

Meeting of:	<b>Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Thursday, 15 September 2022</b>
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Annual Report 2021-22
Purpose of Report:	To present an overview of the fourth year of progress in delivering the Well-being Objectives and actions set by the Vale PSB in its Well-being Plan.
Report Owner:	Tom Bowring, Director of Corporate Resources
Responsible Officer:	Tom Bowring, Director of Corporate Resources
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	No specific Ward Member consultation has been undertaken
Policy Framework:	The Public Services Board Well-being Plan was approved by Council in February 2018
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Public Services Board (PSB) launched its Well-being Plan on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.</li> <li>• To capture the progress made in the fourth year of the Well-being Plan the PSB have produced an Annual Report in the form of an online report using Microsoft Sway. The Annual Report gives an overview of the progress that has been made by partners in implementing the four Well-being Objectives and activities detailed in the Plan and against the PSB's priority workstreams.</li> <li>• The Annual Report was considered by the PSB on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and is available <a href="#">here</a> and has been published on the PSB <a href="#">website</a>.</li> <li>• Work has now progressed to develop the new Well-being Plan and Well-being Objectives to be published in May 2023.</li> </ul>	

## **Recommendations**

1. That Members review the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board's Annual Report for 2021-22 and the progress partners are making in implementing the priorities set out in the Well-being Plan.
2. That Members make any recommendations to the PSB regarding the progress to date and future focus of PSB activity.
3. That Members note the intended way forward to develop the new PSB Well-being Plan 2023-28.
4. That Members recommend this report is circulated to all elected members via email and referred to Community Liaison Committee.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

1. To enable Members to consider the content of the Annual Report and progress being made in the delivery of the current Well-being Plan.
2. To enable Members to make recommendations to the PSB.
3. To advise Members of the plans for the new Well-being Plan to be published in 2023.
4. To ensure all elected Members and the Community Liaison Committee are aware of the work of the Public Services Board.

## **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 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 will be 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 Welsh Government's statutory guidance Shared Purpose: Shared Future, sets out that PSBs must prepare and publish a progress report on the work undertaken towards meeting the Well-being Objectives on an annual basis. The PSB's Well-being Plan was published in May 2018. The PSB has now produced its fourth Annual Report. The report sets out the progress that has been made in the fourth year of the Plan.

## **2. Key Issues for Consideration**

- 2.1** The Annual Report was agreed at the PSB meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July and is currently being translated.
- 2.2** Lead officers from across the PSB oversee the progress of the Well-being Plan and updates on the work being undertaken are regularly discussed at PSB meetings.
- 2.3** There is a recognition that many of the activities being taken forward by the PSB will contribute to a number of local priorities and the national Well-being Goals for Wales. In 2019 the PSB adopted a more integrated approach and agreed four priority workstreams which cut across the four Well-being Objectives. These priorities remain relevant and detailed progress against the four priorities is provided in the Annual Report together with an update for each action in the Well-being Plan. The Annual Report is available [here](#).
- 2.4** The PSB's 4 priority workstreams are:
- Key Priority One -The Cardiff and Vale Move More Eat Well Plan.
  - Key Priority Two – Tackling Climate Change.
  - Pathfinder Project – Timebanking.
  - Organisational Learning Project – Improving Engagement.
- 2.5** In the Annual Report, details are included for each objective and workstream on the background, what the PSB has done, what the PSB has achieved and what the future direction for this work is. Highlights for this year include the new Well-being Assessment being undertaken to understand what life is like across the Vale of Glamorgan and which will help inform the development of the new Well-being Plan. The Food Vale partnership has achieved the Bronze Sustainable Food Places Award, partners have implemented a range of energy efficiency projects across their building stock, and a further years funding for the Digital Engagement and Volunteering Officer as part of the Council's Housing team to take forward the work on time banking has been confirmed. The Annual Report also details a range of engagement activity taken forward by partners across the year.

- 2.6** A number of case studies are provided to illustrate the partnership work and outcomes achieved to date. Case studies include: the Well-being Assessment, Community Safety, Food Vale and the Llantwit Major Food Access Pilot Project, Age Friendly Vale, the importance of play, and giving families a flying start.
- 2.7** This work has once again been progressed during particularly challenging times for services and the community. The case studies demonstrate the strong relationships between partners and their ability to respond to the needs of the community.
- 2.8** Within the Annual Report the PSB sets out the robust evidence base that has been developed using Power BI to ensure information is easily available to partners to inform the work of the PSB. Recognising the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis will have a long lasting impact on our economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being the report highlights some of the data that will be key for partners to plan services. The data areas included are; demographics, education and the economy, health and communities and environment and transport. The evidence base has been further developed this year as part of the Well-being Assessment which outlines key research and data to help partners better understand what life is like in the Vale of Glamorgan. The evidence base will help inform the development of the new Well-being Plan to be published in 2023 and PSB future priorities.
- 2.9** The development of the Annual Report and work on the new Well-being Assessment have provided partners with the opportunity to consider how it works and the needs of the community. The work undertaken in the fourth year of the Well-being Plan has been considered and the four workstreams remain relevant for 2022-2023 and work will continue to take them forward.
- 2.10** Following the first exchange meeting in June 2021 between the PSB and Town and Community Councils meetings continue to be held between the PSB and representatives from Town and Community Councils to strengthen communication and opportunities to exchange ideas. Meetings were held in October 2021 and March 2022 to discuss recent work and opportunities for collaboration. A further meeting has been arranged for the 7<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the new Well-being Plan.
- 2.11** The Annual Report sets out how the PSB has achieved good progress in delivering its Well-being Objectives so far. This is the fourth year that partners have been working together to deliver the Well-being Plan and the examples and case studies included give a good overview of work undertaken during challenging times. The PSB continues to evolve to respond to emerging issues such as the cost of living crisis and continues to adapt how they work to support the recovery from COVID-19. The PSB continues to plan for the future and to take account of all the learning and experience developed across the partnership, utilising this experience alongside local evidence and the Well-being Assessment to identify the priorities within the new Well-being Plan to be published in 2023. The PSB are confident that by working together and by working differently it will continue to have a positive impact on well-being in the Vale over the final year of the

current Well-being Plan and through the development of the new Well-being Plan.

- 2.12** Work has already commenced to develop a new draft Well-being Plan with findings from the Well-being Assessment, local data sets, recent partnership engagement and findings from a stakeholder Three Horizons Workshop being considered to help develop the PSB's future Well-being Objectives. Further engagement has taken place throughout the summer, including joining with the youth service at their summer events, the Flying Start picnic and the Play event in Romilly Park. The findings from these activities together with knowledge gathered through a September stakeholder workshop and advice received from the Future Generations Commissioner will help form the draft Plan that will be considered by the PSB in October prior to 12 weeks consultation from November to January. The final Well-being Plan will be published in May 2023.
- 2.13** Members are asked to consider the work undertaken by the PSB in 2021-22 and work being taken forward in 2022-23.

### **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. Climate Change and Nature Implications**

- 4.1** The Annual Report details work undertaken by PSB partners to deliver commitments in the Climate Emergency Charter which all PSB partners signed in 2021. Partners continue to work together through the PSB Climate Emergency and Asset Management Group to lead by example, take positive action and reduce our impact on the environment. The Annual Report details the range of work undertaken by partners and the climate and nature emergencies will be significant sections in the new Well-being Plan.

### **5. Resources and Legal Considerations**

#### **Financial**

- 5.1** Welsh Government have made funding available for the PSB in the form of a regional grant to both Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff PSB. The regional figure for

2021-22 was £49,091 and to support work on the Well-being Assessments. The regional funding for 2022-23 is £58,440 and is being utilised to further develop the PSB evidence base and undertake engagement as part of the development of the new Well-being Plan.

### **Employment**

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

### **Legal (Including Equalities)**

- 5.3** 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.

## **6. Background Papers**

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

[The PSB Climate Emergency Charter](#)