

Report to: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

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Title: Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board's Well-being Plan 2018-2022

1. What is the report about?

The Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board's Well-being Plan 2018-2022.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1 Under the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 the Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board must produce a Well-being Plan by May 2018. In developing this Plan there is a twelve-week statutory consultation period, and the local authorities' Scrutiny Committee is a statutory consultee.
- 2.2 Once the local well-being plan has been agreed the PSB will work on developing actions where a collaborative approach can have a significant impact.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1 To receive and support the report.
- 3.2 To respond to the consultation questions listed below (deadline of 22 January):
- i. Do you agree with the Well-being Priorities the PSB is trying to achieve?
 - ii. Where do you think the combined power of the PSB could make a difference?
 - iii. Which priorities should we focus on first?
 - iv. Does anything in this draft plan need to change?
 - v. Have we missed anything in this plan?
 - vi. We want people to stay involved. How can we do this?
 - vii. Any other comments or ideas?
- 3.3 For collaboration to work effectively, the priorities and work of the PSB must be embedded in the work of Denbighshire County Council (and vice versa). Members are asked to consider how this could be done/strengthened; and
- 3.4 That the Committee confirms that it has read, understood and taken into account the Well-being Impact Assessment (Appendix B) as part of its consideration.

4. Report details

- 4.1 The Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board (PSB) was established in April 2016. Its establishment was driven by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales)

Act 2015 (formerly there was a Local Services Board), which states that a PSB is statutory, and that it must work collaboratively to tackle important issues in the region that it covers. The PSB is committed to working collaboratively, and welcomes the fact that the legislation necessitates this approach.

4.2 Membership of the PSB includes:

- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
- Community and Voluntary Support Conwy
- Conwy County Borough Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council
- Natural Resource Wales
- National Probation Service
- North Wales Fire & Rescue Service
- North Wales Police
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- Public Health Wales
- Wales Community Rehabilitation Company
- Welsh Government

4.3 Denbighshire County Council is represented on the board by the Leader and Chief Executive. The PSB is chaired by the Central Area Director of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. The Vice Chair is the Chief Executive of Conwy County Borough Council.

4.4 Legislation states that the PSB's Well-being Plan must be agreed by the Board within twelve months of local government elections, which provides a deadline of 3 May 2018. Prior to that there must be a twelve-week consultation period, and the Plan must be approved by the Boards of each PSB member organisation (in Denbighshire County Council's case this will be Full Council, and the Plan is scheduled for discussion on 20 February).

4.5 The Plan (Appendix A) has been developed based on the evidence from the Well-being Assessment, and the County Conversation work that took place across both Conwy & Denbighshire. This is the same evidence base as was used to develop Denbighshire's own Corporate Plan 2017-2021. Hence there are synergies.

4.6 Legislation advises that the PSB's priority should reflect areas of work that require a collaborative response.

4.7 In January 2017 a workshop was held with PSB Members to review the evidence and develop some ideas for priority areas of work. These areas were organised according to Social, Cultural, Environmental and Economic themes.

4.8 Workshops on each theme took place in May 2017, where appropriate colleagues from across the public sector were invited to provide thoughts on how to address the issues and risks outlined under each theme.

- 4.9 A longlist of draft priorities was agreed by the PSB in July 2017, and work has taken place over the summer to draft a Plan. For each priority the Plan outlines the desired future state/goals; provides the current context; and illustrates the likely impact of a lack of intervention.
- 4.10 The PSB meets quarterly, and does not have any dedicated resource in terms of either finance or personnel. Hence, in this context, the Board has considered what role it can play in delivering its priorities in a way that is practical/achievable and effective.
- 4.11 As many of the PSB Members' organisational priorities are echoed in the PSB Well-being Plan (and this is a similar situation for some of Denbighshire's Corporate Plan ambitions) there would be duplication of effort if the PSB also commissioned work. Instead, where work in support of the PSB's priorities requires a collaborative effort (which is often), it was agreed that the PSB should take a leadership role to remove barriers to successful delivery.

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

Where there is overlap between the PSB's Well-being Plan and Denbighshire's Corporate Plan there should be opportunity to strengthen work in support of our corporate priorities due to the obvious commitment from partner organisations to work towards shared outcomes.

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

Support for the Public Services Board is typically provided from the Strategic Planning teams of partner organisations. These costs are absorbed by partner organisations.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

This impact assessment considers the impact of our approach to developing the Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board's local Well-being Plan for the area. We have engaged our residents and worked with stakeholders to shape 6 priorities and the ambition for each. Our Sustainable Development score is strong, but also tells us there are some further considerations that need to be made as the detail of the plan is developed and delivered by the Board. This Plan does not outline any activity, only a direction of travel. We would expect that any projects taken forward to realise the ambition outlined within it are individually impact assessed. The local Well-being Plan will seek to support the first 1000 days of life, help those struggling with mental health, and promote resilience in older people, utilising early intervention and preventative approaches. However, we must be careful not to replicate good work already taking place elsewhere.

We will also deliver a plan for community and environmental resilience through, in part, promoting understanding, access to information and maximising our assets. Our young people will also be supported to be resilient and aspirational, tackling barriers to skills, jobs, housing and educational inequality.

However, we feel that the focus of the priorities is over the medium term. We need to ensure communities and stakeholders have continued opportunity to be involved in the development of the plan, and in its implementation.

The proposed priorities are focussed on resilience for everyone and will prompt alternative approaches to prevent problems from occurring.

Overall the impact on the 7 well-being goals is positive. We need more information to determine the impact on a more equal Wales, and crucially, what we can do to maximise a positive impact for people with protected characteristics. There are potentially negative consequences on some protected characteristics and these could be addressed and managed to avoid them occurring. We have found there to be a neutral impact on Welsh language and culture, but note that the Welsh Language Strategies of partner organisations underpins all that we do. Please see Appendix B for a full report.

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

- 8.1 Development of the plan has been informed by residents during the County Conversation, and with professional colleagues as part of ideas-gathering workshops.
- 8.2 The Future Generations Commissioner's office have provided written feedback on the processes that have been followed. Please see Appendix C.
- 8.3 Since this draft has been approved for consultation, the draft Plan has been shared in Denbighshire at Cabinet Briefing and with SLT.
- 8.4 There is a list of statutory consultees at Appendix D, whose comments will be considered as the Plan moves nearer to completion.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

There are no additional resources allocated for the delivery of priorities. As the priorities are developed in more detail, the PSB will assess the allocation of staff capacity and or funding resources either from existing budgets or through grant applications.

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

There is a risk that Denbighshire's priorities and the PSB's Well-being Priorities contradict one another.

11. Power to make the Decision

Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015
Scrutiny's powers relating to the Public Services Board are outlined in Sections 7.3, 7.4.1, and 7.15.2.

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