

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>21 October 2022</b>
<b>Lead Member / Officer:</b>	<b>Cllr Jason McLellan, Leader for Denbighshire County Council and PSB chair</b>
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Conwy and Denbighshire PSB Well-being Plan, 2023 to 2028</b>

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## **1. What is the report about?**

- 1.1 The report presents the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board's draft Well-being Plan for 2023 to 2028.

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

- 2.1 To seek input from the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the draft document, as part of the development of the Public Services Board's Well-being Plan.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

- 3.1 That members consider the content of this report and the draft Well-being Plan presented in appendix 1 and provide feedback / recommendations to the PSB as necessary.

## **4. Report details**

- 4.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a statutory requirement on each PSB to produce a Local Well-being Plan for their area. The Local Well-being Plan must set out how the PSB intends to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area by setting local objectives that will maximise the contribution made by the Board to achieving the well-being goals in its area. The Local Well-being Plan must be published no later than one year after the publication of its Well-being Assessment. Therefore, we are working towards a proposed deadline of March / April 2023 for publishing the Local Well-being Plan.
- 4.2 Informed by the [Well-being Assessment](#), the PSB has held multiple prioritisation discussions (in January, March and May) supported by the Co-Production Network for Wales, to consider what areas of concern would most benefit from PSB intervention. These discussions sought to identify the root causes to the problems identified in the assessment, considering their

relationship to one another and the level of influence or control that the PSB has. Finally, it was agreed that one principal theme should be put forward that looks to alleviate deprivation and inequality.

- 4.3 The PSB met again in July and agreed the outline of a Plan that seeks to **Make Conwy and Denbighshire a more equal place with less deprivation**. Public consultation was subsequently launched on August 17, and will run until November 9. Simultaneously we have triggered the 14-week period during which the Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner must provide feedback on our draft plan, and those conversations have been taking place between officers. The public consultation may be viewed on the [PSB's website](#).
- 4.4 Work has been ongoing to develop the plan based on the feedback we are receiving and the intelligence that has got us to this point. The draft presented in appendix 1 is the culmination of this work. It is felt to be a strong draft that well represents the interests of partners and hopefully captures the essence of what it is the PSB wants to achieve. However, it must be stressed that it is only draft and has not yet been discussed in detail with PSB members, though it has been shared with them electronically to request feedback during this developmental stage. It has also been tabled at a special meeting of supporting PSB officers, held on October 10 for closer scrutiny and input.
- 4.5 Once the consultation closes on November 9, any final amendments will be made before it is presented for PSB approval on November 30. It will then be for individual member organisations to ratify the Plan during the winter through their chosen approval channels. We are assured that the arrangements for this are in place, which will then enable the PSB to finally adopt their Well-being Plan formally in March 2023.

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

- 5.1 The Well-being Plan has been based on the evidence from the Well-being Assessment, which has been out for public engagement throughout February and March 2022. In addition to this, it was presented to the Conwy and Denbighshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee in February. Two workshops and a public meeting of the PSB have subsequently deliberated on the assessment's findings and the prioritisation of themes. These were supported by the Co-Production Network for Wales.
- 5.2 Public consultation on the draft plan is ongoing since August 17 until November 9. During this time, discussions continue to take place with the Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner's Office, supporting PSB officers and members, and of course, joint Scrutiny.

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

- 6.1 There is a risk that the PSB lacks influence or control within the objectives that they choose. This risk will be mitigated by PSB adopting a leadership approach as there is acknowledgment that the PSB has limited resource.

- 6.2. There is a risk that the priorities of the PSB duplicates the work that is on-going in other organisations. It is therefore important to work closely with partners and stakeholders to identify where the PSB leadership role can best add value.
- 6.3. There is a risk that feedback from the Commissioner, partners or the public puts pressure on the PSB's Well-being Plan to take on more than it can reasonably achieve.
- 6.4. There is a risk that the Well-being Plan is not ready to be approved by the PSB in March 2023, missing the statutory deadline. Based on current progress, however, this is unlikely.

**7. Power to make the decision**

- 7.1 Section 21 of the Local Government 2000
- 7.2 Section 58 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011
- 7.3 Regulation 3 of The Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013
- 7.4 Section 35 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
- 7.5 The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee