

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 11TH OCTOBER 2021

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 22ND SEPTEMBER 2021

“ VALE OF GLAMORGAN PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
2020-21 (REF) –

The reference from Cabinet of 19th July, 2021 was presented to Committee as contained within the agenda.

The Head of Policy and Business Transformation introduced the reference and report and passed on apologies from Mark Brace of the South Wales Police Commissioner’s Office, Vice-Chair of the Public Services Board (PSB), who had hoped to attend the meeting to present the item.

Members were advised that the report had been produced using Microsoft Away for a second year which contained a series of case studies that focused on the PSB’s activities as well as the evidence base for the wellbeing assessment.

There had been strong partnership working around Test Trace Protect, immunisations and community support through Vale Heroes.

Work with regards strengthening the relationship with Town and Community Councils was continuing and a subsequent meeting had been held where a programme of work focusing on issues of mutual interest were being explored, e.g. Age Friendly Status and Climate Change.

Since July, work had commenced on the wellbeing assessment which would be reported to the PSB prior to the local government elections in May 2022.

There had been a good response to the survey that had been running over the summer, with over 1,300 responses. Officers were now looking at collating the themes that were coming through from those responses, as well as looking to run a series of workshops with PSB partners over the next few months ahead of publishing a draft Wellbeing Assessment later in the autumn and bring that Assessment to this Committee as part of the consultation process.

Councillor Dr. Johnson referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee being the lead Scrutiny Committee and asked to what extent other Scrutiny Committees had been made aware of work that would have been relevant to their remit. He further asked whether an evaluation of how impactful work had been over the last two years.

The Head of Policy and Business Transformation advised that other Committees would have been made aware of the PSB work through quarterly performance reporting, as well as through individual reported updates. He noted that there was more work to be done collectively to raise the profile of initiatives that were linked to PSB activities. It would have to be Committee's view to recommend that other Committees should take a focus on certain individual pieces of work. With regards the evaluation of individual schemes, the Annual Report attempted to evaluate the performance of schemes and looked to develop priorities over the 5-year plan.

The Chair referred to the PSB's 4 priority workstreams on page 4 of the report should be referred to their respective Scrutiny Committees:-

- Move More Eat Well Plan be referred to Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee, and possibly Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee.
- Tackling Climate Change to Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.
- Pathfinder Project – Timebanking be referred to Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee.
- Organisational Learning Project – Improving Engagement be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

The Chair asked when it would be possible to have those reports presented to those Committees and added to their respective work plans. He asked the Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer if it were possible to recommend those reports go to those Committees and it was confirmed that Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee make recommendations to the Cabinet, so if agreed by Cabinet would be referred to the respective Committees.

Councillor Sivagnanam asked why matters had not been to other Committees previously. The Head of Policy and Business Transformation confirmed that the Future Generations legislation required there to be a lead Committee and Cabinet had agreed that lead Committee would be Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee, but there was nothing to stop individual reports going to individual Scrutiny Committees and reported back to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as the lead Committee.

Committee, having considered the reference and the report, subsequently

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the report and reference be noted.
- (2) T H A T it be recommended to Cabinet that the Public Services Board's 4 priority workstreams on page 4 of the report should be referred to their respective Scrutiny Committees and form part of the Committees' work plans.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and reference and discussions at the meeting.”