

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 24 April 2018
Report Subject	Flintshire Public Services Board: Well-being Plan for Flintshire 2017 – 2023
Cabinet Member	Leader
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an overview of the work of the Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) and the development of the Well-being Plan (the Plan).

The Public Services Board was formed in April 2016, as a statutory responsibility of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Its work has focused on the production of the Well-being Assessment and the development of the Well-being Plan which has to be published in May 2018. The Plan has been developed alongside the Council Plan and provides a strong alignment and ‘fit’ with the priorities.

The Well-being Plan is to be adopted by the County Council as a statutory requirement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To endorse the Well-being Plan as both a statutory partner and as the lead partner for coordinating the Plan prior to adoption by the County Council.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD
1.01	<p>Flintshire has a longstanding and proud track record of partnership working. The communities it serves expect statutory and third sector partners to work together with shared priorities. The Local Service Board (LSB) preceded the statutory Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) with similar partner membership and was at the heart of promoting a positive culture of working together and concentrating energy, effort and resources on providing efficient and effective public services.</p>
1.02	<p>The Flintshire PSB is made up of senior leaders from a number of public and voluntary organisations. The Board has a membership made up of both statutory and invited members as listed below:</p> <p><u>Statutory members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board• Flintshire County Council• Natural Resources Wales• North Wales Fire and Rescue Service <p><u>Non statutory (invited) members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coleg Cambria• Flintshire Local Voluntary Council• Glyndwr University• National Probation Service (Wales)• North Wales Police• Public Health Wales• Wales Community Rehabilitation Company• Welsh Government <p>All these leaders work well together demonstrating creativity, willingness and accountability within a strong leadership framework. There is equal parity amongst the Board membership despite statutory status.</p>
1.03	<p>The high level aim of the Flintshire PSB is to “protect, sustain and improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Flintshire through collaborative working as a single public service”.</p>
1.04	<p>Since the introduction of the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015, the Flintshire PSB has made much progress towards achieving the main duties of the Act.</p>
1.05	<p>In fulfilling its roles and activities the Board will contribute to the seven national well-being goals.</p>
1.06	<p>Public sector partners work together to achieve these goals. The first step required of public sector partners, as a new statutory duty, has been to complete and publish a detailed analysis of the conditions of ‘well-being’ in the communities they serve by using all available data-sets of demographics, deprivation etc.; known as the Well-being Assessment. The</p>

	second step has been to agree and publish a Local Well-being Plan for collective action on a set of locally derived priorities.
1.07	WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT
1.08	The Well-being Assessment for Flintshire was produced and published in line with statutory requirements. It presents a contemporary and 'moment-in-time' picture of life and well-being in Flintshire.
1.09	Three of the PSBs in North Wales (the joint Conwy/Denbighshire PSB, the Wrexham PSB and the Flintshire PSB) engaged a single research team to develop their assessments. These three assessments have similar structures and were developed using similar information and data sources. This was an effective use of resources to reduce work and cost.
1.10	The draft Flintshire Assessment was sent to both the Welsh Government and the Future Generations Commissioner for comment. Their feedback was considered by the PSB and it was agreed that the majority of feedback could be used for future editions of the Assessment and to inform the development of the Well-being Plan.
1.11	WELL- BEING OBJECTIVES AND ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN
1.12	The Council as a statutory member body of the PSB has a duty to set and publish its own Well-being Objectives. The set of Well-being Objectives for Flintshire County Council was formally adopted in June 2017. These are attached at Appendix Item 1 for reference.
1.13	The first Council Plan 2017-23 was designed to integrate the Well-being Objectives within the priorities to ensure full alignment for council objectives and services. The Well-being Objectives are defined within the Council Plan as the "impact" statements.
1.14	The other three statutory partners are also working to ensure alignment and integration within their own strategic planning arrangements.
1.15	WELL- BEING PLAN FOR FLINTSHIRE AND PSB PRIORITIES
1.16	The Well-being Plan as a requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is to be produced and published by May 2018.
1.17	The PSB has selected and endorsed five priorities for the Well-being Plan which includes two priorities continuing from former LSB priorities, a newly developed priority and two new additional priorities as outlined below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety - Former LSB priority • Economy and Skills - New priority • Environment - New priority • Health and Independent Living - Former LSB priority • Resilient Communities - Newly developed priority
1.18	The priorities and related work streams have been identified and developed based on contemporary interest, knowledge, expertise and common ground

	amongst senior leaders in Flintshire. They have been chosen as the areas where the PSB can add most value through a multi-agency joint approach. Working together to make an impact on these priorities is the collective aim of the Flintshire PSB for added value.
1.19	<p>Leads and co-leads from the PSB have been agreed for each of the priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety – North Wales Police • Economy and Skills – Flintshire County Council, Coleg Cambria and Glyndwr University • Environment – Natural Resources Wales and Flintshire County Council • Health and Independent Living – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Flintshire County Council • Resilient Communities – Flintshire County Council, Public Health Wales and Glyndwr University
1.20	Enthusiastic support from partners has further developed these priorities to form agreement on a number of in-year priorities for each of the five priorities to form the draft Plan for consultation.
1.21	ENDORSEMENT AND PUBLICATION OF THE PLAN
1.22	The PSB endorsed the draft Plan (attached as Appendix 2) as a collective at its meeting on 14 March 2018.
1.23	<p>The statutory PSB bodies are required to present the Well-being Plan for approval within their respective governance structures prior to publication as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Wales Fire and Rescue Service – 19 March 2018 • Natural Resources Wales – XX (awaiting confirmation of date) • Flintshire County Council – 24 April 2018 • Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – 3 May 2018 <p>Non statutory partners have also endorsed the Plan within their respective governance structures during March/April 2018 although there is no statutory duty to do this.</p>
1.24	Flintshire County Council is to adopt the Well-being Plan as both a statutory partner and as the lead partner for coordinating the Plan.
1.25	Once adopted the Well-being Plan for Flintshire will be published in May 2018 as prescribed by the Act.
1.26	GOVERNANCE AND ASSURANCE
1.27	The Public Service Board (PSB) is accountable for the delivery of the Well-being Plan and will monitor, along with its partners, progress and achievements made. A Delivery Plan is being developed for each priority to support the achievement against the actions and impacts detailed in the Plan.

1.28	<p>The Well-being priorities have been weaved and integrated into existing and future documents such as the Council Plan. Other partners have been encouraged to develop similar thinking.</p> <p>The tracking of the Plan will then align more naturally as part of the organisations' own monitoring arrangements.</p>
1.29	Regular reviews of the Plan will be maintained by the PSB to ensure that the in-year priorities reflect current need whilst ensuring that progress is being made.
1.30	Public reporting on progress against the in-year priorities and key developments will be available on the Public Services Board pages of the Council's website. Other methods of communication will also be used e.g. e-Council Newsletter and partner's e-Newsletters.
1.31	As required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the PSB will prepare and publish its first annual report no later than 14 months after the publication of this Plan.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	<p>Administrative support for the Board is provided by Flintshire County Council. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the Board meets regularly • Preparing the agenda and commissioning papers for meetings • Co-ordinating the annual governance assessment of the Board and its sub groups • Inviting participants and managing attendance • Work on the annual report • Preparation of evidence for scrutiny. <p>This arrangement will be reviewed annually.</p>
2.02	Resource implications to deliver the PSB priorities will be considered on an ongoing basis via the current arrangements that are in place to support the Flintshire PSB.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	The Flintshire Public Services Board engaged with key partners and the general public, in the preparation of the Assessment of Well-being for Flintshire.
3.02	A 14 week consultation period of the draft Plan priorities as required by the Commissioner took place prior to public consultation. This was held between July and October 2017.
3.03	Following completion of the consultation with the Commissioner, the public

	consultation (minimum of 12 weeks) commenced in October 2017 and concluded in early February 2018.
3.04	The seven area public engagement events held between October and November 2017 were also utilised to help with the public engagement element of the Plan.
3.05	<p>Additionally, Members attended a workshop in February 2018. Feedback was good and Members were supportive of the draft Well-being Plan and identified priorities.</p> <p>The Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee have also been consulted around the development of the Draft Plan.</p>
3.06	Feedback from the PSB partners' governing bodies has also been taken into account in the final drafting of the Plan.
3.07	Detailed feedback from the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and Welsh Government has also been provided.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	The identification of any risks and the actions required to mitigate risk will be considered through the governance and reporting arrangements of the PSB.
4.02	Collective working has ensured that the Well-being Plan has been developed and produced according to the statutory timescale.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	<p>Appendix Item 1 – Well-being Objectives for Flintshire</p> <p>Appendix Item 2 – Well-being Plan for Flintshire 2017 – 2023</p>

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Assessment of Local Well-being for Flintshire – Summary Document http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Policy-and-Performance/PSB/Well-Being-Assessment-Summary-English.pdf</p> <p>Assessment of Local Well-being for Flintshire - Full Assessment http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Policy-and-Performance/PSB/Well-being-Assessment-Full-English.pdf</p> <p>Assessment of Local Well-being for Flintshire – Area Profiles http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Policy-and-Performance/PSB/Well-being-assessment-Area-Profiles-English.pdf</p>

	<p>Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) Link to the Flintshire PSB Webpage: http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-and-Democracy/Flintshire-Public-Services-Board.aspx</p> <p>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Link to the relevant page on the Welsh Government Website: http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en</p> <p>Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Statutory Guidance Link to the relevant page on the Welsh Government Website: http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/statutory-guidance/?lang=en</p> <p>Contact Officer: Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer Telephone: 01352 701476 E-mail: sam.perry@flintshire.gov.uk</p>
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7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>Public Services Board - The Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) is a statutory body which was established on 1st April 2016 following the introduction of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Flintshire PSB replaces the former Flintshire Local Service Board (LSB). The Board has a membership made up of both statutory members (as required by law) and invited members.</p> <p>Sustainable Development - The process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving The Well-being goals. Sustainable development is a way of doing things rather than an end in itself.</p> <p>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Legally binding common purpose for national government, local government, local health boards and other specified public bodies. The Act details the ways in which the specified public bodies must work, and work together to improve the well-being of Wales.</p>