

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee

10 December 2021

CARMARTHENSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) – DRAFT CARMARTHENSHIRE ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL WELL-BEING

Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. To consider and scrutinise the content of the draft Assessment of Well-being for Carmarthenshire as part of the consultation process.

Reasons:

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 notes the requirement that a designated local government scrutiny committee is appointed to scrutinise the work of the PSB. In Carmarthenshire, the Council's Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee has been designated as the relevant scrutiny committee.

Preparing and publishing a Well-being Assessment is a statutory duty of the PSB.

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Emlyn Dole, Leader

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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Carmarthenshire Public Services Board (PSB) –
Draft Carmarthenshire Assessment of Local Well-being

Background

Work has been on-going in preparation for the Assessment of Local Well-being since March 2021. Regular reports have been presented to this PSB on progress with the Assessment. Carmarthenshire PSB endorsed an approach to working in partnership with regional colleagues in undertaking the Well-being Assessment. A joint Methodology Framework and Joint Engagement Plan were developed between the PSBs for Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire. These documents outline the collective approach to undertaking the assessments and the engagement for Local Well-being across the three PSB areas.

As part of the development of the assessment a Regional Well-being Survey and range of local engagement events took place between July-October and the results have been analysed. There were 609 responses from Carmarthenshire residents to the survey, in addition to the written comments received from a range of events held with several different groups. Involvement included conversations with local primary schools, Armed Forces stakeholders and networks facilitated by CAVS e.g. the Carmarthenshire Volunteer Organisers Network.

Alongside the engagement work, a Regional Data / Writers' Group have worked collaboratively analyse data, share expertise, and agree common standards during the writing phase. The group also provided a useful way of identifying key regional well-being themes that needed to be reflected across all three areas.

The Carmarthenshire draft Assessment of Local Well-being was approved for consultation with the public and stakeholders by Carmarthenshire PSB on 24th November 2021. This consultation will take place between 3 December 2021 and 19 January 2022.

Some key areas have been identified that need to be researched further, needing additional statistics, local information or in terms of involvement. These are fuel poverty, adult obesity, domestic abuse and housing and homelessness.

During the consultation period, the PSB Support Team will ensure that the networks and forums who participated in the first involvement exercise receive the draft Assessment. It is recognised that there are voices which have not yet been heard as part of the Assessment including those who are expecting or have given birth in the last six months, our Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, our young people and our gypsy and traveller community. Increased efforts will be made to engage with these groups on the draft Assessment. In preparation for the publication of the final assessment in March 2022, a technical document will be prepared which will include data sources, an analysis of the survey and involvement work. In addition, Community profiles for each of the 6 Upper Super Output Areas in Carmarthenshire will also be produced.

The PSB support team will work closely with partners, and in light of the new information and feedback received, will prepare a final version of the Assessment. This final version is scheduled for discussion at the PSB meeting on 8 March 2022. The final Well-being Assessment will be published on the PSB website on 28 March.

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: Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT & Corporate Policy

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets a requirement on PSBs to prepare a Local Well-being Plan every five years, using a Well-being Assessment to feed into the planning phase. This is the second Assessment of Local Well-being that Carmarthenshire PSB has undertaken. This will inform the second iteration of the Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan which will need to be published by May 2023.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT & Corporate Policy

1. Scrutiny Committee Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 10 December 2021

2. Local Member(s) N/A

3. Community / Town Council

Representatives from one of the seven Carmarthenshire Town & Community Councils subject to the Well-being of Future Generations Act in their own right, attend PSB meetings on a rota basis.

4. Relevant Partners Through the Public Services Board meeting

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

**CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)
AWARE/CONSULTED**

YES

Include any observations here

Cllr Emlyn Dole attends PSB meetings on behalf of the Council

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
SPSF 3 – Guidance on the collective role through public services boards		Cymraeg http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/161111-spsf-3-collective-role-cy.pdf English http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/161111-spsf-3-collective-role-en.pdf