>
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	Long-term	Positive – the Well-being Plan is for a period of five years but will continue to build on the previous Well-being Plan objectives and have mechanisms to ensure continuity beyond the life of this Plan.
	Prevention	Positive – the Well-being Plan looks to address factors that may be detrimental to local well-being both now and in the future.
	Integration	Neutral
	Collaboration	Positive – the Well-being Plan will contain shared objectives which the PSB partners will commit to achieving in collaboration, including involving wider stakeholders as appropriate.
	Involvement	Positive – stakeholders will actively be encouraged to help co-produce ways to improve local well-being and enhance outcomes.
Well-being Goals Impact		
	Prosperous Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Resilient Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Healthier Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	More equal Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Cohesive Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Vibrant Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
	Globally responsible Wales	Neutral
3.03	To comply with Welsh Language Standards, and to ensure the Well-being Plan can be read by all potential consultees, the draft Well-being Plan 2023-28 is available in both Welsh and English.	

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	The draft Well-being Plan is now open for a statutory 12 week period of consultation. The consultation period will close in early February 2023.
4.02	When developing a Well-being Plan the PSB is required to consult fully with a number of statutory consultees. The local authority's overview and scrutiny committee is a statutory consultee and the Well-being Plan is being presented to the Corporate Resources and Overview Scrutiny

	<p>Committee on 15th December 2022 to fulfil this requirement. The scrutiny committee are invited to provide their comments on the draft Well-being Plan.</p> <p>It is also proposed to share the draft Well-being Plan with the Council's Cabinet, inviting them to provide comments as part of the consultation process at their meeting on 20th December 2022.</p>
4.03	Copies of the draft Well-being Plan have been shared with other statutory consultees via email and the draft Well-being Plan is also available on the Council's website.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Flintshire and Wrexham PSB draft Well-being Plan 2023-28

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Further information on the PSB, along with links to <i>An Assessment of Well-being in Flintshire 2022</i> and the current <i>A Well-being Plan for Flintshire 2017-23</i> can be found online:</p> <p>https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-and-Democracy/Flintshire-Public-Services-Board.aspx</p>

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Nicola McCann – Strategic Partnerships Advisor</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 702740</p> <p>E-mail: Nicola.McCann@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	<p>Public Services Board (PSB)</p> <p>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 established statutory PSB's which replaces the voluntary Local Service Boards in each local authority area. The role of the Board is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area • Set objectives that are designed to maximise the PSB's contribution to the well-being goals <p>Each PSB must prepare and publish a plan setting out its objectives and the steps it will take to meet them. This is called a Local Well-being Plan. It must state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why the PSB feels their objectives will contribute within their local area to achieving the well-being goals

- How it has had regard to the assessment of Local Well-being in setting its objectives and steps to take

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.