

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	12 th September 2024
Report Subject	Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board (PSB) Annual Report 2023/24
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Transportation
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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 in partnership as 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 then used to inform the setting of local well-being objectives that are contained within a five-year local Well-being Plan.

The Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Well-being Plan 2023-28 was published in June 2023.

In line with statutory guidance, all PSBs must produce an annual report no later than one year after the publication of the previous report or new local Well-being Plan.

The PSB must provide a copy of its Annual Report to Welsh Ministers, the Future Generations Commissioner, the Auditor General for Wales and the local authority's overview and scrutiny committee.

The Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Annual Report 2023/24 is being presented to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information and can be found at Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the provision of the Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Annual Report 2023/24.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24
1.01	<p>Background</p> <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 PSB's most recent Well-being Assessment was published in April 2022.</p>
1.03	<p>PSBs are also required to 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>The Well-being Plan and local well-being objectives should be informed by the Well-being Assessment that was conducted.</p> <p>The first Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Well-being Plan, covering the period 2023 to 2028, was published in June 2023. This Plan was considered and approved by Flintshire County Council at its meeting on 20th June 2023.</p>
1.04	<p>PSBs must prepare and publish an annual report that outlines the steps the PSB has taken since the publication of its most recent Well-being Plan to meet the well-being objectives that are contained within it.</p> <p>A copy of each annual report must be sent to Welsh Ministers, the Future Generations Commissioner, the Auditor General for Wales and the local authority's overview and scrutiny committee.</p> <p>The Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Annual Report 2023/24 has been sent to the Welsh Ministers, the Future Generations Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales and is being presented to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee today as an information item.</p>

1.05	<p>The Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Annual Report 2023/24</p> <p>The Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Annual Report 2023/24 sets out the steps taken, and progress made, to meet the local well-being objectives, as contained within the Well-being Plan.</p> <p>The well-being objectives are:</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.
1.07	<p>Key highlights of progress made in achieving the local well-being objectives are provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSB believes that all children should have the best start in life, and both local authorities are leading a joined-up approach to prevention and early intervention, so that we can identify and tackle the root causes of inequality. • The PSB partners have worked to co-create new engagement methods, especially with young people through Community Narratives at Sealand and Ty Pawb, developing storytelling techniques through the TEDx events, which have focused on mental health and climate change, and working with schools through the Future Leaders programme. • Partners developed a whole system approach to the healthy weight priority of Eating Well and Being Active in Schools across Wrexham and Flintshire, with the aspiration being to increase the number of children who live within three miles of their school who walk, scoot or cycle there. • Recognising that taking part in green health opportunities can improve physical and mental health, the PSB has sought to optimise green health opportunities through social prescribing. • The 100 stories programme is a partnership led by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, working with professionals, parents/carers/guardians and young people to gather stories about the transition from Children to Adult services when it comes to services for neurodiversity. • The PSB partners have started to become Foster Friendly organisations, in line with the Welsh Governments framework for eliminating profit from children’s social care. This will help to support the connected carers and foster families across our communities and provide safe, warm supportive homes for our care experienced young people. • Led by Wrexham University, partners have worked together to build the North Wales Children’s University, so that all children across Flintshire and Wrexham have the opportunity to learn outside the classroom environment. • Together with the North Wales Insight Partnership and the Co-production Network for Wales, the three PSBs across north Wales

	<p>have worked hard to build and test new ways to engage with communities, stakeholders, and partners, and to ensure seldom heard voices are heard and given the opportunity to shape future work.</p> <p>In addition, the PSB has focussed on creating a strong structure, to enable the organisations that make up the PSB to provide faster engagement with their teams to deliver those actions where partnership working can make the biggest impact. It is doing this through three Boards: Children and Young People, Communities, and Workplaces.</p> <p>The PSB is also working together on sharing and collaborating on areas such as best practice, training, and scrutiny reporting.</p> <p>A full copy of the Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Annual Report 2023/24 can be found at Appendix A.</p>
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	<p>The PSB is supported regionally by the North Wales Insight Partnership (NWIP), which consists of officers from across the public sector and connects 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>
2.02	<p>Welsh Government provides a North Wales PSB Regional Support Grant. In 2023/24 this grant was managed by Flintshire County Council on behalf of PSBs in the region. This support is to encourage collaboration and innovation between the three PSBs.</p> <p>This grant is supporting the development of some innovative approaches to engagement and co-production, which have already helped to support achievement of the local well-being objectives.</p> <p>Part of the grant is being used to develop a data portal where communities across North Wales can find out more about the well-being planning for North Wales. This will align with the Data Cymru objective to develop clear data portals for PSBs.</p>
2.03	<p>Working with partner organisations and communities, the Wales Co-production Network is providing long term support for engagement and co-production across North Wales.</p> <p>The PSB is utilising the support of this Network to help engage local communities in well-being work.</p>

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	<p>A full Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) was prepared for the Well-being Plan 2023-28.</p> <p>An IIA is not required for the Annual Report as this is reporting on progress made in delivering the Well-being Plan and local well-being objectives contained within it.</p>

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	In line with statutory requirements, a copy of the Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Annual Report 2023/24 is being presented to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12 th September 2024.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix A: Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Annual Report 2023/24

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>An Assessment of Well-being in Flintshire 2022.</p> <p>https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Council-Democracy/Well-being-assessment-2022/An-Assessment-of-Well-being-in-Flintshire-2022.pdf</p>
6.02	<p>Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board (PSB) Well-being Plan 2023-28. This was presented to the Full Council meeting held on 20th June 2023.</p> <p>https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Policy-and-Performance/PSB/Flintshire-and-Wrexham-Public-Services-Board-Well-being-Plan-2023-2028.pdf</p>
6.03	<p>SPSF 3: Collective role (public services boards) – Shared Purpose: Shared Future – Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015</p> <p>https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2024-04/spsf-3-collective-role-public-services-boards.pdf</p>

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	<p>Public Services Board (PSB) The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 established statutory PSBs that replaced the voluntary Local Service Boards in each local authority area. The role of a PSB 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. <p>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.</p>