

COUNTY COUNCIL
8TH MARCH 2017

Draft

Carmarthenshire County Council - Well-being Objectives 2017/18
(incorporating our Key Improvement Objective Priorities)

Executive Board Recommendation:

To approve the draft report of
Carmarthenshire County Council - Well-being Objectives 2017/18
(incorporating our Key Improvement Objective Priorities)

Reasons:

1. The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 requires the Council to set Key Improvement Objectives Priorities (KIOPs) every year.
2. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires public bodies :-
 - i. to set and publish Well-being Objectives by 31st March 2017
 - ii. to publish a statement about Well-being Objectives
 - iii. to take all reasonable steps to meet those

For 2017/18 we propose to integrate our Key Improvement Objectives Priorities and Well-being Objectives.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: Yes

Scrutiny committee and date

- **Joint Scrutiny – 15th February, 2017**
- **County Council – 8th March, 2017**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Pam Palmer

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

As a public body the Council has the following duties under the act

We must :-

1. *Set and publish Well-being Objectives*
2. *Take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives*
3. *Publish a statement about Well-being Objectives*
4. *Publish an annual report of progress*
5. *Publish our response to a recommendation made by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales*

Duty 1 - We must set and publish Well-being Objectives

Meeting the requirements of the Act

1. The new law states that we must carry out sustainable development, improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.
 - A. The sustainable development principle is '*... the public body must act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*'
 - B. To show that we have applied the sustainable development principle we must demonstrate the following 5 ways of working
 1. Long Term 2. Prevention 3. Integration 4. Collaboration 5. Involvement.
 - C. There are 7 well-being goals in the Act, together they provide a shared vision for public bodies to work towards achieving these goals.
 1. Prosperous 2. Resilient 3. Healthier 4. More Equal 5. Cohesive
 6. Culture & Welsh Language 7. Globally Responsible
2. In selecting our Well-being Objectives we have taken into consideration the above requirements.
3. We have taken into consideration the Welsh Government's [Well-being Objectives](#) together with [other partners plans](#) where available.
4. We have examined evidence from a range of data sources including performance information and surveys as well as the Public Service Board's Well-being Assessment.
5. After the 2017/18 budget is approved (22nd February 2017) we will update the 'Financing the Council's Well-being Objectives' figures used within this plan.
6. We will adjust our corporate governance arrangements to meet requirements of the Act.(see page 21 of the report)

Consultation & Engagement

7. A Members Seminar on Well-being Objectives was held on October 6th 2016, where members were asked to identify what well-being means with a question “*What things in life matter to you?*” The responses have contributed to the selection of the Well-being Objectives.
8. Data from the County’s Well-being Assessment Survey of 2,582 respondents, roadshows and school engagement activities have also been taken into consideration.
9. We will also address, when available, the outcome of the population assessment which is required under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

Our proposed 2017/18 Well-being Objectives (incorporating our Key Improvement Objective Priorities) are in the table below:-

| 2017/18 Well-being Objectives / KIOP | | |
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| | Existing KIOPs for 2016/17 | New KIOPs for 2017/18 |
| Start Well | 1 | New – Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences. |
| | 2 | New – Help children live healthy lifestyles |
| | 3 | Continue to Improve learner attainment for all |
| | 4 | Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training |
| | 5 | Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, helping people into work and improving the lives of those living in poverty. |
| Live Well | 6 | Create more jobs and growth throughout the county |
| | 7 | Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes |
| | 8 | New Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour such as substance misuse & criminal activity as well as reducing obesity) |
| | 9 | New – Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities |
| Age Well | 10 | Support the growing numbers of older people to maintain dignity and independence in their later years |
| | 11 | New – A Council wide approach to support Ageing Well in the Carmarthenshire. |
| In a Healthy and Safe Environment | 12 | New – Look after the environment now and for the future |
| | 13 | Improve the highway and transport infrastructure and connectivity |

We have consulted with 2,000 residents on the proposed draft Well-being Objectives as part of the budget consultation. We received an average of 80%+ support for across all objectives.

Duty 2 - We must publish a statement about Well-being Objectives

10. This statement is included in section 7 of the Well-being Objective plan (*page 20 of the report*)

Duty 3 - We must take all reasonable steps to meet those Well-being Objectives

11. We will develop detailed action plans for each objective.

12. We will ensure that each action plan meets the requirement of the Act as set out in 1. Above **(ABC)**

13. Only when a public body can demonstrate it has taken into account the sustainable development principle in the setting, taking steps and meeting of its Well-being Objectives will it be compliant with the Act. Public bodies may take other matters into account when making their decisions, but in order to comply with the Act they **must** take into account the 5 ways of working.

14. The emphasis of the Wales Audit Office will be to examine the extent to which authorities have acted in accordance with the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working) in setting and working towards Well-being Objectives. Deeper examinations of underlying arrangements and the 5 ways of working are planned.

15. We will monitor these action plans during the year via our Performance and Improvement Monitoring System (PIMS)

Duty 4 - Publish an annual report of progress

Duty 5 - Publish our response to the recommendations made by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

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| DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED? | YES |
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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 S. Walters

Assistant Chief Executive - Regeneration & Policy

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| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets |
| YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Future Generations Commissioner Sophie Howe recognises that Local Authorities aren't going to be able to tackle everything over-night, but what she is looking for is enthusiasm and ambition to change things and to make a difference.

The Commissioner is particularly interested in the 'involvement' aspect of the five ways of working. She is keen to see evidence of public bodies working with communities at an early stage and not presenting them with a 'fait accompli consultation' once they've decided what they are going to do.

The WbFG Act places a new duty on the Auditor General to examine the extent to which each public body has applied the sustainable development principle when (a) setting Well-being Objectives and (b) taking steps required to meet those Well-being Objectives.

2. Legal

- To comply with the Well-being of Future Generations (WbFG) Act 2015, we must Publish our Well-being Objectives and Statements 31st March 2017
- The WLGA on behalf of Local Authorities confirmed on the 27th January, 2017 that...
"A Council that delayed the publication of its first set of Well-being Objectives until sometime after local government elections when it produced its corporate plan would not be complying with the requirements of the Act"
- If an Authority wants to re-consider Well-being Objectives with newly elected members following Local Government elections, there is a provision within the Act *that*
"A public body may at any other time review and revise its Well-being Objectives...it must publish them as soon as is reasonably practicable..."

NB

- Only when a public body can demonstrate it has taken into account the sustainable development principle in the setting, taking steps and meeting of its Well-being Objectives will it be compliant with the Act. Public bodies may take other matters into account when making their decisions, but in order to comply with the Act they **must** take into account the 5 ways of working.
- The Act gives the Auditor General for Wales the power to examine the extent to which authorities have acted in accordance with the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working) in setting and working towards Well-being Objectives. Deeper examinations of underlying arrangements and the 5 ways of working are planned.

3. Finance

The Act requires

1. The publication of a statement detailing how a public body proposes to ensure that resources are allocated annually for the purpose of taking such steps to meet the Well-being Objectives. Para 53 SPSF 1
2. That financial planning includes consideration of when investment could support preventative action ('preventative spend'). SPSF 1 Para 100

Wales Audit advises that the plan should have a financial section for 2017/18

4 ICT

The guidance for the WbFG Act suggests change needs to happen in a core set of activities that are common to the corporate governance of all public bodies (SPSF 1 - 3.1)

5 Risk Management

The guidance for the WbFG Act suggests change needs to happen in a core set of activities that are common to the corporate governance of all public bodies (SPSF 1 - 3.1)

6 Staffing Implications

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7 Physical Assets

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CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Wendy S. Walters

Assistant Chief Executive - Regeneration & Policy

1. Local Member(s) - April 20th 2016 Seminar on KIOPs held with members
2. Community / Town Council -No
3. Relevant Partners -No
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations-No

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 | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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| Shared purpose :shared future Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 | The Essentials Guide; SPSF 1 Core guidance SPSF 2 Individual Role (public bodies) |