



REPORT TO: Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board
DATE: 17 May 2021
LEAD OFFICER & ORGANISATION: Sian Williams, Conwy & Denbighshire PSB Chair
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SUBJECT: Well-being assessment & community engagement update

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 2.1.1 To provide members with an update on progress to develop the Conwy and Denbighshire well-being assessment.
- 2.1.2 To update members on the North Wales PSB grant and seek approval for the regional proposals in support of research and engagement.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)/OPTIONS

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- 2.2.1 That members approve the progress made within the project plan for the development of the well-being assessment.
- 2.2.2 That members support the North Wales PSB grant submission.
- 2.2.3 That members support the partnership model proposal from Glyndwr University to support the well-being assessment regionally.
- 2.2.4 That members support the draft alternative service delivery model agreement.
- 2.2.5 That members support the regional engagement proposal.
- 2.2.6 That members support the North Wales expression of interest to Co-production Network for Wales.

3. REPORT DETAILS

- 3.1.1 It is a statutory requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, for PSBs to prepare and publish a well-being assessment every 5 years. This must be published a year before it publishes its local well-being plan. The assessments also contribute to the creation of public bodies' well-being plans.
- 3.1.2 A well-being assessment working group has been set up with PSB partners in Conwy and Denbighshire to begin this process. Fortunately due to the work involved in developing the structure for the initial iteration we can use this as a basis for revising the assessment.

Officers are also referring to the feedback received from WG and the Future Generations Commissioner on the initial assessment as well the letter of expectation for assessments issued recently (please see appendix A).

- 3.3 To date 'rapid reviews' have been undertaken for the topic areas identified in the existing [well-being assessment](#) to determine which require either a refresh of data and analysis, a more in depth update and analysis, gaps in data or data that can be removed. Topics identified as needing a refresh have been allocated to appropriate partners to act as an 'editor' to oversee and revise (both in terms of data and analysis). Topic's requiring a more in-depth review along with any gaps identified have been referred regionally (for consideration as a research priority area).
- 3.4 The well-being assessment group are also mapping any recent engagement undertaken against the identified topic areas. Community engagement activities will take place over the summer, to inform the assessment and vice versa.
- 3.5 The statutory deadline for the well-being assessment is 5th May 2022. However to align with public bodies strategic planning cycles it is proposed that a consultation ready draft will be published in October 2021.
- 3.6 Welsh Government have reinstated the PSB support grant for 2021/22. The funding is offered on a health board footing, with £87,273 being made available for the North Wales region. Gwynedd Council are hosting the grant and have worked with the North Wales PSB officer group to submit the proposal for 2021/22 (please see appendix B).
- 3.7 The funding has a clear criteria and is intended to assist PSBs to build their strategic capacity and capability to support the preparation of the well-being assessments as well as consolidate work on the well-being plans. The group propose to use the grant for the collation of research and subsequent analysis on themes of regional and sub-regional relevance. It is also proposed to use it to fund engagement with seldom heard groups and communities of interest, to ensure they have their say to inform our assessments.
- 3.8 To support the research side of the funding, Wrexham Glyndwr University (a PSB Member) have developed a proposal to adopt a partnership model . In this model, the role of Wrexham Glyndwr University, as the lead research body, will be to focus on the priority research topics identified by the PSBs, to summarise the data we have on the subject and draw conclusions about what it is telling us. As a region, we need the lead research body to draw accurate conclusions on the impact of these topics on well-being across North Wales as a region and highlight any differences that may be apparent across the four PSB footprints.
- 3.9 Denbighshire County Council are leading on developing [an alternative service delivery model agreement to ensure the proposal comes to fruition, delivers in the short term, and provides a framework for continued collaborative research beyond our initial October deadline.](#)
- 3.10 In terms of supporting engagement, the North Wales PSB officer group (led by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board) have developed a proposal for taking a regional approach (please see appendix C). Although some collaboration between the four PSBs to support engagement

does currently take place, the aim of the regional approach would be to formalise these arrangements and to -

- Share resources, best practice and experience
- Ensure more continuous and meaningful engagement with communities and wider stakeholders
- Build public confidence in both public sector organisations and the partnerships they are responsible for
- Create different and innovative approaches to engagement

3.11 Furthermore the Co-production Network for Wales has secured 5 years of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to work with PSBs on their implementation of co-production and involvement, with an initial focus on well-being assessments (please see appendix D). As part of this project they are offering to work hands-on with 3 PSBs or clusters of PSBs in which collaborative relationships are well established.

3.12 The North Wales PSB officer group have submitted an expression of interest to work with the Co-production Network for Wales as a cluster. If the bid is successful the Co-production Network for Wales can provide free external support and advice to take our engagement proposal forward through –

- Helping to develop and deliver the engagement and communications plan for the Well-being Assessments
- Supporting engagement with local stakeholders and residents to shape the Well-being Plans
- Co-produce local responses to the priorities identified in the Well-being Plans
- Build capability and confidence with co-production, facilitation, and associated skills

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION
Letter of expectation for local well-being assessments.	Appendix A
North Wales PSB funding proposal 2021/22	Appendix B
Regional approach to engagement proposal	Appendix C
Co-production Production Network for Wales PSB support project overview	Appendix D