

Meeting of:	Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday, 21 October 2020
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Progress Report
Purpose of Report:	To provide an update on the work of the Vale Public Services Board
Report Owner:	Report of the Managing Director
Responsible Officer:	Tom Bowring, Head of Policy and Business Transformation
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	No specific Ward Member consultation has been undertaken
Policy Framework:	The PSB Well-being Plan was approved by Council in February 2018
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSB launched its Well-being Plan on 22nd May 2018. Since its launch partners have been working to progress the Well-being Objectives set out in the Plan and the actions aligned to these Objectives. • This report provides an update on the work of the PSB and discussions between partners about the future focus of the work of the PSB including greater alignment with the Regional Partnership Board (RPB), responding to the Future Generations Report and the impact of covid-19. 	

Recommendations

1. That Committee consider the work being undertaken through the PSB and how partners are working together take a more collaborative and integrated approach to improving local well-being as described in this report and associated appendices.
2. That Committee note the Future Generations Report and that this will help shape the work of the PSB (Appendix A).
3. That Committee identify any areas of particular focus for future scrutiny activity.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To enable Members to consider the work being undertaken by the PSB.
2. To advise Members of the Future Generations Report which will help shape the work of the PSB.
3. To enable Members to identify areas of focus for future scrutiny activity.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) 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.
- 1.2 Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee is the designated committee for scrutinising the overall work of the PSB.
- 1.3 The PSB set four Well-being Objectives which provide the framework for its Well-being Plan published in 2018. There are several short and long-term actions which are being taken forward in an integrated way to achieve the four Objectives and to deliver the PSB's 2050 vision.
- 1.4 The PSB's four Well-being Objectives are:
 1. To enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services
 2. To reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation
 3. To give children the best start in life

4. To protect, enhance and value our environment

1.5 The PSB has also agreed priority workstreams which are:

- Key Priority One -The Cardiff and Vale Move More Eat Well Plan led by the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.
- Key Priority Two – Tackling Climate Change led by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Natural Resources Wales.
- Pathfinder Project – Timebanking led by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
- Organisational Learning Project – Improving Engagement to be embedded across all workstreams
- The PSB’s second Annual Report was presented to the Committee in July and sets out the progress that has been made in the second year of the Plan. When considering the report in July the Committee requested regular updates on the work of the PSB.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

2.1 The PSB has met twice since March 2020, once in July and once in October. At both meetings there has been much discussion about the impact of covid-19. At the July meeting there was a discussion about the changes which organisations have had to make and the challenges and opportunities that have arisen because of covid-19. At this stage many partners were looking to develop recovery strategies and it was a useful discussion around how partners had made changes to how they work, responded to the crisis and how they were looking to plan for the future. There was also a recognition that PSB’s priorities around climate change, Move More, Eat Well, engagement and volunteering/timebanking remained relevant.

2.2 At the October meeting partners discussed a number of agenda items including the Future Generations Report, funding for PSBs from Natural Resources Wales and the future focus of the PSB. An overview of the discussions is presented below.

Future Generations Report

2.3 The Future Generations Report was published by the Future Generations Commissioner in May 2020 and is a statutory report. The report is not specific to PSBs but is relevant to their work and a letter has been sent by the Commissioner to the PSB chair regarding the report and the work of the Vale PSB. A copy of the letter is attached as Appendix A. The report is comprehensive with wide ranging recommendations set out against the seven national wellbeing goals and a number of priority areas for the Commissioner:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Decarbonisation

- Housing
- Land Use and Place Making
- Procurement
- Skills
- Transport

2.4 The full report can be accessed [here](#) . There is also a [dedicated website](#) with an executive summary and more accessible versions of the report to enable people to engage more easily with the detailed advice and recommendations.

2.5 Partners will be mindful of the Future Generations Report as the work of the PSB is progressed and as the PSB begins to plan the Well-being Assessment which will need to be undertaken in 2021 and published in 2022.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Funding

2.6 PSB partners welcomed the opportunity to submit proposals to Natural Resources Wales for how the PSB could spend £25k which is being offered by NRW as a strategic grant to all PSBs to be spent by the end of March 2021. Partners agreed to submit a proposal to utilise the funding as follows:

- Outdoor Education Centre - Everyone's Garden Colcot; £20k lead organisation Vale of Glamorgan Council
- Garden Project, CF61 Llantwit Major £2k lead organisation Glamorgan Voluntary Services
- Tree Planting £2.5k lead organisation Vale of Glamorgan Council
- FoodVale Website enhancements £0.5k lead organisation Cardiff and Vale Public Health Team

2.7 All of the above projects contribute to the PSB's four well-being objectives and the four priority workstreams.

Future Focus

2.8 Partners were asked to consider a range of issues to inform a discussion about the future focus of the Public Services Board. A copy of the presentation is attached as Appendix B. Issues included:

- Future Generations Report
- PSB priorities
- Changes/Opportunities and challenges identified in July
- [Economic Impact Assessment](#)
- [Economic Analysis Dashboard Report](#)
- [Community Impact Assessment](#)
- Work of the Regional Partnership Board

- 2.9** The PSB considered the above information and discussed work being taken forward to support its priorities. This included the need to develop proposals for how partners can work together to tackle climate change, building on the Vale Heroes volunteering work, delivering the Move More, Eat Well Plan and engaging with the community. It was agreed that work should continue around food poverty, engaging with children and young people and making the Vale more Age Friendly. It was also agreed that the Older Peoples Commissioner who had been due to attend the PSB in April should be invited to attend a future meeting to talk more about being Age Friendly and the issues raised in the Director of Public Health's Annual Report 'Re-imagining Ageing into the Future' which had also been discussed at the PSB meeting in October.
- 2.10** The Director of Health and Social Care Integration (Cardiff & Vale UHB) attended the meeting to update the PSB on the work of the RPB and participate in a discussion about how the PSB and RPB can align the work of the partnerships and work together to improve local well-being. The RPB is now focusing more on people and places and moving away from focusing on services and organisations. The work of the RPB will concentrate on three programmes of activity;
- Starting Well (ages 0-25)
 - Living Well (working age and into older age)
 - Ageing Well (older age and end of life)
- 2.11** Partners were keen for the synergy between the work of the PSB and the RPB to be enhanced and for proposals for a way forward to be brought to the next meeting of the PSB in December.
- 2.12** There is a strong culture of partnership working across the Vale and partners have continued to work together in response to the many issues that have arisen as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The PSB is continuing to adapt how it works and to reflect on how best to progress its priorities in light of the many changes facing partner organisations and local communities.

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

- 3.1** The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about sustainable development. The Act sets out a 'sustainable development principle' which specifies that the public bodies listed in the Act must act in a manner which seeks to ensure the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In meeting their sustainability duty, each body must set objectives that highlight the work the body will undertake to contribute to meeting the seven Well-being Goals for Wales.

- 3.2** Through the PSB partners are working together to contribute to the national well-being goals, adopt the five ways of working and improve social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** Welsh Government have previously made funding available for the PSB in the form of a regional grant to both Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff PSB. However, in light of the covid-19 pandemic Welsh Government have reprioritised budgets for 2020-2021 and there is no funding from Welsh Government for the PSB for 2020-21.
- 4.2** Natural Resources Wales have offered all PSBs the opportunity to access a £25k grant for 2020-21. A proposal for the use of this funding was submitted to NRW on the 9th October.

Employment

- 4.3** There are no specific employment implications arising as a direct result of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.4** There are no specific legal considerations arising as a direct result of this report. Actions set out in the Well-being Plan will help to tackle the inequalities linked to deprivation and to increase community participation and engagement. The work of the PSB will contribute to the delivery of a more equal Wales, one of the seven national well-being goals for Wales.

5. Background Papers

The Vale PSB Well-being Plan <https://www.valepsb.wales/en/Our-Plan.aspx>

Trwy e-bost

28 Gorffennaf 2020

Annwyl Neil,

Adroddiad Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol 2020

Diolch am eich cefnogaeth i ddatblygiad yr Adroddiad Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol cyntaf, fel sy'n ofynnol o dan y Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol. Cyhoeddwyd fy adroddiad ym mis Mai 2020 ac mae wedi bod yn ddarn arwyddocaol o waith, yn pontio'r pedair blynedd yr wyf wedi eu treulio yn fy swydd. Tra nad oedd cyhoeddi'r adroddiad yng nghanol pandemig byd-eang yn amseru delfrydol, roedd yn angenrheidiol i mi gwrdd â'r dyddiad cau statudol ar gyfer ei gyhoeddi un flwyddyn cyn yr Etholiadau Senedd nesaf.

Os gwelwch yn dda, rhannu'r llythyr hwn gydag aelodau o'ch Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus a Chadeirydd eich Pwyllgor Craffu.

Bydd llawer ohonoch wedi derbyn llythyr oddi wrthyf ynghylch eich cyrff cyhoeddus unigol. Yn y llythyr hwn rwy'n amlinellu'r casgliadau allweddol o fy Adroddiad Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol sydd fwyaf perthnasol i Fyrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus a'r rôl y maent yn ei chwarae yn y gwaith o gyfrannu i'r Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol.

Mae'r casgliadau a'r argymhellion o fewn yr adroddiad wedi eu canfod yn ystod fy mhedair blynedd fel Comisiynydd Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol. Mae'r adroddiad yn rhoi fy asesaid o gynnydd a fy nghyngor i Lywodraeth Cymru a chyrff cyhoeddus ar weithredu cenhadaeth genedlaethol y Ddeddf. Gellir dod o hyd i grynodeb o'r casgliadau ac argymhellion cyffredinol [yma](#) a gellir dod o hyd i ddadansoddiad manylach o wahanol nodau a meysydd polisi drwyddi draw yn y prif adroddiad ac adnoddau perthnasol (gweler isod). Mae fy nghasgliadau a fy argymhellion wedi ystyried fy ngwaith monitro gyda chyrff cyhoeddus ac archwiliadau perthnasol a wnaethpwyd gan Archwilydd Cyffredinol Cymru. Maent hefyd wedi eu trwytho drwy ennyn ymgysylltiad a gwrando ar 5,000 o bobl mewn grwpiau cymunedol a sefydliadau drwy fy ymgysylltiad fy hunan, arolygon arlein, cyfarfodydd cymunedol, sgysrsiau mewn mannau cyhoeddus, sgysrsiau manwl, grwpiau ffocws ac ymatebion ysgrifenedig.

Casgliadau allweddol

Rwyf wedi nodi nifer o feysydd lle mae cynnydd cadarnhaol yn cael ei wneud:

- Mae'r Ddeddf yn arwain at beth arloesi ardderchog.
- Mae Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus yn dangos pŵer cydweithredu, a llawer o gyrff cyhoeddus yn mynd tu hwnt i'w cylchoedd gwaith traddodiadaol i weithio gydag eraill. Mae angen i gydweithio symud ymlaen yn awr tu hwnt i ennyn ymgyfraniad y partneriaid mwyaf amlwg a 'rhannu gwybodaeth' tuag at gronni adnoddau.
- Rwyf wedi gweld gwelliannau addawol yn null Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus o weithio. Mae llawer wedi treulio'r flwyddyn gyntaf yn ffocysu ar adeiladu ymddiriedolaeth, cysylltiadau, a deall persbectifau ei gilydd sydd yn awr yn dechrau dwyn ffrwyth.
- Wrth weithredu'r Ddeddf, mae rhai cyrff cyhoeddus yn defnyddio'r Ddeddf yn effeithiol i benderfynu 'beth' y maent yn ei wneud ac eraill yn talu mwy o sylw i 'sut' y maent yn mynd ati i wneud pethau yr oeddent eisoes wedi penderfynu eu gwneud. Fodd bynnag, mae angen i gyrff cyhoeddus wneud gwaith pellach i ddangos o ddifrif 'brawf dwbw' y Ddeddf gan ddefnyddio'r ddau.
- Mae'r Ddeddf wedi rhoi ffocws o'r newydd i gyrff cyhoeddus a'r Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ar ymgyfrannu ystyrion. Mae rhai yn darganfod dulliau newydd o ennyn ymgyfraniad parhaol, ond y rhan fwyaf yn gwneud hyn yn unig ar un adeg arbennig.
- Mae'n hynod o galonogol i weld sut mae rhai Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus yn ennyn ymgyfraniad plant a phobl ifanc yn eu gwaith, gan roi llais i genedlaethau'r dyfodol.
- Mae'r Ddeddf yn hwyluso meddwl mwy integredig, gyda nifer o Fyrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus yn gweithio gyda'i gilydd yn effeithiol i fynd i'r afael â materion o bwys, a chyrff cyhoeddus yn gweithio tu hwnt i ffiniau gweithdrefnol traddodiadol a daearyddol. Ond weithiau mae cyfleoedd i gyflawni manteision ataliol ehangach drwy integreiddio eu hamcanion a chydweithio gydag eraill yn cael eu colli.

Fodd bynnag mae yna feysydd lle mae cynnydd yn cael ei rwystro:

- Mae rhai nodau llesiant cenedlaethol nad ydynt yn cael eu deall gystal ag eraill, yn benodol nodau Cymru gydnerth, lewyrchus a Chymru sy'n gyfrifol yn fyd-eang, ac mae yna absenoldeb eglurder ar y modd y mae cyrff yn cyflawni'r rhain.
- Mae cyrff cyhoeddus a Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus yn ystyried yr hirdymor ac atal yn fwy nag erioed, ond mae angen i'r system gyfan symud tuag at feddwl a gweithredu a buddsoddi yn y dull hwn.

- Tra bo Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus yn dechrau gweithio gyda'i gilydd yn fwy effeithiol, mae eu hymdrechion i weithredu mewn dull mwy trawsffurfiol yn cael eu llesteirio oherwydd rhwystrau megis ariannu, llywodraethu cymhleth (yn arbennig mewn perthynas â byrddau eraill) capasiti a diffyg cefnogaeth oddi wrth Lywodraeth Cymru.
- Mae cynllunio ariannol ac ariannu tymor byr yn rhwystro gallu cyrff cyhoeddus i gyflawni eu hamcanion llesiant ac yn peri i gyfleoedd cydweithredu, atal, meddwl yn yr hirdymor ac integreiddio fod yn fwy heriol.
- Mae meysydd newid corfforaethol (h.y. cynllunio corfforaethol, cynllunio ariannol, cynllunio gweithlu, caffael, asedau, rheoli risg a rheoli perfformiad) - a amlinellwyd yn yr arweiniad statudol ar weithredu'r Ddeddf – yn berchen ar y gallu a'r potensial i sbarduno newid, ond mae'n rhaid i gyrff cyhoeddus eu defnyddio'n well yn cynnwys mewn partneriaeth o fewn Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus.

Buaswn yn eich cyfeirio'n arbennig at dudalen 19 yn y crynodeb gweithredol lle'r wyf wedi dangos y categorïau bras y credaf fod cyrff cyhoeddus yn syrthio iddynt yn nhermau'r ymagwedd a fabwysiedir tuag at weithredu eu dyletswyddau o dan y Ddeddf. Tra bo hyn yn ymwneud â chyrff cyhoeddus unigol byddai hefyd yn berthnasol i'ch BGC ar gyfer ystyried ble byddech chi wedi eich lleoli – a ydych yn gweithredu mewn ffordd drawsffurfiol (Credinwyr a Chyflawnwyr) neu'n gwneud dim mwy nag sy'n angenrheidiol ar gyfer cwrdd â gofynion proses.

Rwy'n cydnabod nad yw newid diwylliannol yn digwydd dros nos. Fodd bynnag, mae Adroddiad Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol 2020 yn ddogfen statudol y mae'n rhaid i chi ei hystyried wrth osod neu adolygu eich amcanion llesiant. Buaswn yn tynnu eich sylw at yr argymhellion ym mhob pennod o'r adroddiad sydd wedi'u hanelu at gyrff cyhoeddus a Byrddau Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus, gyda'r bwriad o ddod â'r Ddeddf yn fyw yng nghyd-destun gwasanaethau cyhoeddus Cymru a symud pob corff cyhoeddus tuag at y categori 'Credinwyr a Chyflawnwyr'.

Argymhellion

A chadw mewn golwg ehangder y Ddeddf a'r nifer o wahanol gyrff cyhoeddus o fewn ei chylch gwaith mae yna nifer mawr o argymhellion yn yr adroddiad hwn. Mae yna argymhellion yn yr adroddiad yn ymwneud â'r camau y dylid eu cymryd i fynd i'r afael â'r rhwystrau i gynydd cyffredinol yn ogystal â phob nod llesiant a phob un o fy meysydd ffocws – tai, cynllunio, trafndiaeth, Profiadau Niweidiol yn ystod Plentyndod, sgiliau, ffyrdd gwell o gadw pobl yn iach a datgarboneiddio. Gellir cyrchu pob pennod ar wahân ar-lein ac felly buaswn yn eich annog i sicrhau bod penodau perthnasol yr adroddiad yn cael eu

rhannu gyda chydweithwyr perthnasol ledled eich sefydliad. Nodir yr argymhellion y mae'n ofynnol i gyrff cyhoeddus eu hystyried fel a ganlyn:

Argymhellion polisi – Wedi eu hanelu at gyflawni'r nodau llesiant a nodir yn y Ddeddf. Mae'r rhain wedi **eu cyfeirio i raddau helaeth at Lywodraeth Cymru** ond maent hefyd yn berthnasol i rai gyrff cyhoeddus. Gallwch ddod o hyd i'r [20 prif argymhelliad yma](#).

Argymhellion proses – Mae'r rhain yn cyfeirio'n uniongyrchol at 'sut' ddylai gyrff cyhoeddus wneud pethau. Maen nhw'n ffocsysu i raddau helaeth ar y pum dull o weithio, y broses o wneud penderfyniadau, gweithredu polisi a chyflwyno gwasanaethau, a sut mae peirianwaith y sector cyhoeddus yn gweithio. **Mae rhai'n benodol ar gyfer Llywodraeth Cymru a rhai i bob corff cyhoeddus lle mae eu cylch gwaith yn berthnasol.**

Cyngor ar osod a chyflawni amcanion llesiant – Mae'n ofynnol i gyrff cyhoeddus ystyried y cyngor hwn y tro nesaf y byddant yn gosod neu'n adolygu eu hamcanion llesiant. **Mae'r cyngor hwn yn berthnasol i bob corff cyhoeddus sy'n dod o dan y Ddeddf yn cynnwys Llywodraeth Cymru.**

Syniadau Arloesol – Drwy'r holl adroddiad hwn byddwch yn darganfod Syniadau Arloesol am y modd y gallwn wneud pethau'n wahanol. Maent wedi eu cymryd o rai o'r enghreifftiau gorau o Gymru a'r byd, ac mae llawer wedi eu cyfrannu gan bobl Cymru. Eu nod yw ysbrydoli gyrff cyhoeddus, y sector gwirfoddol, busnesau a chymunedau i roi cynnig ar bethau newydd. Mae'r rhain yn rhoi syniadau y gellid eu mabwysiadu gan bob corff cyhoeddus.

Adroddiad ac adnoddau eraill

A chadw mewn golwg ehangder a dyfnder y Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol, mae'r adroddiad yn adnodd eang. Felly, rwy'n falch i rannu gyda chi nifer o adnoddau cyflenwol yr wyf wedi eu cyhoeddi i wneud fy nghasgliadau a'm hargymhellion yn fwy hygyrch:

- fersiwn [rhyngweithiol](#) arlein
- fersiwn ['yn fras'](#)
- [crynodebau gweithredol](#) o bob pennod
- fersiwn [hawdd ei ddarllen](#) a fersiwn [laith Arwyddion Prydain](#) (yn ychwanegol at y fersiwn lawn ar gael gyda thechnoleg gynorthwyol ac ymarferoldeb testun-i-leferydd ar y wefan)
- mae fersiwn ymateb creadigol pobl ifanc i'r adroddiad eto i ddod gyda fy nhîm ar hyn o bryd yn gweithio i greu hwn gyda grŵp o blant a phobl ifanc.

Ochr yn ochr â'r adnoddau hyn hoffwn eich cyferio'n benodol ar y fframweithiau canlynol

- [Fframwaith ar gyfer Prosiectau](#) y dylid eu defnyddio i ystyried sut y gallwch wneud penderfyniadau ar seilwaith yn unol â'r Ddeddf
- [Fframwaith ar gyfer Dylunio Gwasanaeth](#) y dylid eu defnyddio ar gyfer ystyried sut mae gwasanaethau'n alinio â gofynion y Ddeddf
- Fframwaith ar gyfer Craffu y dylid eu rhannu gyda'ch pwyllgorau craffu ac/neu Fyrddau i'w helpu mewn cyfarfodydd.

Beth nesa

Mae llawer wedi newid dros y pedwar mis diwethaf a heriau a chyfleoedd newydd sy'n ein hwynebu fel canlyniad i COVID 19 ar feddwl pob un. Fodd bynnag, credaf bod yr argymhellion hyn a wnaed gennyf hyd yn oed yn fwy pwysig yn awr yng nghyd-destun adferiad yn dilyn COVID 19.

Wrth i Lywodraeth Cymru a chyrrff cyhoeddus symud o'u hymateb yn y fan a'r lle i'r argyfwng, tuag at gynllunio ar gyfer adferiad, rhaid i mi eich atgoffa o'ch dyletswyddau i ddefnyddio'r Ddeddf yn eich holl benderfyniadau wrth i ni ystyried ein hymagwedd tuag at adferiad. Gan adeiladu ar argymhellion Adroddiad Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol, rwyf hefyd wedi cyhoeddi [pum argymhelliad](#) ar gyfer adferiad Cymru Mae'n galonogol i nodi bod y cynllun pum pwynt hwn wedi derbyn cefnogaeth eang o'r CBI, WWF, TUC ac eraill. Mae gennym gyfle unwaith-mewn-cenhedlaeth i ailosod economi Cymru, ac adeiladu system economaidd sy'n mynd i'r afael ag argyfyngau parhaus iechyd, hinsawdd a natur y byddwn yn parhau i'w hwynebu.

Yn y cyfamser, rwy'n awyddus i ddeall sut y gall cynnwys yr adroddiad gefnogi eich gwaith. Os hoffech drafod unrhyw ran o'r wybodaeth a gynhwysir gyda'r llythyr hwn, rhoi gwybod i ni am waith yr ydych yn ei wneud, yn cynnwys y defnydd o'n hargymhellion, neu dynnu sylw at ble'r ydych wedi cael eich amlygu o fewn yr adroddiad, neu gofrestru I gael diweddariadau pellach i'n cylchlythyr misol, os gwelwch yn dda ebostiwrch cystylltwchani@cenedlaethaurdyfodol.cymru.

Unwaith eto hoffwn ddiolch i chi am eich cyfraniad i Adroddiad Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol ac rwy'n edrych ymlaen at weithio gyda chi i gyflawni'r Gymru a garem.

Dear Neil,

Future Generations Report 2020

Thank you for your support in developing the first Future Generations Report, as required under the Well-being of Future Generations Act. My report was published in May 2020 and has been a significant piece of work, spanning the four years I have been in post. Whilst publishing the report during a global pandemic was not ideal timing, it was necessary to meet the statutory deadline of publication one year prior to the next Senedd Elections.

Please share this letter with members of your Public Services Board and your Scrutiny Committee Chair.

Many of you will have received a letter from me regarding your individual public bodies. In this letter I outline the key findings from my Future Generations Report which are most relevant to Public Services Boards and the role they play in contributing to the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

The findings and recommendations within the report have been identified during my four years as Future Generations Commissioner. The report provides my assessment of progress and my advice to Welsh Government and public bodies on implementing the national mission of the Act. A summary of these overall findings and recommendations can be found [here](#) and more detailed analysis of different goals and policy areas can be found throughout the main report and related products (see below). The findings and recommendations have been taken into account my monitoring work with public bodies and the related examinations undertaken by the Auditor General for Wales. They have also been informed by involving and listening to at least 5,000 people community groups and organisations through my own engagements, online platforms, community meetings, conversations in public spaces, in-depth conversations, focus groups and written responses.

Key findings

I have identified a number of areas where positive progress is being made:

- The Act is bringing about some excellent innovation.
- Public Services Boards are showing the power of collaboration, and many public bodies are going beyond their traditional functions to work with others. Collaboration now needs to move beyond involving the most obvious partners and from 'information sharing' towards pooling resources.

- I have seen promising improvements in the way Public Services Boards are operating. Many have spent this first year focusing on building trust, relationships, and understanding each other's perspectives which is now beginning to bear fruit.
- In implementing the Act, some public bodies are using the Act effectively to decide 'what' they do and others are more considering 'how' they go about doing things they had already decided to do. However, there is further work needed for public bodies to fully demonstrate the 'double test' of the Act – applying both.
- The Act has provided public bodies and Public Services Boards with a renewed focus on meaningful involvement. Some are finding new ways of involving people on an ongoing basis, but most are still only involving at a particular point in time.
- It is particularly encouraging to see how some Public Services Boards are increasingly involving children and young people in their work, providing a voice to future generations.
- The Act is facilitating more integrated thinking, with many Public Services Boards working together effectively to tackle issues and public bodies working beyond traditional organisational and geographical boundaries. But sometimes opportunities are being missed to achieve wider preventative benefits through integrating their objectives and collaborating with others.

However, there are areas where progress is being hindered:

- There are some national well-being goals that are less understood specifically the goals of a resilient prosperous and globally responsible Wales and clarity is lacking on how public bodies are meeting them.
- Public bodies and Public Services Boards are considering the long-term and prevention more than ever before, but the whole system needs to move to thinking and acting and investing in this way.
- While Public Services Boards are beginning to work together more effectively, their efforts to operate in a more transformational way are being hindered due to barriers such as funding, complex governance (especially relating to other boards) capacity and lack of support from Welsh Government.
- Financial planning and short-term funding inhibit the ability of public bodies to meet their well-being objectives and make collaborations, prevention, long-term thinking and integration more challenging.
- The corporate areas of change (I.e. corporate planning, financial planning, workforce planning, procurement, assets, risk management and performance management) outlined in the statutory guidance on implementing the Act are potential levers to drive change, but public bodies must make better use of them, including in partnership within Public Services Boards.

I would refer you in particular to page 19 of the executive summary in which I have illustrated the broad categories that I believe public bodies are falling into in terms of the approach taken to implementing their obligations under the Act. Whilst this relates to individual public bodies it would also be relevant for your PSB to consider where you would be positioned – are you operating in a transformational way (Believers and Achievers) or simply going through the motions and meeting process requirements.

I acknowledge that cultural change doesn't happen overnight. However, the Future Generations Report 2020 is a statutory document that you must take into account when setting or revising your well-being plans. I would draw your attention to the recommendations in each chapter of the report aimed at public bodies and Public Services Boards, with the aim of bringing the Act to life in the context of Welsh public services and moving all public bodies towards the category of 'Believers and Achievers.'

Recommendations

Given the breadth of the Act and the number of different public bodies within its remit there are a large number of recommendations in the report. Recommendations in the report relate to steps which should be taken to address barriers to overall progress as well as each well-being goal and each of my areas of focus – housing, planning, transport, Adverse Childhood Experiences, skills, better ways of keeping people well and decarbonisation. Each chapter can be accessed separately online and I would therefore encourage you to ensure that the relevant chapters of the report are shared with relevant colleagues throughout your organisation. Recommendations which public bodies are required to take into account are set out as follows:

Policy recommendations aimed at achieving the wellbeing goals set out in the Act. These are **directed largely at Welsh Government** but also relevant for some public bodies. You can find the [top 20 recommendations here](#).

Process recommendations – These are directly related to 'how' public bodies should do things. They largely focus on the five ways of working, the process for decision making, for implementing policy and delivering services, and how the machinery of the public sector works. **There are some specifically for Welsh Government and some for all public bodies where their remit is applicable**

Advice on the setting and meeting of well-being objectives - Public bodies are required to take this advice into account when next setting or revising their well-being objectives. **This advice applies to all public bodies covered by the Act including Welsh Government.**

Big Ideas - Throughout this report you will find Big Ideas of how we could do things differently. They are taken from some of the best examples from Wales and across the world, and many have been fed in by the people of Wales. They aim to inspire public bodies, the voluntary sector, businesses and communities to try new things. These provide ideas which could be taken on board by all public bodies.

Report and other resources

Given the breadth and depth of the Well-being of Future Generations Act, the report is an extensive resource. So, I am pleased to share with you a number of complementary resources that I have published to make my findings and recommendations more accessible:

- an [interactive](#), online version
- an [at a glance](#) version
- [executive summaries](#) of each chapter
- an [easy read](#) and multiple [British Sign Language](#) versions (in addition to the full version being available with assistive technology and text-to-speech functionality on the website)
- a young person's creative response version of the report is still to come, with my team currently working with a group of children and young people to create it.

Alongside these resources I would refer you specifically to the following frameworks

- [Framework for Infrastructure](#) which should be used to consider how you can take decisions on infrastructure in line with the Act
- [Framework for Service Design](#) which should be used for considering how services are aligned with the requirements of the Act
- [Framework for Scrutiny](#) which should be shared with your scrutiny committees and/or Boards to assist them in meetings

What next

Much has changed over the last four months and the new challenges and opportunities that have emerged in front of us as a result of COVID-19 are at the forefront of everyone's minds. However, it is clear to me that the recommendations I have made are now even more important in the context of COVID recovery.

As Welsh Government and public bodies move from their immediate crisis response to recovery planning, I must remind you of your obligations to apply that Act to all of your decision making as we

consider how we will approach recovery. Building on the recommendations in the Future Generations Report, I have also published [five recommendations](#) for Wales' recovery. It is pleasing to note that this five point plan has received widespread support from the CBI, WWF, TUC and others. We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reset Wales' economy, and build an economic system that tackles the ongoing health, climate and nature crises we will continue to face.

In the meantime, I am keen to understand how the contents of the report can support your work. If you would like to discuss any of the information contained with this letter, inform us of work you are undertaking, including the use of our recommendations or publicising where you have been highlighted within the report, or sign up for further updates to our monthly newsletter, please email: contactus@futuregenerations.wales.

Once more I would like to thank you for your contribution to the first Future Generations Report and look forward to working with you to build a movement of change to achieve the Wales we want.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,



Sophie Howe

Comisiynydd Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol Cymru / Future Generations Commissioner for Wales



Vale Public Services Board

2nd October 2020

Agenda

Vale PSB – Future Focus

Our Goal/Purpose:

- To improve economic social, cultural and environmental well-being

Our Well-being Objectives:

- To enable people to get involved, participate on 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

Our Current Priorities:

- Move More, Eat Well
- Tackling Climate Change
- Volunteering/Timebanking
- Engagement

And to work with..

- Children and Young People
- Town and Community Councils

And to be:

- An Age Friendly Vale

New Considerations:

- Future Generations Commissioner's report
- Area Statement
- Strategic Partnership Review
- Covid-19 – Community Impact Assessment and Economic Impact Assessment

Other Considerations:

- Greater alignment with the RPB
- Links with other partnerships e.g. Safer Vale and the City Region
- Well-being Assessment (2022)
- Well-being Plan (2023)

Opportunities:

- NRW funding
- Recovery Work

Challenges:

- Capacity and Resource

Learning From Covid-19

Changes	Immediate challenges and opportunities	Medium term challenges and opportunities	Longer term challenges and opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agile and remote working • More online services • Adopting various approaches to maintaining contact with customers • Flexibility of staff • New services • Reduction in preventative, protection and education activities • Exceptional delivery model • Innovation • Re-budgeting • Slicker decision making/command structures • Focus on staff well-being • Engagement and communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff resilience and changes in working practice • Well-being and mental health of staff and the public • Supporting staff and students to work/study effectively and safely • Restarting services but maintaining flexibility and preparedness • Valuing the local environment – opening it up but also protecting it litter, car parking etc • Retaining close partnership working • Continuity of learning • Review purpose of the PSB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting staff to work effectively • Are our buildings and vehicles fit for purpose • Reduction in grant funding • Backlog of court activity • Backlog of treatment and accessing health care • Planning for the academic year 20-21 • Economic impact • Sustaining work around climate change, nature and a green recovery • Ensure strong partnership working in place • Build on changes • Refocus ambitions and objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial hardship and increased inequalities • Homelessness prevention • Embedding new ways of working • Green recovery and reducing our carbon footprint • More online services/delivery of courses/meetings • More remote working e.g. for back office functions • Ensuring sufficient capacity in operational services • Making a difference

Economic Impact Assessment Headlines

- Between March and August a 53.7% growth in people claiming unemployment support.
- In August 4,500 people, 5.6% of the population, not in employment and in search of work.
- 11.5% aged 18-24 are now recorded as not in employment and in search of work.
- Highest proportion of people by LSOA not in employment and in search of work is in the most deprived areas as measured by WIMD 2019. 11% of working age people in Cadoc 1 compared to 3.5% in our least deprived LSOA, Cowbridge 2.
- A growth in numbers in receipt of Universal Credit between March and August - 9,466 (7% of the Vale of Glamorgan's population) people now estimated to be on Universal Credit. Represents a 43% growth in people claiming Universal Credit since March.
- 23% of working age people in the three Vale LSOAs measured in the 10% most deprived areas of Wales (WIMD 2019) are in receipt of Universal Credit.
- Increase in the numbers of interactions with the homelessness team since March. 1067 applications for homelessness support, with 335 clients placed in emergency accommodation.
- Numbers in receipt of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) increased from 9,549 in March to 10,032 people in July but has fallen to 9,963 in September. Remains 414 people higher than in March.

Community Impact Assessment Headlines

- Number of cases 47.2 per 100,000 as of 1st October 2020
- 107 deaths in the Vale of Glamorgan attributed to the coronavirus – as of the 11th September. The majority between 10th April- - 24th April correlating with the national peak in Wales. (80 of these deaths occurred in Hospital settings, 14 deaths occurred in Care Homes)
- Total number of deaths for 2020 exceeded the number of expected deaths in March, April and May.
- The observed numbers of deaths above the number of expected deaths for March and May are relatively low, 6 and 8 respectively. Number of observed deaths in April at 171, is significantly higher than the number of expected deaths for the month, 101.
- Potential for a further widening of the attainment gap between those eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and those who are not.
- Since lockdown, the number of pupils eligible for FSM has increased by 171 pupils, a 5.7% growth.
- Welsh Government research suggests that in 2019, 18% of women were employed in 'shutdown sectors' compared to 14% of men, and that women aged 16-24 and 65 and over were particularly likely to work in shutdown sectors.
- A slightly higher proportion of BAME people worked in industries told to close than in all other industries.

Community Impact Assessment Headlines

- Just under 7,000 people were identified as being vulnerable during the pandemic and advised to shield - just over 500 received Welsh Government food parcels.
- Over 2,000 volunteers came forward in the Vale to support vulnerable residents in their communities through the COVID pandemic.
- The Council's Crisis Team made approximately 200 referrals to Age Connect for help with shopping, medicine and well-being support to the over 60s and just over 100 referrals to GVS for the same help and support to residents under 60s.
- Research from ONS into depression during the pandemic has highlighted that almost one in five adults (19.2%) experienced some form of moderate to severe depression during the pandemic (2 weeks in June). Almost double the 9.7% that reported depression prior to Covid-19.
- Longer term impacts on mental health for all ages not yet known.
- A large drop in attendances at A&E in Wales, however latest data shows that attendance numbers in June increased but figures remain lower than pre COVID.
- Concerns raised nationally surrounding cancer patients starting treatment during COVID-19.
- 36% of adults said they were more active during lockdown, 32% about the same and 32% less active.
- A small survey on the impacts of lockdown on children's play in the Vale. When asked 'what have you missed visiting the most in this time' 48% (11) said they had missed going to local parks, 13% (3) missed beaches and 13% (3) missed play areas.

Priority Updates

- We have four current priorities and the following slides update on where we are with these:
- Tackling Climate Change – NRW and Vale of Glamorgan Council
- Move More Eat Well – Cardiff and Vale UHB (Public Health Team)
- Timebanking – Vale of Glamorgan Council (Housing Team)
- Improving Engagement – (SWFRS)

Tackling Climate Change

- Development of a draft a PSB Tackling Climate Change Charter for consultation supported by individual organisational plans and joint action where possible
- Asset Management Group established
- Travel Charter launched
- Agreement to work with children and young people on this issue
- Agreement to hold a Community Conversation on Climate Change
- Potential to involve Town and Community Councils
- Opportunities to change how we work as part of a 'green recovery' e.g. less travel and more on line services
- What is the best timing for these activities – consider resource, capacity and public/organisation appetite for the agenda
- Supports delivery of all four well-being objectives

Move More, Eat Well

- Plan launched in July
- Stage 1 a focus on workplace - with specific resources developed for workplaces to support staff – e.g. plan on a page
- Stage 2 focus on schools - linking in closely with the Vale Healthy Schools & Pre Schools scheme and Vale Transport Team, with a key focus on Healthy Travel
- FoodVale activities - regular meetings to discuss food distribution in the Vale during lockdown and using the Food Vale website to promote healthy eating messages
- One of the key priorities under Healthy Communities is to support older people to be more active and to encourage and support healthy eating through developing actions with partners
- Opportunities to involve children and young people
- Opportunities to work with Town and Community Councils e.g. Opportunity to link local organisations in Llantwit Major including the Town Council to look at provision of affordable and healthy food
- The public health team are currently recruiting to posts to take forward this agenda
- Supports delivery of all four well-being objectives

Timebanking/Volunteering

- Timebanking T&F established
- £45k funding for 2020-21 from the WG Prevention and Early Years Fund
- Job description and Person Specification being re-drafted to reflect the need initially for more digital engagement in light of covid-19
- Tempo are keen to work with PSBs across Wales to develop time credit schemes
- Increased volunteering in the Vale through Vale Heroes
- Proposal to widen the scope of this priority to have a greater focus on volunteering overall and for the timebanking work to be part of a bigger piece of work
- What is the priority for the next couple of months? Consider resource and capacity and needs within the community.
- Potential to support all four Well-being Objectives

Improving Engagement

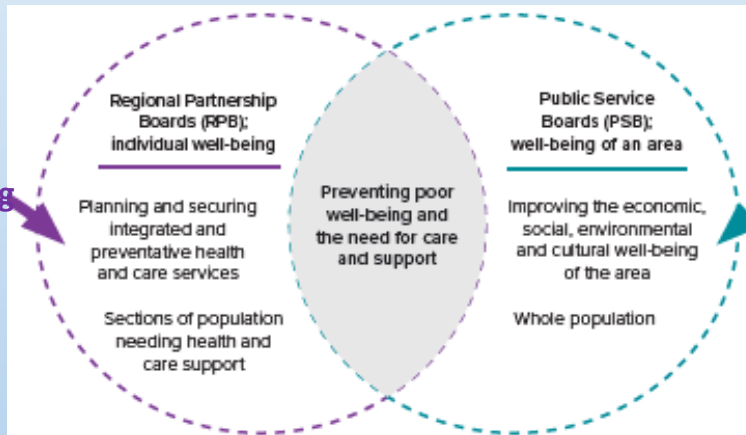
- A T&F group was established and good links have been established which should assist with a more joined up approach.
- The group have not met recently
- Proposal that this remains a priority but is incorporated in to all other workstreams and leads to ensure effective engagement including with for example hard to reach groups or children and young people
- If a particular piece of work is needed then a willing partner to volunteer to lead bringing together expertise from other organisations
- The T+F group to remain as a virtual network
- Next year considerable engagement work will be needed as part of the Well-being Assessment and further discussion will be needed on how that work will be resourced including links with the Population Needs Assessment.
- One of our Well-being Objectives but has the potential to inform and shape all our activity

Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board
02.10.20

Joining the dots between the Regional Partnership Board and the Public Services Boards

Cath Doman
Director of Health and Social Care Integration

Our common endeavour: the wellbeing of our people in the places they live



Origin:
Social services and wellbeing
(Wales) Act 2014

Individual wellbeing

NHS and social care

Origin:
Wellbeing of future
generations (Wales) Act 2015

Determinants of wellbeing

Economic, social,
environmental and cultural

Regional Outcomes Framework: Outcomes driving our work rather than grant funding

Our goal

- People live the best lives they can in their homes and communities

Our principles and values

- A single system, that
- values people's time,
- enables choice and control...
- is sustainable and fair...
- involves people...
- and improves health and wellbeing

Our strategic themes

- Homes and communities first
- Starting well in life
- Living well
- Ageing well
- An empowered workforce
- Digital capability



The Outcomes

- People have increased access to proactive and preventative care, which anticipates their needs and values their time
- People have the right information, advice & care, in the right place, first time.
- People lead more independent lives in their homes and communities
- Cardiff and the Vale are great places to grow up & live.
- Variation in outcome is reduced between population groups and places in our Region.
- People have more choice and control over their lives and how they are supported
- People are healthier and safer, especially when in need or crisis.
- Our workforce is more empowered and has greater capacity and capability to deliver the care model

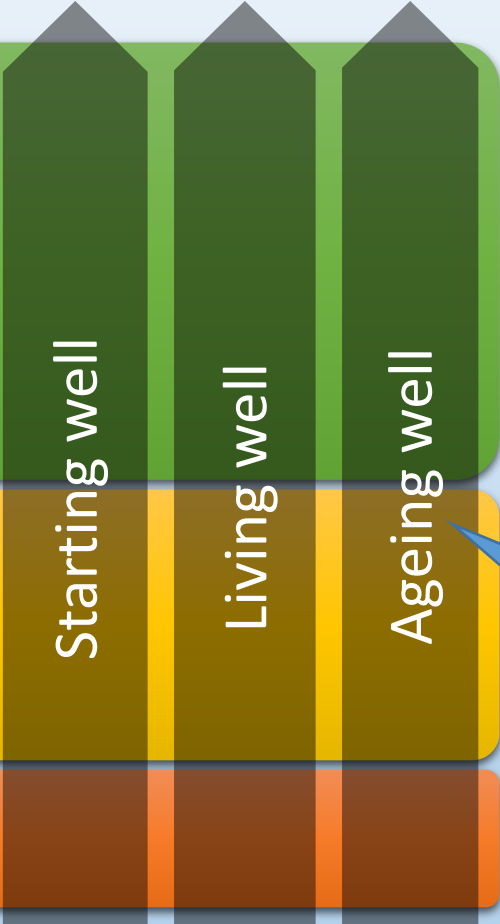
Shifting our thinking from services and organisations to people and places



People and places: supporting communities to build their capacity and resources to support people to create their own solutions. People's homes support them to thrive and keep them safe. Information is easy to access. Prevention and early intervention is prioritised and valued.

Schools, general practice, libraries and leisure resources are critical elements of the community infrastructure.

The voluntary, community and faith sectors have a fundamental leadership role in part of our system.



Starting well

Living well

Ageing well



Home first:

When it's needed, care and support is joined up and delivered at home, by default. It is organised around neighbourhoods. It is anticipatory and preventive as well as being able to respond to a crisis, around the clock.

Digital solutions help put people in control.



Specialist care and support is there when needed, e.g. hospital care, specialist children's services etc. Much more of this is delivered in communities.

This is a shared agenda across the RPB and PSB's:

PSB priorities of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being create the conditions for RPB partners to support people with additional health and wellbeing needs.

What do we need to do together to enable people to age well?

Outcomes

Life stage

Partnership delivery priorities

Governance & organisation

Strategic enablers



Starting Well 0-25

Agreed partnership priorities, *for example only:*

- 1 Emotional health and wellbeing and mental health
- 2 Vulnerable adolescents, including homelessness, substance misuse, edge of care
- 3 Complex ill health and disability

To be determined by the partnership and RPB

- Partnership programme board
- Elected Member/RPB vice chair lead
- Senior Responsible Owner
- Delivery programme and performance framework
- Programme team and common programme approach



Living Well Working age and into older age

Agreed partnership priorities, *for example only:*

- 1 Vulnerable adults with complex lives e.g. homelessness, substance misuse
- 2 Targeted health and wellbeing programmes e.g. diabetes
- 3 Accommodation with care model

To be determined by the partnership and RPB

- Partnership programme board
- Elected Member/RPB vice chair lead
- Senior Responsible Owner
- Delivery programme and performance framework
- Programme team and common programme approach



Ageing Well Older age and end of life

Agreed partnership priorities, *for example only:*

- 1 Intermediate care
- 2 Integrated frailty model
- 3 Staying well and independent

To be determined by the partnership and RPB

- Partnership programme board
- Elected Member/RPB vice chair lead
- Senior Responsible Owner
- Delivery programme and performance framework
- Programme team and common programme approach

Strategic enablers supporting delivery: digital and intelligence, workforce and OD, joint commissioning, finance and contracting, Welsh Government grant funding programmes

Reflection – Rob Thomas

We've discussed:

- The headlines from the impact assessments.
- Our 4 priorities

Thinking about:

- Our 4 well-being objectives
- Progress made on our priorities
- The work of the RPB
- Where we are with covid-19 - but know this can change at pace and will be a significant issue for some time
- The Future Generations Report
- How we want to use the NRW funding

Are there any gaps which the PSB needs to fill?

Are there any gaps which other organisations/partnerships can fill?