



REPORT TO: Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board
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SUBJECT: Well-being Assessment and Well-being Plan

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update PSB on the progress of the Well-being Assessment, and to start to draft a timeline for consultation and plan.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 A statutory Well-being Assessment is in production, which will underpin the PSB's next well-being (publication deadline of May 2023) and the well-being plans of its constituent organisations. It's intended that there will be a draft ready in November 2021, which will go through a statutory consultation process (see Appendix A, Statutory Guidance link in table at foot of this report). PSB also needs to consider its preferred timetable for producing its Well-being Plan, and the approach to be taken to producing that Plan. This Plan must take account of statutory timescales for consulting on the draft plan (e.g. 14 weeks must be allowed for consultation with the WFG Commissioner's office). It's not intended that Plan development is discussed in detail today, but that a Lead is identified and a proposal brought to the next meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATION(S)/OPTIONS

- 3.1 That PSB notes the progress made with the Well-being Assessment, and approves the timeline for consultation.
- 3.2 That PSB notes the draft timeline for production of its Well-being Plan, and nominates a lead Board Member to work with officers to formulate a production plan.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 The statutory Well-being Assessment is being produced by a cross-organisational team of researchers from the PSB members, including Conwy & Denbighshire council's, NRW, BCU. Other input is provided by Glyndwr University, and national research bodies including Data Cymru and the Wales Centre for Public Policy. Engagement with our communities is also underway, and will be incorporated into the assessment.
- 4.2 From the statutory guidance for PSBs (Appendix A, paragraph 54): "Each board must publish its assessment no later than a year before it publishes its local well-being plan. Since the Act provides that the local well-being plan must be published no later than one year after an ordinary election, as defined in section 26 of the Local Government Act 1972, in practice this

means the assessment of local wellbeing would be published within the 12 months preceding each ordinary local government election.”

- 4.3 A draft Assessment must be consulted on with those outlined in paragraph 147 of Appendix A. However, there is no statutory timescale for consultation on the Assessment (paragraph 149), unlike with the Plan itself (paragraphs 156 & 157)

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The production plan has been shared previously with PSB and the Conwy & Denbighshire PSB Joint Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.2 During the production process, engagement has taken place with staff, Councillors, Town & County Councillors, general population, young people, and those with protected characteristics. Their feedback will be captured in the Well-being Assessment.
- 5.3 Consultation on the content of the draft Assessment will be undertaken with the statutory consultees previously outlined in paragraph 147 of Appendix A. In order to enable understanding of the wealth of complex information that is contained within the Well-being Assessment, an abridged presentation of key conclusions from the analysis of the Assessment’s content will form the basis of the consultation. It’s intended that the draft Assessment will be available from November 2021 (this timetable will also enable the production of the Well-being Plans for local authorities).
- 5.4 Consideration needs to be given to the PSB’s preferred timetable and production approach for producing its own Well-being Plan. PSB officers will support this work, with the support of a PSB lead (to be confirmed, please see Recommendations).

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report is about strategy development for the PSB, which is a role for the officers who support the PSB’s business planning and advise on good governance. The tasks associated can therefore be absorbed by PSB officers, but a Board-level colleague is also required to work with officers in order to ensure Board views are taken into consideration and that the Board is engaged with the work.
- 6.2 Further down the line, as the plan is developed and steps to be taken to meet objectives are identified, PSB Members will need to identify capacity and resource to deliver operationally.

7. RISK

- 7.1 There is a risk that the plans of member organisations and that of the PSB are not synchronised – a consequence of the statutory deadlines for the production of well-being plans for local authorities and PSBs being ‘out of kilter’. The impact of this can be difficulty in securing shared organisational goals and effective collaboration. These interdependencies and risks should be considered as the Plan’s production process is developed.

8. DRIVERS AND IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.

9. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

9.1 To enable the production of a deliverable Well-being Plan that will improve life for our residents and future generations.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO
https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-02/spsf-3-collective-role-public-services-boards.pdf		