

CORPORATE, PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY MEETING

18 OCTOBER 2023

CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022/23

THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:

Review and assess the information contained in Report and provide any recommendations, comments, or advice to the Cabinet Member and / or Director prior to the report's consideration by Cabinet.

Reason(s)

- Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 we are required to publish an Annual Report on our Well-being Objectives.
- Under the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021 we have a duty to report on performance based on a self-assessment approach.

This report aims to meet both these requirements in one document

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Corporate Overview: Cllr Philip Hughes, Cabinet Member for Organisation and Workforce

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The structure of the Annual Report is based on the new Council Well-being Objectives (4) as agreed in the Council's Corporate Strategy for 2022-27. As business plans for the 2022-23 period were based on the former 13 well-being objectives progress reports have been aligned on a best fit model. In that respect, this should be considered as a transition report as we move to fully implementing our new Well-being Objectives for the 2023-24 period.

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**Old Corporate Strategy 2018-23
with 13 Well-being Objectives**

(An end of year PIMS action and target report is automatically available if required)

**New Corporate Strategy 2022-27
with 4 Well-being Objectives**



This is an Annual Report and self-assessment on the new Corporate Strategy

The Annual Report looks in turn at each of our four Well-being Objectives and Core Business Enablers and assesses the progress that has been made during the year. The report provides information on the following basis for each Well-being Objective and Core Business Enabler:

- Overarching judgement
- Why is this important
- Key overarching indicators and measures
- Outcomes we set ourselves
- How well are we doing and how do we know
- Case studies
- Areas for improvement
- Governance.

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- a) we are exercising our functions effectively.*
- b) we are using our resources economically, efficiently and effectively.*
- c) our governance is effective for securing the above*

We also have a duty to consult on our Performance Assessment.

This report aims to meet both these requirements in one document.

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: Jason Jones (Head of Regeneration, Policy and Digital)

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

To comply with the Well-being of Future Generations (WbFG) Act 2015, we must (in carrying out sustainable development):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set and publish well-being objectives Take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives Publish a statement about well-being objectives 	Our new Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish an annual report of progress 	
This will be accomplished by the enclosed Annual Report	

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.

1. Long term
2. Integrated
3. Involving
4. Collaborative
5. Preventative

Under the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021

The Local Government and Elections Wales Act 2021 provides for the establishment of a new and reformed legislative framework for local government elections, democracy, governance and performance. It replaces the Local Government Measure 2009.

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2. Legal

This is the second year that we are reporting under the duties of Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

[Part 6 of the Act outlines new duties in respect of Performance and Governance of Principal Councils](#) and includes specific duties for the Council:

- Duty to keep performance under review;
- Duty to consult on performance;
- Duty to report on performance – based on self-assessment approach;
- Duty to arrange a panel performance assessment;
- Duty to respond to a panel performance assessment report.

Finance

For the period 2022-23 the Council had a revenue budget of £656m (total expenditure/income). This is drawn from a range of sources:

- Revenue Support Grant (Welsh Government) - £243m (37%)
- Specific Grants - £108m (16%)
- Council Tax - £104m (16%)
- Fees, Charges & other Income - £90m (14%)
- Non-domestic Rates - £68m (10%)
- Housing Rents - £43m (7%).

In addition, for the same period there was a Capital Budget of £189m

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED	YES	
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
Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015		SPSF2:Individual Public Body Role
Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021		Part 6 of the Act outlines new duties in respect of Performance and Governance of Principal Councils