

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 03 February 2020
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Strategic Collaborative Working Initiatives Update
Purpose of Report:	To provide an update for Cabinet on the Council's strategic collaborative working initiatives
Report Owner:	Report of the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources
Responsible Officer:	Managing Director
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Due to the corporate nature of this report, no ward member consultation has been undertaken. The development of individual initiatives is subject to appropriate consultation activity.
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for executive decision by Cabinet.
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative working activity has increased at pace in response to the challenging financial climate and in recognition of the value that working in partnership to share skills, expertise and experience can have in tackling complex issues. • Cabinet receives a quarterly update on those collaborations Corporate Management Team deems to be strategically significant (there are many more operational examples of collaboration underway across the authority). • The Compendium of Strategic Working Initiatives (Appendix A) provides an oversight of the strategic level collaborative working activity in which the Council is involved and captures the detail of the various initiatives underway. • This report also provides Cabinet with an update regarding the provisions of the forthcoming Local Government & Elections Bill in the context of collaborative working. 	

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet considers the strategic collaborative working initiatives that are in place to support the delivery and development of Council services and the Council's well-being outcomes and objectives.
2. That this report be circulated by e-mail to all Vale of Glamorgan Council elected members and members of the Public Services Board.
3. That further updates are provided to Cabinet on a quarterly basis, and in accordance with the forward work programme.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To provide Cabinet with an overview of strategic collaborative working initiatives.
2. To provide elected members and strategic partners with an overview of strategic collaborative working initiatives.
3. To provide regular updates for Cabinet.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council has long recognised the value that collaborative working has in providing efficient and effective services to residents.
- 1.2 In recent years, collaborative working activity has increased at pace in response to the challenging financial climate and also in recognition of the value that working in partnership to share skills, expertise and experience can have in tackling increasingly complex issues. These activities also contribute to the Council's well-being outcomes and objectives.
- 1.3 This report provides Cabinet with an overview of the strategic collaborative working initiatives that are currently underway. These initiatives are regularly reported to the Council's Corporate Management Team to ensure maximum value is derived from this work and appropriate oversight is given to this area of Council business.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 The Compendium (Appendix A) is maintained to enable oversight of the strategic level collaborative working activity the Council is involved in and provides a description of the various initiatives that are underway. The Compendium illustrates how each element of collaborative working aligns with the Council's Well-being Outcomes which are contained in the Corporate Plan. The Well-being of Future Generation (Wales) Act indicates that collaboration is one of the key ways of working to support sustainable development and meet the Council's duty under the Act. Collaboration is also one of the alternative models of service delivery which is considered as part of the Reshaping Services programme and it

is envisaged that this approach will play a key role in the way services are delivered in the future.

- 2.2** Cabinet Members will note that the content of the Compendium (Appendix A) is not an exhaustive list of all collaborative working that is underway in the Council. Many operational level collaborative efforts support both projects and 'business as usual' activity and these are monitored and managed within individual service areas.
- 2.3** Cabinet last received an update on the Compendium on 21st October 2019. Cabinet Members will note from the Compendium that the Regional Collaborative Committee which facilitates cross border partnership working with Cardiff Council and colleagues from statutory and supported housing sectors to deliver the Supported People Programme will be replaced by the Regional Collaborative Group (RCG). The RCG is a requirement under the new Housing Support Grant which comes into effect from 1st April 2020. The grant brings together the Supporting People Grant, the Homelessness Prevention Grant and the Rent Smart Wales Enforcement Grant into one funding stream. The RCG will encourage joint commissioning between the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Councils designed or focused to optimise integration between supported housing and health and social care. The RCG will report directly to the Cardiff and Vale Regional Partnership Board.

Collaboration and Local Government Reform

- 2.4** The Welsh Government Green Paper consultation document, Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People, was issued on 20th March 2018. The Green Paper set out the Welsh Government's statement of intent about the future of Local Government in Wales, specifying the desire to create larger, stronger authorities to secure the financial viability of Councils, ensure the sustainability of services and provide a platform for transformation and delivery and outcomes for people.
- 2.5** Cabinet considered and endorsed the Council's response to the Green Paper consultation at its meeting held on the 6th June 2018 and following this the response was submitted to Welsh Government.
- 2.6** The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill was published on 18th November 2019. It is anticipated that, subject to successful passage through the Welsh Assembly, the Bill would receive Royal Assent by the end of summer 2020. The Bill includes a number of provisions including:
- The reforming of electoral arrangements for local government
 - A general power of competence for principal councils and eligible community councils
 - Reforming public participation in local democracy

- The leadership of principal councils, including to encourage greater diversity amongst executive members and establishing a statutory position of Chief Executive
 - The development of a framework and powers to facilitate more consistent and coherent regional working mechanisms through the establishment of Corporate Joint Committees (instigated either by two principal councils or by Welsh Ministers)
 - A new system for performance management and governance based on self-assessment and peer review, including the consolidation of the Welsh Ministers' support and intervention powers
 - Powers to facilitate voluntary mergers of principal councils and restructuring a principal area
 - Local government finance including non-domestic rating and council tax
- 2.7** In partnership with the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), Welsh Government has established a working group to inform the development of the Bill. It is anticipated that this group will continue to meet to develop the statutory guidance accompanying the Bill in parallel with its passage through the Senedd. This will include details of regional collaborative arrangements, in the form of Corporate Joint Committees. Further information will be brought to Cabinet as the Bill and guidance are developed.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** In working to deliver the strategic collaborative working initiatives set out in the Compendium, the Council will be working through the Five Ways of Working to ensure delivery in line with Sustainable Development Principle.
- 3.2** The Compendium of Strategic Collaborative Working Initiatives illustrates how each element of collaborative working aligns with the Council's Well-being Objectives as set in its Corporate Plan. The collaborative working represented in these initiatives is identified as one of the key ways of working to support the Council's work in delivering the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. One of the identified initiatives in the Compendium is the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board (PSB) which was established through the Act and of which the Council is a statutory member. Through its Well-being Plan, the PSB is working to improve the social, cultural, economic and environmental well-being of the Vale of Glamorgan. Similarly, the Integrated Care Fund, The Regional Collaborative Group and the Welsh Community Care Information Service initiatives are assisting in meeting the requirements of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

4.1 There are no financial implications arising as a direct result of this report.

Employment

4.2 There are no employment implications arising as a direct result of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

4.3 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

5. Background Papers

November 2019, Welsh Government, [Local Government & Elections Bill – Explanatory Memorandum](#)

21st May 2018, Cabinet Report, [Welsh Government Green Paper Consultation Document "Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People"](#)

Vale of Glamorgan Council – Strategic Level Collaborative Initiatives

January 2020

Collaborative Arrangement, Purpose & Outcomes	Partners and Lead Officer	Governance & Reporting Arrangements	Lead Scrutiny Committee	Quarterly Update	Relevant Well-being Outcome(s)
Environment and Housing					
<p>1. Shared Regulatory Services A shared regulatory services service across Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan to provide service resilience, access to specialist resources, improve and maintain service levels and generate financial savings.</p>	<p>Cardiff and Bridgend Councils (Local)</p> <p>Dave Holland, Head of Shared Regulatory Services</p>	<p>Joint Committee supported by Management Board.</p>	<p>Corporate Performance and Resources & Housing and Public Protection.</p>	<p>The Shared Regulatory Service became operational in 2015. The Joint Committee approved the 2019/20 SRS Business Plan and the publication of the Annual report to the partner Councils on 11th June 2019. The Joint Committee met in December 2019 to consider the budget proposals for the service for the period 2020/21</p>	<p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p> <p>An Active & Healthy Vale</p>
<p>2. Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint procurement of a (25 year contract) Residual Waste Treatment Facility serving all 5 partnering local authorities</p>	<p>Caerphilly, Cardiff, Monmouth, Newport Councils (Local)</p> <p>Emma Reed, Head of Neighbourhood Services</p>	<p>Joint Committee supported by Management Board and Contact Liaison Group.</p>	<p>Environment and Regeneration</p>	<p>Formal full Contract commencement date 1st April 2016, with a Commissioning Phase prior to that.</p>	<p>An Environmentally Responsible & Prosperous Vale</p>
<p>3. Cardiff Organic Waste Treatment Long term (15 year) joint procurement of AD treatment capacity for kitchen food and green garden waste.</p>	<p>Cardiff Council (Local)</p> <p>Colin Smith, Operational Manager – Neighbourhood Services: Operations</p>	<p>Joint Management Board and Contact Liaison Group</p>	<p>Environment and Regeneration</p>	<p>The commission period has now concluded and the successful commencement of the 15-year contract started 31st March 2017. The plant is fully operational and the Council delivers food waste to the plant for energy recovery and recycling on a daily basis</p>	<p>An Environmentally Responsible & Prosperous Vale</p>

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<p>4. South East Wales Transport Group</p>	<p>10 Local authorities (Regional)</p> <p>Emma Reed, Head of Neighbourhood Services</p>	<p>To be determined via Regional Transport Authority work</p>	<p>Environment and Regeneration</p>	<p>Joint working re-established formally in 2016 between transport representatives of 10 south east wales authorities to take forward a Regional Transport Authority in connection with the City Deal project. The Shadow Regional Transport Authority has met several times since October 2016 and has agreed an Interim Terms of Reference.</p>	<p>An Environmentally Responsible & Prosperous Vale</p>
<p>5. Civil Parking Enforcement Shared service for parking enforcement in operation which provides resilience and maintains safe highways.</p>	<p>Bridgend Council (Local)</p> <p>Michael Clogg, Operational Manager – Engineering</p>	<p>Joint Management Board.</p>	<p>Environment and Regeneration</p>	<p>The CPE Enforcement Service launched 1st April 2013 and has been operating successfully. Quarterly Project Board meetings are held between Bridgend County Borough Council and Vale of Glamorgan Council to review relevant operational and performance issues of the CPE partnership. The shared service arrangement has operated well within the constraints of the cost neutral model as defined by the agreement with both parties. Cabinet agreed in February 2019 to leave the CPE partnership with Bridgend Council and to set up its own all-encompassing Enforcement Service which would include environmental as well as CPE enforcement. It is planned for the CPE element of this new service to commence on 1st April 2020. Currently matters relating to the transfer of 5 staff to the Vale of Glamorgan Council via TUPE are being discussed with the CPE Officers current employer Bridgend Council.</p>	<p>An Environmentally Responsible & Prosperous Vale</p> <p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p>

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<p>6. Leisure Centre Contract The council has a partnership contract with Legacy Leisure for the Management of its leisure centres</p>	<p>Parkwood Leisure – sub-contracted to Legacy Leisure (Local)</p> <p>David Knevett, Operational Manager – Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living and Performance</p>	<p>The Contractor is required to produce an annual report detailing the outputs required in the Contract.</p>	<p>Healthy Living and Social Care</p>	<p>Progress is being made with the proposed contract extension with the Council's legal team in contact with Legacy's solicitors about draft terms.</p> <p>A further report was considered by Cabinet in December 2019 relating to loan requested by the Contractor as part of the extension agreement that will see further improvements made to the Council's Leisure facilities.</p>	<p>An Active & Healthy Vale</p>
<p>7. Local Authority Partnership Agreement (LAPA)</p>	<p>Sport Wales, LHB, Children and Young People's partnership, Local sport clubs. (Local)</p> <p>David Knevett, Operational Manager - Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living and Performance</p>	<p>Vale Sports Board</p>	<p>Environment and Regeneration</p>	<p>The plan for 2019/20 has been approved, by Sport Wales and is currently being implemented.</p> <p>Sports Wales are currently progressing plans to regionalise funding, An EOI has been issued on sell2Wales and discussions are currently taking place with other Councils in the Central South region to co-ordinate a response.</p>	<p>An Active & Healthy Vale</p>

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<p>8. Emergency Planning Welsh Government and Local Government to regionalise the delivery of emergency planning services within 2 years and with other partners on a multi-agency basis within 4 years where practicable.</p>	<p>All Welsh Public Sector (Regional) Miles Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Services</p>	<p>Emergency Planning Board</p>	<p>Homes and Safe Communities</p>	<p>The regional emergency planning team has been created on a virtual basis. This will provide the resilience of a regional service that can direct resources to specific local incidents as required, whilst also maintaining a locally based team to provide flexibility and local knowledge to the council.</p>	<p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p>
<p>9. Domestic Violence Strategic Partnership A multi-agency partnership chaired by the Director of Atal Y Fro. The partnership is responsible for developing a robust strategic response to preventing and tackling domestic violence in the Vale of Glamorgan. It works with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Welsh Government. It is responsible for ensuring partners are responding to the legislative requirements of the new domestic violence act.</p>	<p>Atal Y Fro, SARC, Police and Crime Commissioners Office, South Wales Police, Fire Service and Cardiff and the Vale Local Health Board (Local) Miles Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Services</p>	<p>The Domestic Violence Strategic Partnership is a subgroup from the Safer Vale Partnership and will report its activities to this group.</p>	<p>Homes and Safe Communities</p>	<p>The joint strategy for Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence between Cardiff Council, Cardiff and Vale Health board has now been agreed and progress is being made to deliver against the strategy. The Domestic Abuse Assessment and Referral Co-ordinator continues to support medium/standard risk victims, receiving 979 public protection notices from the police during the first half of the 2019/20. There were 186 cases referred to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) for high risk victims during the same period. To support victims to remain in their own home there were 41 victims that received target hardening on their homes in order for them to feel safe. A scoping exercise is underway to establish the feasibility and benefits of holding more regular multi agency discussions for MARAC cases in order to improve response times.</p>	<p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p>

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<p>10. Safer Vale Community Safety Partnership A multi-agency partnership that sets the strategic direction for community safety in the Vale. Partners from South Wales Police, the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Fire Service, Health Service and the voluntary sector meet to discuss performance management information associated with community safety and ensuing legislative policy changes associated with the area.</p>	<p>Local Authority, South Wales Police, Police and Crime Commissioners Officer, Local Health Board, National Probation Service, South Wales Fire and Rescue and Voluntary Sector. (Local)</p> <p>Miles Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Services</p>	<p>The Safer Vale Partnership reports progress to the Public Services Board and its actions from part of the Single Integrated Plan.</p>	<p>Homes and Safe Communities</p>	<p>The partnership has completed a strategic assessment, a Strategy, a public facing strategy and a delivery plan. A presentation was provided to the Public Service Board and their feedback was incorporated within the final draft. The public facing strategy is currently out for public consultation which will close during January 2020. It is planned that the Strategy will be formally adopted and launched during quarter 4 and will be in place for 3 years.</p> <p>Work continues on Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, Community Engagement, Anti-social behaviour and Contest.</p>	<p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p>
<p>11. Overarching Housing Forum The partnership has the purpose of developing the strategic response to housing need in the Vale of Glamorgan. It considers the emerging policy and legislative direction from Welsh Government. It establishes the short and medium term objectives associated with housing of all tenure in the Vale.</p>	<p>Newydd Housing Association, Hafod Housing Association, UWHA, Wales and West Housing Association, Cardiff and the Vale Health Board, Residential Landlords Association and</p>	<p>The Housing Forum reports as required to the Public Services Board.</p>	<p>Homes and Safe Communities</p>	<p>The partnership monitors the delivery of the Vale of Glamorgan Local Housing Strategy 2015-20 and ensures that all members adhere to the Partnership Agreement that is in place.</p> <p>The Forum also shares good practice, and has a number of working groups to take the actions in the Local Housing Strategy forward on behalf of the OHF which will monitor progress at its quarterly meetings.</p>	<p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p>

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	<p>the House Builders Federation. (Local)</p> <p>Mike Ingram, Head of Housing and Building Services</p>				
<p>12. Regional Collaborative Committee (Supporting People) A cross border partnership with Cardiff Council and colleagues from the statutory and supported housing sectors. The partnership considers the strategic priorities for the supporting people programme.</p> <p>This Committee will be replaced on 1st April 2020 by the Regional Collaborative Group (RCG). The RCG will encourage joint commissioning between the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Councils designed or focused to optimise the complimentary</p>	<p>Cardiff Council, Probation, LHB, Public Health, Community Housing Cymru & Cymorth (Regional)</p> <p>Kim Flower, Regional Development Coordinator</p> <p>Cardiff Council, Probation, PCC, Landlord, Support Provider, Substance Misuse (Area</p>	<p>Supported by an RCC Regional Support Co-Ordinator</p> <p>The Regional Development Coordinator will remain in place to support the RCG.</p>	<p>Homes and Safe Communities</p> <p>Homes and Safe Communities</p>	<p>The RCC is a continuing requirement of Welsh Government and its remit is defined within the existing Supporting People Programme Grant conditions. It meets every quarter to agree the regional priorities, sign off the spend plan and outturns for the region and to take forward the Supporting People agenda in compliance with Welsh Government Guidance. From April 2019 it began monitoring the new Housing Support Grant and compliance with any new guidance introduced by Welsh Government. The RCC encourages regional work, including commissioning and service reviews</p> <p>The RCG is a requirement under the new Housing Support Grant (HSG) which comes into effect from 1st April 2020. The HSG brings together the Supporting People Programme Grant, the Homelessness Prevention Grant and the</p>	<p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p>

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<p>purposes of supported housing, Health and Social Care.</p>	<p>Programme Board), VAWDASV representative on RPB, Service User, Children and Communities Grant Funding representative & other housing area representatives e.g. ICF, aids and adaptations.</p> <p>Kim Flower, Regional Development Coordinator</p>			<p>Rent Smart Wales Enforcement Grant into one funding stream.</p> <p>The RCG will report directly to the Regional Partnership Board.</p>	
<p>13. Strategic Housing Group This Group comprises officers from the Vale and development directors of the various registered social landlords that are zoned by Welsh Government to develop in the Vale of Glamorgan. The partnership considers the funding avenues for new build affordable housing and a programme of delivery for the forthcoming years</p>	<p>Newydd Housing Association, Hafod Housing Association, UWHA, Wales and West Housing Association (Local)</p> <p>Pam Toms, Operational Manager – Public Housing Services</p>	<p>The Strategic Housing Forum is the development planning subgroup of the Overarching Housing Forum.</p>	<p>Homes and Safe Communities</p>	<p>The partnership meets on a quarterly basis to consider the existing affordable housing development programme, plan future developments i.e. consider site acquisitions, planning applications, highways issues and funding streams, and to discuss the preferred housing association partner for individual market sites.</p> <p>The Group also works towards delivering the Empty Homes Strategy and ensures that affordable housing standards are agreed and delivered on market housing sites.</p>	<p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p>

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<p>14. Regional Leadership Group This Group comprises key stakeholders involved in the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, which is grant funded by Central Government. The Group ensures stakeholder resources are in place to support the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff.</p>	<p>Cardiff Council, Taff Housing Association, Cadwyn Housing Association, South Wales Police, Cardiff and Vale UHB, WSMP, Muslim Council of Wales, Citizens UK, Jewish Representative Council for South Wales (Local)</p> <p>Mike Ingram, Head of Housing and Building Services</p>	<p>The Regional Leadership Group is the strategic planning group for the Syrian Resettlement Programme</p>	<p>Homes and Safe Communities</p>	<p>The Leadership Group meets on a quarterly basis to provide strategic direction and oversight for the regional partnership. The Group ensures that stakeholder resources are in place to meet the needs of beneficiaries, including the provision of accommodation, integration support services, health and education. The Group is now working on year four of the programme with the aim of settling an additional 10 families (4 in the Vale of Glamorgan).</p>	<p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p>
<p>15. Cardiff & Vale Health, Housing and Care Programme Board</p>	<p>Cardiff Council, Health, & RSLs</p>	<p>Reports directly to the Regional partnership Board</p>	<p>Homes and Safe Communities</p>	<p>The Programme Board has been set up to consider opportunities for maximising the contribution of joint working between health, housing and social care to improve the independence and well-being and of communities across the region.</p>	<p>Homes and Safe Communities</p>

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<p>16. CCTV Development of proposals for shared service to be hosted by Bridgend Council.</p>	<p>Bridgend Council (Local)</p> <p>Debbie Gibbs, Principal Community Safety Officer</p>	<p>Project reports through Customer Relations Project Board. Governance arrangements for the service are still under development as part of the contractual arrangements</p>	<p>Corporate Performance and Resources & Homes and Safe Communities.</p>	<p>A review of CCTV has been completed by the Council on the service and outcomes achieved. The Council has been granted £350,000 through the Capital Programme to provide a 21st Century response to CCTV.</p> <p>A Multi Agency Programme Board is in the process of being established in order to ensure that the best outcomes are achieved.</p>	<p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p>
Learning and Skills					
<p>17. Inspire to Achieve/Aspire to Work The Regional ESF Groups aims to provide a new and innovative programme of employer engagement activities to participants identified through the Local Authority's Early Identification Process with the aim of reducing participants who are NEET or are at risk of becoming NEET.</p> <p>Partnership agreements are in place</p>	<p>Newport LA, Cardiff LA, Monmouth LA, Llamau Housing, , Cardiff and Vale College, Gwent College and Careers Wales (Regional – but 1 of 4 regions who will collaborate on some work)</p> <p>Mark Davies, Prevention & Partnership Manager</p>	<p>Inspire to Achieve/Aspire to Work project progress is reported to the Engagement and Progression Framework Strategic group</p>	<p>Learning and Culture</p>	<p>I2A – continues to work across all 8 comprehensive schools, young people who have been identified as Red through the Local Authority's Early Identification Tool (EIT) have been presented at panel meetings. Both expenditure and income are coming back on target. The whole region has been offered a project extension until December 2022 and has re-profiled current resources.</p> <p>I2W – Programme is on target for both expenditure and income</p> <p>The project is ahead of profile and working closely with Communities for Work and other employment related projects.</p>	<p>An Aspirational & Culturally Vibrant Vale</p> <p>An Environmentally Responsible & Prosperous Vale</p>

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<p>18. Central South Consortium</p> <p>Since 2012, Central South Consortium has delivered aspects of school improvement services on behalf of the five authorities: Bridgend, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Vale of Glamorgan. This covers 391 schools, 30% of Wales' children. It is a growing region with rapidly changing demographic encompassing increasingly diverse communities across the economic sub region. It remains the region with the highest number of children living in poverty, with just under 1 in 5 children claiming free school meals.</p> <p>The service delivers challenge and support on behalf of the five local authorities, governed through a Joint Committee of Cabinet Members from each authority. The Joint Committee meets four times a year and formally approves the annual business plan and budget for the service, holding the service to account in terms of performance and budgetary control.</p>	<p>Cardiff, Bridgend, Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taf Councils (Regional)</p> <p>Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills</p>	<p>Joint Committee supported by Advisory Board, Directors' Group, Operational Board and other stakeholder groups. In addition to reports to these groups DLS and HOS meet the Consortium. The Consortium reports annually to Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>Learning and Culture</p>	<p>The Consortium's business plan 2019/20, developed in consultation with stakeholders, clearly sets out the regional priorities and actions for the coming year and their alignment with "Education in Wales - Our National Mission 2017 – 21"</p> <p>Progress on standards across the region in 2018/19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FP at expected level, all performance measures are above national average. • KS2 at the expected level, all performance measures continue to perform above the national average. • KS3 – At the expected level, CSC continues to exceed the national average for all performance measures. Improvements can be seen over the last three-year period for all performance measures at the above-expected level in English, mathematics and science. • KS4 – New interim performance measures have been introduced for 2018/19. Outcomes for Central South Consortium are comparable or 	<p>An Aspirational & Culturally Vibrant Vale</p>

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				<p>higher than national averages for all interim performance measures.</p> <p>WJEC pass rates for A*-C and A*-G improved again in 2019 for the region. The pass rate for the region for A*-A grades fell slightly but still remains above the national pass rate for these grades.</p> <p>Regional performance for A*-C is also above the National pass rate, and whilst the pass rate for A*-G remains below the national level, the gap has narrowed slightly in the most recent year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS5 – The Level 3 Threshold for the region has increased for the second consecutive academic year, and in 2019 has reached its highest ever position. <p>The overarching priorities for Central South Consortium are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a high-quality education profession 2. Develop inspirational leaders to facilitate working collaboratively to raise standards 	

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				<p>3. Develop strong and inclusive schools committed to wellbeing, equity and excellence</p> <p>4. Develop robust assessment, evaluation and accountability arrangements supporting self-improving systems</p> <p>5. Provide professional learning opportunities to support the curriculum for Wales</p> <p>6. Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Central South Consortium</p>	
<p>19. Cardiff and Vale Community Learning Partnership The members of the Cardiff and Vale Community Learning Partnership deliver adult community learning across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. The best interests of learners across the region form the basis of the Partnership rather than the interests of individual partners.</p> <p>The Strategy Group has responsibility for setting the strategic direction of the Partnership and regularly reviewing its effectiveness. Its purpose is to raise standards and identify opportunities to direct and share resources to improve efficiency, meet adult community learning needs of the region and ensure best use of funding.</p>	<p>Cardiff Council, Cardiff and Vale College, Adult Learning Wales (Local) Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills</p>	<p>Joint Strategy Group comprising the four partners (chaired by VOG Council Annual report to Scrutiny Committee and reports to the Improving Opportunities Board</p>	<p>Learning and Culture</p>	<p>The ACL service in Cardiff and the Vale has significantly improved through the efforts of all aspects of the partnership working in a more co-ordinated way. The Strategic Group develops the strategic plan for the Partnership, agrees priorities and monitors performance. Members of the partnership are collaborating on curriculum planning, marketing, data, quality, and resources.</p> <p>Over the five years of the partnership performance has improved significantly. Success rates have risen from 80% in 2012-13 to 91% in 2018-19. The structure of the Partnership has been revised to reflect changes to the structure of individual partners and to improve efficiency and engagement. Significant reduction in the WG grant funding for the Partnership from 2020/21 onwards will impact heavily on outcomes</p>	<p>An Aspirational & Culturally Vibrant Vale</p>

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Managing Director and Resources					
<p>20. Cardiff Capital City Region – City Deal (CCR)</p>	<p>10 Local authorities, W.G. Westminster Government (Regional-National)</p> <p>Rob Thomas, Managing Director</p>	<p>Being developed – City Deal board currently in place and consists of 10 LA leaders with a support group of Heads of Paid Service</p>	<p>Corporate Performance and Resources</p>	<p>The Leaders of each Council signed the City Deal in a ceremony at Cardiff Airport on 1st March 2017. The Joint Working Agreement Business Plan was agreed by the Regional Cabinet in February and each of the 10 and the Plan was reported to the VoGCBC Cabinet on 19 March and to a Special Council meeting on 28 March 2017.</p> <p>http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Cabinet/2018/18-03-19/Reports/Cardiff-Capital-Region-City-Deal-Joint-Working-Agreement-Business-Plan-Cabinet-Report.pdf</p> <p>The City Deal is committed to the development of a Strategic Development Plan. The Plan was reported to Regional Cabinet in June 2019 and was reported through individual Councils either side of recess.</p> <p>The CCR has launched its first Economic and Industrial Growth Plan which sets out priority sectors for intervention and is currently developing an Investment and Intervention Framework in close collaboration with the Regional Economic Growth Partnership to complete the</p>	<p>An Environmentally Responsible & Prosperous Vale</p>

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				<p>Assurance Framework to assess future investment proposals.</p> <p>A City Deal Office has now been established in Tredomen. Beyond delivering a funding programme, developments such a Brexit and the loss of EU funding has meant the City deal is now a key means through which to ensure regional sustainability and resilience. City Deal has started to embed new ways of working and officers are in knowledge transfer discussions with several City Deals across the U.K including Swansea Bay and SW of England regions. These discussions are informing the approach to planning new frameworks for regional investment and work with Welsh Government to co-deliver programmes of strategic importance.</p>	
<p>21. Ein Bro/Our Vale – Public Services Board</p>	<p>Cardiff and Vale UHB, Fire, Police, GVS, NRW, Cardiff and Vale College, Probation, PCC, Ambulance Trust (Local)</p> <p>Tom Bowring, Head of Policy and Business Transformation</p>	<p>Cabinet and Scrutiny</p>	<p>Corporate Performance and Resources</p>	<p>The Well-being Plan was signed off by the PSB on 18th April 2018 and the first Annual Report was published in July 2019. A workshop was held in September to plan the way forward and build momentum in to the delivery of the plan for year 2. The outcomes of the workshop were discussed in October and the PSB agreed to focus on two key projects, tackling climate change and the Move More Eat Well Plan. They agreed a pathfinder project around time banking and an organisational learning strand around engagement. A staff Healthy Travel Charter was launched in October 2019 and an Asset Management Group</p>	<p>An Environmentally Responsible & Prosperous Vale</p> <p>An Active & Healthy Vale</p> <p>An Inclusive & Safe Vale</p> <p>An Aspirational & Culturally Vibrant Vale</p>

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				has also been established. In December 2019 the PSB devoted a meeting to discussing how to involve young people in the work of the PSB and in particular how to work together on climate change. Work continues to develop the PSB evidence base through Power BI.	
<p>22. Internal Audit Shared service with Bridgend, Merthyr and RCT Councils.</p>	<p>Bridgend Council</p> <p>Merthyr Council</p> <p>RCT Council</p> <p>Carys Lord & Mark Thomas</p>	<p>Management Board oversee the operation of the service, agreeing and revising service standards annually. Progress is reported to Audit Committee in Annual Head of Internal Audit report.</p>	<p>Corporate Performance and Resources</p>	<p>The service became fully operational on 1st April 2019 with all staff transferring to the Vale of Glamorgan. Full audit support is now being given to four audit committees with progress against the annual audit plans being reported to each meeting.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to review the structure, working practices & procedures and ICT arrangements and systems.</p>	<p>This project contributes to the governance aspects of the integrated planning activities which support the delivery of all Well-being Outcomes.</p>
<p>23. Customer Relations / NHS Comms Hub</p> <p>Development of customer contact centre at C1V for integrated health services and social care services. The project will simplify access to Health and Social Care services, improve first contact resolution and the overall customer experience. In addition, operational costs will be minimised through sharing of technology and staff resources to deliver services.</p>	<p>Cardiff & Vale UHB (Local)</p> <p>Tony Curliss, Operational Manager – Customer Relations</p>	<p>Reports through Integrated health and Social care Programme, Customer Relations Project Board and PCIC Clinical Board depending on project</p>	<p>Corporate Performance and Resources</p>	<p>A project has been established to implement changes to the Voice IVR solution to reflect changes in UHB requirements. The jointly funded Project Manager is working on a number of projects. A review of existing structures within Contact OneVale and the Communications Hub is underway with the objective to improve operational efficiency, create capacity to undertake more services and encourage closer</p>	<p>An Active & Healthy Vale</p>

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				<p>integrated working between Health and Social care services.</p> <p>Staff engagement on how the organisations can address current issues and take advantage of opportunities has been undertaken.</p> <p>Design of Voice IVR for Health has been completed. Live implementation has been delayed due to technical issues on the contact centre technology platform. The supplier is working to resolve these.</p> <p>Authority has been gained to commence engagement with all staffing groups within the contact centre environment about how to meet the requirements of the White Paper published by the Welsh Government and deliver integrated health and social care. This exercise has been coordinated by Organisation Development teams from the council and UHB.</p> <p>Staff engagement activity undertaken to ascertain how to create greater integrated working between all services operating from C1V. Key issues emerging include a lack of understanding of roles and activities and, cultural differences. An action plan has been established to address the issues including:</p>	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a single brand covering all services • Establishment of integrated operational management meetings to identify and implement opportunities to improve integrated working • Creation of integrated staff forum to contribute to operational and cultural issues • Creation of an integrated induction course for all new members of staff • Implement awareness raising training for existing members of staff to improve understanding of all roles 	
24. Collection and Delivery of Physical Mail	Bridgend Council, South Wales Police (Local) Jeff Rees, Operational Manager – Democratic Services		Corporate Performance and Resources	Tri-partite collaborative contract was awarded to Whistl following competitive tendering. The new contract commenced in October 2016. The expenditure saving in the first year of the contract operation was £30,176.08.	This project contributes to the integrated planning activities which support the delivery of all Well-being Outcomes.
25. Community Asset Transfers (CATs)	Various (Local) Lorna Cross, Operational Manager – Property	CAT Group, Insight Board and Cabinet	Corporate Performance and Resources	An update to the CAT process was approved in December 2019 by Cabinet in line with the new guidance issued by Welsh Government/ Ystadau Cymru and reflecting the lessons learnt by the Council since the policy was last revised in 2016. This will complement the work underway with regards operation of single use sports facilities.	This project contributes to the integrated planning activities which support the delivery of all Well-being Outcomes.

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<p>26. Ystadau Cymru (National Board and Cardiff and Vale Regional Sub group)</p>	<p>Across all public sector – Lead and promoted by Welsh Government.</p> <p>Lead Local Authority Officer for Ystadau Cymru National Board – Lorna Cross, Operational Manager Property</p>	<p>Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Welsh Government, Ystadau Cymru Programme Board, Ystadau Cymru Sub Regional Groups</p>	<p>Corporate Performance and Resources</p>	<p>The main focus for the Ystadau Cymru Board has been to oversee the work of the Regional Sub Groups in delivering a range of key projects under the Assets Collaboration Programme Wales (Phase 2). Key areas for these sub regional projects has been focused on Developing detailed regional understanding of the public asset base through asset mapping exercises, Considering potential for collaboration opportunities across the portfolios and developing pathfinder projects. Key Strategic Outputs for the National Programme Board are to promote good practice in areas such as asset management, disposals, energy and environment, decarbonisation, space utilisation, FM, Health & Wellbeing, Architectural Service, Risk and Safety Management, Project Management and agile working. Key projects that are currently being progressed are Stakeholder Mapping, Skills & Training, Funding Streams, Communications Branding & Engagement Planning, Financial Accounting/Cultural Barriers, Community Asset project, collaboration Tool Kits and Property KPI's. The expected benefits of the programme are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating Economic Growth; 2. Future Generations Well Being Goals – Social/Environmental Sustainability; 3. More integrated Services; 4. Reducing Estate Running Costs; 	<p>This project contributes to the integrated planning activities which support the delivery of all Well-being Outcomes</p>

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				5. Better Value for Money; 6. Generating Greater Capital Receipts.	
Social Services					
<p>27. Regional Partnership Board - Integrated Care Fund (ICF) / Transformation Bid</p> <p>The ICF is funding made available from the Welsh Government on a regional basis to allow councils to invest in services which support older people, particularly the frail elderly, to maintain their independence and remain in their own home. Funding is now provided on a recurrent basis and is administered by the Local Health Boards on the basis that the previous projects will build on the good work carried out previous years since its introduction in 2014. The ICF allows us to provide innovative solutions to improve services to the citizens of the Vale of Glamorgan.</p> <p>ICF has now broadened to support Carers agenda and Complex Children's Cases.</p> <p>The Welsh Government Transformation Fund 2018-20 is intended to provide revenue funding to support time limited, transformational, and scalable projects, which support the introduction of new</p>	<p>Third Sector, Independent Sector, UHB, Cardiff Council (Local)</p> <p>Lance Carver, Director of Social Services</p>	<p>Strategic Leadership Group</p>	<p>Healthy Living and Social Care</p>	<p>The Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board provides the governance arrangements for overseeing the work of the Integrated Health & Social Care Partnership and ensuring delivery arrangements are in place to enable effective implementation of the Act on a regional basis. Progress monitoring against this Regional Work Programme is reported to the Board for action as required. Board is primarily responsible for overseeing delivery against identified priorities which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning & Promoting Preventative Services (including preparation of the Population Needs Assessment) • Locality Working (including the preparation of Area Plans) • Home First and Patient Flow • Integration (in line with Part 9 of the SSWB Act – Older people; People with learning disabilities, carers, Integrated Family Support Services, Children with complex needs due to disability or illness) • Joint Commissioning (prioritising the establishment of pooled funds for care accommodation for older people) 	<p>An Active & Healthy Vale</p>

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models. There is currently no funding confirmed beyond March 2020.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welsh Community Care Information Solution <p>A Transformation Bid has been approved although waiting final sign off from Welsh Government, and a further bid with a focus on Children and Young was unfortunately not successful, although has been submitted again following revision. Additional ICF funding has been made available.</p>	
<p>28. Regional Steering Group</p> <p>This group has overseen the Delivering Transformation Grant. This grant provides the social services directorates in the Region with funding to build capacity to deliver transformational change in social care.</p>	<p>Cardiff Council,</p> <p>Lance Carver, Director of Social Services</p>	<p>Directors of Social Services</p>	<p>Healthy Living and Social Care</p>	<p>The DTG is now part of the RSG, it continues to provide additional capacity to support the implementation of the Social Services and Well-being Act. Officers continue to work through a Regional Implementation Plan to inform and track progress. Workstreams continue to be led by senior officers within Vale of Glamorgan Council and Cardiff Council. We are continuing to work on a regional basis to ensure consistent implementation of the Act across the Region, the work is overseen by regional coordinator on an ongoing basis. The work includes oversight of Dewis the database of services.</p>	<p>An Active & Healthy Vale</p>
<p>29. Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Regional Adoption Service</p> <p>Vale, Valleys and Cardiff (VVC) Adoption Collaborative provides a regional adoption service to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Cardiff Council and Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.</p>	<p>Cardiff, Bridgend, Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taf Councils (National)</p>	<p>Joint Management Board with representatives from each LA.</p>	<p>Healthy Living and Social Care</p>	<p>Regional collaboratives which form part of the National Adoption Service in Wales (NAS). The Vale of Glamorgan hosts the collaborative. The Annual Report for the collaborative was presented to Scrutiny Committee in November.</p>	<p>An Active & Healthy Vale</p>

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	Rachel Evans, Head of Children Services				
<p>30. Welsh Community Care Information Service (WCCIS) WCCIS is the national IT system for health and social care</p>	<p>Cardiff Council, Cardiff and Vale UHB (Regional and National)</p> <p>Lance Carver, Director of Social Services</p>	<p>Regional Management Board to the RPB</p>	<p>Healthy Living and Social Care</p>	<p>Across the region partners are taking this work forward at different paces due to their existing IT contract arrangements. The Vale of Glamorgan moved to WCCIS on the 24/11/17.</p> <p>Implementation has progressed well in the majority of areas; there remain some issues that are being resolved on a national basis. We are now providing performance data and reports through the new system</p> <p>Issues regarding printing, slowness of the system, legacy licensing and Performance reporting have been progressed with Careworks and the Vale's IT service and reporting information is available although this requires close review to ensure its accuracy going forward. Issues regarding the speed of the system have recently improved.</p>	<p>An Active and Healthy Vale</p>
<p>31. Social Care Workforce Development programme Grant (SCWDP) training</p>	<p>Cardiff Council (Regional)</p> <p>Lance Carver, Director of Social Services</p>	<p>Strategic Leadership Group to the RPB</p>	<p>Healthy Living and Social Care</p>	<p>A regional training unit has been developed led by Cardiff. A regional Workforce Board is also in place</p>	<p>An Active and Healthy Vale</p>