

**Report to:** Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 6 October 2016

**Lead Member / Officer:** Lead Member for Finance, Corporate Plan and Performance  
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**1. What is the report about?**

This report provides an overall assessment of the performance of [Supporting Independence & Resilience: Denbighshire Wellbeing Plan](#) during 2014-16. The Plan is the strategic plan for the public sector in Denbighshire.

**2. What is the reason for making this report?**

To update Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on progress towards delivering the Wellbeing Plan.

**3. What are the Recommendations?**

Scrutiny considers the performance report (attached) and comments accordingly.

**4. Report details**

- 4.1 Denbighshire's Wellbeing Plan was developed after significant [needs assessment, engagement and consultation](#). It preceded the new statutory duty for public sector bodies to produce Well-being plans (under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015), and has come to be regarded as good practice.
- 4.2 We are now half way through implementation of the Plan and partners have worked together, piloting some innovative and experimental approaches. While the outcomes of these projects have not always been what we would have hoped, the shared learning has been important.
- 4.3 The Denbighshire Wellbeing Plan uses the Five Ways to Wellbeing as a framework for delivering its [vision](#). This is the summary position for each of the Five Ways to Wellbeing as at August 2016. The overall evaluation for each of the Five Ways has been determined by taking account of the indicators, performance measures, and improvement activity.

Be Active	Priority for Improvement
Connect	Acceptable
Give	Good
Keep Learning	Acceptable
Take Notice	Excellent

4.3 The performance report (attached) outlines achievements and issues as at August 2016. The report also provides an overview of the Wellbeing Plan projects. The Plan included 8 new projects; 4 are complete, 2 are in progress and 2 have been withdrawn. Two projects were withdrawn on the basis of those projects requiring greater resources than partners have at their disposal.

#### 4.4 Performance summary:

- We piloted ‘Denbighshire 20’, an innovative, multi-agency approach led by NW Police. The aim of Denbighshire 20 was to support high demand, low risk individuals who were placing a high demand on unplanned emergency services. Four nominations became live cases and two of the four cases nominated resulted in initial positive outcomes (one quickly settled into new housing and in both cases calls to 999 reduced). Admittedly, the sustainability of the positive outcomes achieved by those two individuals, given their long-standing dependence on calling 999, remains to be seen. We learned a great deal from this project. The evaluation is available from our [website](#).
- The Corwen People to People project piloted asset based community development. An evaluation is pending. We have a clear picture from those who engaged with us about what they feel is needed in the area. Some elements of the project were less successful but the community did self-identify issues and needs. For example, an organisation which is no longer supported by direct Council grants has been very proactive in setting up fund raising activities with other organisations to make their activities sustainable.
- A ‘live’ needs assessment has been established and is informing the assessment of well-being. The creation of an online ‘live’ needs assessment is another example of partners developing an innovative solution to the problems associated with statistics, and duplication in their collection and analysis.
- Challenges: obesity and physical activity; smoking rates; community transport; secondary school attendance and the daily use of the Welsh language.

#### 5. **How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

The Wellbeing Plan defines the priorities for the public sector and enhances our corporate plan. The theme of the plan (independence and resilience) is supported by

existing needs assessment, and it is almost certain that the well-being assessment will reinforce the continuing importance of this agenda. The theme of 'independence and resilience' is pertinent and the public sector is likely to be motivated by this for some considerable time to come. Importantly, 'independence and resilience' is already in accordance with the sustainable development principle and the five ways of working as outlined in the [Well-Being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#).

**6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

The Wellbeing Plan has been developed to fill genuine gaps, across the public sector, using existing funds and resources.

**7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision?**

An equality impact assessment was undertaken before the Plan was published and found no negative impacts.

**8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

Partnerships Scrutiny Committee received a report on the on the development of Denbighshire's Wellbeing Plan in July 2014 and Council approved the Wellbeing Plan in 2014.

**9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

Not required.

**10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

Partners' resources to develop significant new projects are dwindling. The two remaining projects in progress may need to be pared back to be deliverable.

**11. Power to make the Decision**

Section 7 of the Council's Constitution outlines Scrutiny's powers with respect to monitoring performance and the delivery of policy objectives.

**Appendix**

Performance Report 2014-16: Supporting Independence & Resilience: Denbighshire Wellbeing Plan

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