

POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8TH FEBRUARY 2017

CARMARTHENSHIRE WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT 2016/17

Purpose:

To receive a copy of the Carmarthenshire Well-Being Assessment 2016/17 which has been prepared and approved by Carmarthenshire Public Services Board (PSB) under requirements of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.

To receive invitation to contribute feedback on the Assessment through the statutory consultation process.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

The accuracy of the Carmarthenshire Well-Being Assessment 2016/17 by responding to the statutory consultation which can be accessed via www.thecarmarthenshirewewant.wales/get-involved/

Reasons:

For the committee's Information

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Emlyn Dole: Leader

Directorate

Chief Executives Department

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Part of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 (WBFG) was to establish Public Services Board's (PSB's) in each local authority area in Wales. These Boards are a partnership of key service providers who are charged under the Act with improving social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. In order to achieve this duty the Board is required to carry out an assessment of well-being in the area to better understand what well-being currently looks like and therefore how the partnership can influence and improve well-being now and in the future.

The Carmarthenshire Well-Being Assessment provides an overview of the nature and state of well-being in Carmarthenshire. It explores positive and negative influences of well-being and highlights potential trigger points or areas for concern. The report is structured by life-stages however it is important to be mindful that the examples given within a particular life stage are not necessarily exclusive to a particular age group as well-being is subjective to each individual and is determined by individual circumstances. Therefore how we understand, assess, measure and improve well-being in Carmarthenshire must be a fluid process and the well-being assessment provides a foundation for building a clearer perspective of well-being now and in the future.

Summary of findings:- please see executive summary of report for summary of well-being at each life stage

Rurality	The largely rural nature of Carmarthenshire provides a wealth of ecosystem services which form the foundations on which life, and quality of life depend including drinking water, recreational opportunities and income generation. However rurality can also pose challenges to well-being in terms of connectivity and access to services for example.
Climate Change	Action is required to harness the positive and mitigate the negative and longer-term effects of climate change; improving physical, community and psychological resilience. With some of the worst CO2 emissions in Wales, new technologies and models of service delivery offer potential to mitigate and reduce these effects in Carmarthenshire.
Poverty	35% of households and 20% of Carmarthenshire's children are living in poverty, 62% of these children are under 10 years old. Poverty and deprivation limits opportunities and prospects, damages the quality of life and harms the health and life expectancy of far too many. Carmarthenshire's income levels are the 7th lowest in Wales and there are significant disparities across community areas.

Connectivity	Fewer people in Carmarthenshire feel they belong to their community however engagement activity identified community togetherness and cohesion as important for positive well-being in Carmarthenshire. For young people tolerance, respect and being heard were considered important to well-being and for older people remaining embedded within the community enhances social, emotional and physical well-being.
Health	Health was found to be the single most important factor for positive well-being through engagement activity. Carmarthenshire has one of the highest rates of childhood obesity in Wales and young people are at risk of health harming behaviours including alcohol, drugs and smoking as well as psychologically damaging risks such as cybercrime and cyber bullying. In addition Carmarthenshire has an ageing population and there is a significant gap of 18 years between the life expectancy of those from the least and most deprived communities.
Opportunities	Opportunities to keep physically and psychologically active; and to nurture self-esteem and a sense of empowerment are crucial to supporting current and future well-being across the life stages. For example children in Carmarthenshire want opportunities to play outdoors and young people want a diverse mix of employment opportunities available to them.

Detailed report attached? Yes

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Wendy Walters**

Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration and Policy)

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
None	None	None	None	None	None	None

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Wendy Walters

Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration and Policy)

1. Local Member(s) N/A

2. Community / Town Council N/A

3. Relevant Partners

The report was supported by Carmarthenshire Public Services Board on 10th January 2017

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Carmarthenshire Well-Being Assessment		Will be live on PSB website from 6 th February Currently available from rsllewhellin@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
Community Area Map		Will be live on PSB website from 6 th February Currently available from rsllewhellin@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
Joint Methodology Framework		Will be live on PSB website from 6 th February. Currently available from rsllewhellin@carmarthenshire.gov.uk