

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Community Liaison Committee: 29th January 2019

Report of the Community Liaison Committee Public Services Board Representative

Vale Public Services Board Update

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update on the work of the Vale Public Services Board (PSB) in delivering the Vale of Glamorgan's Well-being Plan, published in May 2018.
2. The PSB is receiving regular progress reports on the delivery of the Well-being Plan. The Community Liaison Committee are asked to consider if they would like to receive similar updates on the work of the PSB in future meetings.
3. The Community Liaison Committee has the opportunity to consider how their respective Councils might contribute to the Local Well-being Plan.

Recommendations

1. To note the progress made by the Public Services Board in delivering the Well-being Plan.
2. To consider whether the Committee wish to have updates on the work of the Vale Public Services Board in future meetings
3. To consider whether the Committee and constituent Councils wish to contribute to any Objectives in the Well-being Plan

Reasons for the Recommendations

1. To enable the committee to consider the work being undertaken by the Vale Public Services Board.
2. To ensure that there are regular opportunities for the PSB community and town council representative to feedback and discuss the work of the PSB with the committee and for committee members to comment on the work of the PSB.
3. To ensure Councils have the opportunity to contribute to the Well-being Plan, recognising that a few Councils have the obligation to produce a Report.

Background

4. The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 formally established Public Services Boards (PSBs), in each local authority area in Wales. 'Our Vale' is the Vale PSB and in accordance with the Act must contribute to the achievement of the national well-being goals as set out in the legislation. The PSB must do this by:
 - Assessing the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in the local area.
 - Setting local objectives that are designed to maximise the PSB's contribution within the area to achieving the national well-being goals.
 - Taking all reasonable steps to meet these objectives i.e. through a Well-being Plan which must be informed by the Well-being Assessment.
5. The PSB published a Well-being Plan in May 2018 following extensive consultation and the Plan includes four well-being objectives. The PSB's four well-being objectives are:
 - To enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services
 - To reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation
 - To give children the best start in life
 - To protect, enhance and value our environment
6. These objectives and the actions in the plan were informed by the Well-being Assessment published in 2017 and the engagement undertaken as part of the development of the plan. A report was brought to the Community Liaison Committee in October 2017 as part of the consultation on the then draft plan.
7. The Well-being of Future Generations Act places a duty on Community and Town Councils with a gross income or expenditure of at least £200,000 for each of the three financial years preceding the year in which the local Well-being Plan is published to take "all reasonable steps" towards meeting the local objectives set out in the area's local Well-being Plan.
8. A Community or Town Council which is subject to this duty must also publish a report annually detailing its progress in meeting the objectives contained in the Well-being Plan. The statutory guidance issued by Welsh Government encourages Community and Town Councils which are subject to the duty to liaise with PSBs on the objectives outlined in the Well-being Plan.

Relevant Issues and Options

9. There are four statutory members of the PSB and each has agreed to lead on one of the well-being objectives.
 - To enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services - South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
 - To reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation - Cardiff and Vale UHB
 - To give children the best start in life - Vale of Glamorgan Council
 - To protect, enhance and value our environment - Natural Resources Wales

10. The actions in the Well-being Plan reflect where partners can take collective action and add the greatest value in contributing to the national well-being goals. Many of the actions in the Plan cut across a number of objectives and demonstrate how partners are looking to integrate activities to deliver a range of outcomes.
11. Actions in the Plan include:
- Research best practice in engagement and community participation to develop new approaches.
 - Support and promote volunteering opportunities for staff and residents.
 - Produce an engagement toolkit
 - Work with the local community to identify and develop a co-production project
 - Work together to promote healthy behaviour messages
 - Work with local residents to identify and deliver an environmental project
 - Develop a co-ordinated approach to tackling fuel poverty
 - Work together as local employers to develop new opportunities for work experience and apprenticeships
 - Improve parenting skills
 - Review multi-agency arrangements for the delivery of preventative and statutory services for children and young people
 - Promote active travel and more sustainable travel
 - Deliver on a joint commitment to 'green' our estates .e.g. reduce energy use and minimise pollution
12. Work is progressing across all the objectives and where possible a joined up approach is being undertaken recognising the many linkages across the plan. At each PSB meeting there is a progress report regarding the delivery of the Plan and the following progress was reported to the PSB in December. A copy of the full progress report is attached as Appendix A.
13. **Objective One:** Enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services:
- An Engagement Group has been established and met for the first time in November. Members of the group are keen to work together and to share and develop best practice. Sian Griffiths from the Cardiff and Vale Public Health Team will attend a future meeting of the group to discuss how they can assist with a number of workstreams that she is leading on including the promotion of healthy behaviour messages which sits under Objective Two.
14. **Objective Two:** Reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation:
- A post graduate student from Cardiff University will work with the Council's Strategy and Partnership team to build on the Well-being Assessment and undertake further research and analysis of data around inequalities and deprivation.
 - This work is being funded through the Welsh Government PSB grant. Welsh Government has announced that from April 2019 ten grants will be brought together in to two funding streams, a Housing Support Grant and a Children and Communities Grant. New guidance is expected but this should provide the opportunity for a more integrated approach to support and work with those most in need. The funding

streams that will be brought in to the new approach include Flying Start, Families First, Communities for Work and Supporting People. This work also links to actions being undertaken under Objective Three.

- NRW have identified a community project around the Coldbrook/Cadoxton/Sully Brook catchment and this also links to the co-production action under Objective One.

15. **Objective Three:** Give children the best start in life:

- Flying Start and Families First have joined up their parenting provision to form a single parenting team . A programme of parenting support has also been developed and is now being advertised. The new parenting service was launched at a Well-being Networking event in November along with the new Families First Advice Line (FFAL) and Youth Wellbeing team.
- The Regional Partnership Board successfully bid for funding for work on ACEs and this will include the appointment of a lead officer who will also be the lead for the action in the PSB Well-being Plan. In addition work is being undertaken by South Wales Police as part of the Early Action Together programme. This work will be brought together to ensure a co-ordinated approach to ACEs work in the Vale and relevant partners will meet in the New Year to establish links and share knowledge and ideas.

16. **Objective Four:** Protect, enhance and value our environment:

- An Active Travel Task and Finish Group has been established and has agreed to focus on shared messages/joint campaigns including with schools; improving active travel and EV charging infrastructure at sites; and spreading messages through existing campaigns and engagement routes. This will also link to work around engagement and healthy messages under Objective One.
- A meeting has taken place between officers from NRW and the Council's Operational Manager for property Services. The Cardiff and Vale regional Asset Management Group are awaiting a decision from Welsh Government on their funding bid for asset mapping and if successful this work will provide a useful foundation to inform a number of actions in the PSB Well-being Plan.
- In addition to the above progress a workshop is being held in February around embedding the rights of the child across the work of the PSB and this is being facilitated by the Children's Commissioner who attended a Vale PSB meeting last year and sked the PSB to pilot some work.
- Work is also being taken forward to consider performance measures and the Annual Report which will need to be published in July 2019.

17. The PSB is keen to ensure that there is an effective dialogue between the PSB and Town and Community Councils. This includes having a representative on the PSB and also being invited to participate in different groups and consultation events. Members of the committee are asked to consider how frequently they would like to receive updates on the work of the PSB to ensure that they have timely progress reports on the work of the PSB and are able to provide feedback to the PSB via their representative.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

18. None as a direct result of this report.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

19. The role of the PSB is to improve local well-being and maximise the contribution of partners to the seven national well-being goals.
20. The PSB is embedding the five ways of working across all of its activities and ensuring there is a focus on integration, collaboration, involvement, prevention and long term thinking. This is evident in the PSB's agreed objectives and the steps being undertaken to progress them as detailed in Appendix A. **The Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils has recommend Councils produce an Annual Report and that they work effectively and collectively with principal Local Authorities.**
21. The purpose of this report is to recognise the important role of Town and Community Councils and ensure they are aware of the work being undertaken through the PSB and have the opportunity to comment and get involved.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

22. None as a direct result of this report.

Crime and Disorder Implications

23. None as a direct result of this report.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

24. None as a direct result of this report.

Corporate/Service Objectives

25. As described in the sustainability and Climate Change Implications section above.

Policy Framework and Budget

26. This is a matter for decision by the Community Liaison Committee.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

27. Due to the corporate nature of this report, no specific Ward Member consultation has been undertaken.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

28. Corporate Performance and Resources

Background Papers

Vale Public Services Board Well-being Plan <https://www.valepsb.wales/en/Our-Plan.aspx>

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