

Appendix B - Feedback on our previous well-being assessment

The Future Generations Commissioner and Welsh Government provided critical feedback on our previous assessment. Where we have been able to, we have addressed – or begun addressing – areas that they felt could be enhanced or clarified.

Overall, they commended our web-based approach and we have continued with that. We have in places, had to remove embedded graphics or charts to meet accessibility standards.

Welsh Government asked for clarification on the relationship between engagement and assessment work (including with young people). We see these elements as equal, and in the creation of the refreshed goal summaries and the executive summary. These documents present this information together, and highlights areas of tension or similarity. Furthermore, the creation of the executive summary is intended to draw the range of complex and rich material we have together, to draw out the root causes of some of the trends we have identified.

The Commissioner felt that the assessment needed to be more explicitly about the planning process and how the well-being assessment was being used to support that. We will add information about this to our well-being assessment introduction.

An area of weakness last time – the social and cultural fabric of social networks – continues to be an area for development. It was not possible to fully analyse the future trajectory of social and cultural networks, the community sector, and the role of the non-monetary economy (e.g. unpaid care, food banks, community asset transfer), and reflects partly, the challenges of planning during a pandemic.

The Commissioner asked us to be more explicit about PSB's response to the well-being assessment. We will consider how we can incorporate this information into our well-being assessment/PSB webpages but in the meantime we have drafted some information for our introduction and background webpage.

Our refreshed well-being assessment has improved analyses on the well-being gap of people with protected characteristics or people in poverty. We have been unable to improve our analyses on marginalised groups and their well-being and resilience (for example, offenders), particularly their resilience to challenging long term trends. However, we will explore these gaps further with partners.

We have updated our locality profiles. These were praised by the Commissioner and Welsh Government. They did say it would also be helpful to provide a greater understanding of how challenges manifest themselves in different areas of Conwy and Denbighshire, and which particular communities have resilience or are vulnerable to current and future trends. We feel we have begun to provide this understanding by highlighting areas of difference or where there is less resilience to long term trends. There is more work we could do though on spatial differences in respect of particular topics, for example low birth weight.

We had hoped to work with our regional partners to explore trends and opportunities on a regional footprint, particularly where there are possible tensions (for example, tourism vs over tourism). We hope this will be the focus of regional research support facilitated by Wrexham Glyndwr University going forward.

We have provided more information about data quality and areas needing further examination this time around. Each strategic topic includes a summary of limitations in our evidence or analysis. We

will work collaboratively, with partners and communities across North Wales in particular, to address these.

Each goal includes some self-reflection on challenges and limitation in our assessment, and we refer to these more broadly in our introduction and background webpage.