

# Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

## CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020/21

### To consider and comment on the following issues:

The Council's draft Annual Report

### Reasons:

- Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 we must publish an Annual Report on past performance by the end of October each year.
- Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 we are required to publish an Annual Report on our Well-being Objectives.
- This report meets both these requirements in one document.

### To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision

Executive Board: YES (27<sup>th</sup> Sept) / County Council: YES (13<sup>th</sup> Oct)

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

#### Corporate Overview:

Cllr. Mair Stephens (Deputy Leader) / Cllr. Ann Davies (Communities and Rural Affairs)

#### Well-Being Objective Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Emlyn Dole (Leader)
- Cllr. Linda Davies Evans (Housing)
- Cllr. Peter Hughes- Griffiths (Culture, Sport and Tourism)
- Cllr. Glynog Davies (Education & Children's Services)

#### Directorates:

Chief Executive /  
Communities

#### Names of Heads of Service:

Noelwyn Daniel

Jason Jones

Ian Jones

Jonathan Morgan

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The following sections within the document are **relevant to Community & Regeneration Scrutiny**:

- Introduction
- **WBO 2.** Help children live healthy lifestyles
- **WBO 6.** Creating more jobs and growth throughout the county
- **WBO 7.** Increase the availability of rented and affordable homes
- **WBO 8.** Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour and obesity)
- **WBO 14.** Promoting Welsh language and **Culture**
- Appendices

2020/21 was a year like no other due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The vast majority of the Council's services had to adapt and change, with many being shut down completely for long periods of the year. For this reason, it is not possible for the 2020-21 Annual Report to act as a progress report on previous performance or as a comparator with other local authorities. The report reflects the actions the Council had to take to support its residents, communities and businesses through the pandemic. With many staff being redeployed to assist in the pandemic response and many set to work to aid recovery the Council's priorities had to shift significantly to face the challenges presented by the pandemic.

For these reasons, the Annual Report for 2020-21 has a different focus and approach to previous reports.

- Many of the actions and targets we set for 2020/21 were blindsided by the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and we had to deal with the emergency in hand. An initial COVID-19 Community Impact Assessment was published in September 2020 and individual services reported their responses to Scrutiny Committees in the November / December 2020 cycle of meetings. We will when appropriate update the Community Impact Assessment on COVID-19 within Carmarthenshire.
- The Annual Report starts with an overview of our COVID-19 Year and outlines some key responses and impacts.
- The Annual Report then looks in turn at each of our 15 Well-being Objectives and assesses the progress and adaptations that have been made during this difficult year.

### **COVID-19**

We have a statutory duty to publish an Annual Report for 2020-21 by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. There has been no relaxation on this statutory duty despite the pandemic. It is not possible to provide as much in-depth analysis and evaluation as we have done in previous years due to some performance information not being gathered nationally as services focused on pandemic response. There are also some gaps in information that we would usually provide. For instance, Welsh Government has confirmed that comparative out-turn data will not be published for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 period.

**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 IT and Corporate Policy

Jason Jones, Head of Regeneration

Ian Jones, Head of Leisure

Jonathan Morgan, Head of Homes & Safer Communities

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

To comply with the Well-being of Future Generations (WbFG) Act 2015, we must (in carrying out sustainable development):

• Set and publish well-being objectives	Corporate Strategy update published – June 2019, and further updated in May 2021.
• Take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives	
• Publish a statement about well-being objectives	
• 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

## 2. Legal

We have to publish our Annual Report by the 31<sup>st</sup> October to comply with the Local Government Measure 2009.

This is the last year that we will be reporting under the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 as this is being replaced by the duties of Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 in future years.

## 3. Finance

Well-being Objective 15 - Building a Better Council and Making Better use of Resources covers financial matters.

# CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jason Jones, Head of Regeneration  
 Ian Jones, Head of Leisure  
 Jonathan Morgan, Head of Homes & Safer Communities

## 1. Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Committee	Date
Community and Regeneration	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Environment and Public Protection	2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Social Care and Health	7 <sup>th</sup> July
Education and Children's Services	8 <sup>th</sup> July
Policy & Resources	21 <sup>st</sup> July

## 2. Local Member(s)

NA

## 3. Community / Town Council

NA

## 4. Relevant Partners

NA

## 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

NA

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO  
 HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**  
 YES

Include any observations here

## 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
Shared purpose: shared future Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015		<a href="#">SPSF 2 Individual Role (public bodies)</a>
Local Government Measure (2009)		<a href="#">Local Government Measure (2009)</a>
June 2019 - Corporate Strategy		<a href="https://www.cararthenshire.gov.wales/media/12190/49/corporate-strategy-revised-2019-20.pdf">https://www.cararthenshire.gov.wales/media/12190/49/corporate-strategy-revised-2019-20.pdf</a>