

GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

Date of meeting:	13 March 2018
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Title of Item:	Gwynedd Council's response to the Statutory Consultation on the Gwynedd and Anglesey Draft Well-being Plan

1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1. The Cabinet's approval to the draft response which has been prepared on behalf of the Council to the Statutory Consultation on the Gwynedd and Anglesey Draft Well-being Plan.

2. THE REASON FOR THE NEED FOR A DECISION

- 2.1. In order to give the Cabinet an opportunity to provide input and ensure agreement to the Council's response to the consultation document.

3. INTRODUCTION AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on Public Services Boards to publish a Well-being Plan which outlines how it is intended to improve the well-being of the area's residents.
- 3.2. As you will know, the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board includes representation at the highest level from the main public bodies in the area. Among the statutory membership are Gwynedd and Anglesey Councils, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority and Natural Resources Wales.
- 3.3. The first stage of the work of creating the Well-being Plan was to undertake an assessment of local well-being and carry out research in order to understand and learn more about those areas. In addition, several public consultation sessions were held in these areas in order to gather more information and give residents an opportunity to have their say.
- 3.4. In May 2017, Assessments of Local Well-being for the Gwynedd and Anglesey areas were published with both counties split into 14 smaller areas (eight in Gwynedd and six in Anglesey).

- 3.5. Having considered the data and the views of local people, nine main messages were highlighted in the assessments for the entire area. A further series of workshops was held in August 2017 based on the main messages identified in order to discuss how it would be possible to respond to the matters highlighted.
- 3.6. The Board considered the aforementioned information when creating the Draft Well-being Plan for Gwynedd and Anglesey. A copy of this document can be found in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.7. Gwynedd Council is one of the statutory partners of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board (together with the Isle of Anglesey County Council, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority and Natural Resources Wales). However, it is important to note that we as a Council are only one of the partners and the content of the final plan will be the decision of the Public Services Board.
- 3.8. The plan outlines how the Board intends to make a real difference to the lives of residents by working together in order to deliver for the entire area.
- 3.9. The **Well-being Objectives** have been drawn up following an analysis of the main messages which were highlighted in the Well-being Assessment and consideration of other research and assessments e.g. Regional Population Assessment in the field of health and care.
- 3.10. There are two well-being objectives with six priorities which we will target in order to realise the objectives. It is noted that these priorities are based on the messages which were highlighted as part of the Well-being Assessment.

1. Communities that thrive and flourish in the long-term

- The Welsh language
- Homes for local people
- The effect of poverty on the well-being of our communities
- The effect of climate change on the well-being of communities

2. Residents that are healthy and independent with a good standard of living

- Health and care of adults
- Welfare and success of children and young people

- 3.11 The Board believes that these are fields in which we could collaborate better, in a period of significant cutbacks in public sector resources, in order to secure the best results for the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey.
- 3.12 As part of preparing the response on behalf of the Council, the Chief Executive, Directors and Heads of Departments were invited to submit observations and the observations received have been included in the draft response to the questions within the consultation which has been prepared on behalf of the Council. A copy of the response can be found in **Appendix 2**.

3.13 In addition, the Communities Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the content of the Draft Well-being Plan at its meeting on 22 February and the main observations received have been incorporated in the response.

4. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

4.1. The three-month statutory consultation period will end on 30 March. Following this, the Board will consider the responses to the consultation before creating a final Well-being Plan.

4.2. Once the Board will have approved the final version, the Well-being Plan will be submitted to the Boards/Full Councils of the statutory members for approval prior to publication in May 2018.

4.3. In the case of Gwynedd Council, it will be submitted to the Full Council on 3 May.

5. ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

5.1. None

5.2. Views of the Statutory Officers:

i. Monitoring Officer:

As noted in the report it is a statutory requirement for the Public Services Board to prepare a Local Wellbeing Plan which sets out the local wellbeing objectives and the steps it intends to take to achieve them. The approval of the final plan will be a matter for the Full Council. The Communities Scrutiny Committee is a formal consultees in this process and their observations need to be conveyed to the Public Services Board.

ii. Head of Finance Department:

The wellbeing plan aims to make a difference through collaboration, setting priorities, and coordinating efforts. However, the report doesn't assume approval of any additional resources. It's expected that any relevant Departments within the Council submit a separate application if additional resources are needed to achieve the well-being objectives.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Gwynedd and Anglesey Well-being Plan (Draft)

Appendix 2 - Gwynedd Council's response to the Gwynedd and Anglesey Well-being Plan (Draft)