

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Communities Scrutiny Committee (Informal Meeting)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>
<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Progress Report on delivering the priorities of the Well-being Plan</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>To submit a progress report on the work of Gwynedd and Anglesey's Public Services Board.</b>

## 1. Introduction and context

**1.1** The aim of Well-Being of Future Generations Act (2015) is to improve the economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act highlights seven well-being goals and five ways of working to give public bodies a common purpose.

**1.2** The Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board was established in 2016, in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. A Public Services Board (PSB) for Gwynedd and Anglesey in collaboration.

**1.3** The PSB Wellbeing Assessment was published for the wellbeing areas of Gwynedd and Anglesey in May 2017, and following a series of consultation and engagement sessions the Well-being Plan was published in 2018. The Well-being Plan confirms the two objectives and six priority fields for which it was agreed that the Board could collaborate in order to ensure the best results for the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey. Therefore, priority fields common to both Counties were agreed upon and the PSB will respond to these matters jointly across both Counties.

## 2. An update on the progress of the sub-groups

**2.1** The PSB agreed on priority areas to achieve the above objectives and decided to establish sub-groups led by Board members to lead on the work. Four sub-groups have been established under Objective 1 as follows:

### 2.2 Objective 1 - Communities which thrive and are prosperous in the long-term

<b>The Priority</b>	<b>Areas of work proposed by the sub-groups</b>	<b>Report on progress</b>
"The Welsh Language: We will work together to increase the use of the Welsh Language within public bodies in Gwynedd and Anglesey. We will promote the use of Welsh as the preferred language	<b>To share good practice on language issues, to try to ensure greater consistency in the way in which the Welsh language is used within the organisations, leading to more consistent user experience.</b>	The sub-group submitted a request to the Welsh government to support the 'ARFer' project which enables the public bodies to develop of the use of Welsh in a bilingual workforce. The sub-group



<p>communities. We will develop a detailed understanding of how poverty affects our areas and seek to ensure that the work undertaken in the field across public bodies is more effective in mitigating long term impact "</p> <p><b>Sub-group leader to be agreed.</b></p>	<p><b>poverty on our communities. Develop an understanding of the work taking place in the field of poverty.</b></p>	<p>understanding of how policy/projects/services impacts on poverty. There will be a presentation at the next meeting of the PSB in June, to outline the work that is already taking place in the area of poverty from the perspective of Local Authorities, and an opportunity to discuss the gaps in provision.</p>
<p>"The impact of climate change on the wellbeing of our communities. We will work together locally to mitigate the effects of climate change on our communities ".</p> <p><b>The climate change sub-group is led by Sian Williams, North West Operations manager, Natural Resources Wales</b></p>	<p><b>In the short term, review existing data, strategies and relevant policies of public bodies (taking account of the Shoreline Management Plan), and gather evidence of how they are responding to the impacts of climate change in Gwynedd and Môn.</b></p>	<p>The sub-group will present their findings at the Board's next meeting in June. The work will enable the PSB to consider the impacts of climate change on the delivery of public services in our communities.</p>

**2.3** The two priority areas of ' health and care of adults ' and ' the welfare and achievement of children and young people' contribute towards Objective 2. It was agreed to establish one sub-group to address the two priorities – The West integrated Health and Social Care Group.

**2.4 Objective 2 - Healthy and independent residents with a good quality of life**

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<p>"Health and care of adults: we will work with the Regional Partnership Board to ensure that the services planned for the older population meet local needs. We will collaborate locally to plan a wide range of preventative activities for adults to enable them to live healthy and independent lives".</p>	<p><b>The health and care sub Group has been established. The main purpose of the group is to ensure effective delivery of health and care services. The sub-group agreed that the group needed to draw up further sub-groups to work on specific issues of adults, children, mental health and well-being, so that</b></p>	<p>An action plan will be developed by the Integrated Health and Social Care sub-group and presented to the Public Services Board. The subgroup wanted to ensure that robust integrated governance arrangements were in place before they developed the action plan.</p>

<p>“The welfare and achievement of children and young people: we will plan preventative services and activities together to support families before the need for intensive services arises. We will encourage children, young people and families to improve their health so they can live healthily and independently within their communities in the long term ”.</p> <p><b>The integrated health and Social care sub-group is led by Ffion Johnstone, Area Director for West Wales, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.</b></p>	<p><b>they could undertake their functions in health and care effectively.</b></p>	
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**2.5** The above outline action plans were approved at the meeting of the Public Services Board on 13th March 2019. The sub-groups will continue to develop the above areas of work, and inform the PSB of their progress in June 2019.

**2.6** It was also noted during the meeting on 13th March that the Board and sub groups needed to take account of the work already being undertaken by the organisations to promote the above objectives, in order to identify and deliver on how the Board could add value to the work already undertaken. The sub-groups will review the organisations ' current arrangements as they consider their action plans.

### **3 Delivery**

**3.1** The five sub-groups noted above are accountable to the Public Service Board in relation to delivering any work commissioned. The sub-group leaders are expected to report back on progress every quarter to the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board. The period of delivering the objectives will be an opportunity for PSB partners to show their willingness and commitment to working collaboratively and innovatively on plans.

**3.2** The PSB acts in accordance with seven principles, namely the five national sustainable development principles noted above, together with two which have been added by the Board, namely 'The Welsh language' and 'Equality'. This means taking action in a way which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

## **4. Scrutiny Arrangements**

**4.1** The Board's work will be checked regularly by the Scrutiny Committees of Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council. Gwynedd Council's Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the PSB'S government arrangements in December 2018. The PSB will prepare an annual report in June 2019 to set out progress as it seeks to deliver the well-being objectives. A copy of every annual report will be sent to Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner, the Auditor General for Wales and the councils' scrutiny committees.

**4.2** The Well-being Act and the associated national guidance<sup>1</sup> set out 3 main roles for local authority's scrutiny committees in providing democratic accountability to the public services Board:

- Review the governance arrangements of the PSB
- Acting as statutory consultees on the well-being assessment and well-being plan
- Monitoring progress on the PSBs implementation of the well-being plan

**4.3** The Public Services Board is currently subject to scrutiny by the designated Scrutiny Committees of Gwynedd and Anglesey Local Authorities. At the establishment of the PSB it was agreed that a joint scrutiny panel between the two counties would be developed to undertake this work across Gwynedd and Anglesey. Scrutiny Officers from both the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council will address the key actions in relation to the establishment of a joint panel over the coming months.

## **5. Resources**

**5.1** Management and administrative support for the Board is provided by the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council.

**5.2** Resources for delivering the work of the sub-groups will be the responsibility of all statutory members equally. The contributions will be agreed and reviewed by the Board as and when necessary.

## **6. Recommendation**

**6.1** It is recommended that the Communities Scrutiny Committee observes:

- The progress of the Gwynedd and Anglesey's Public Service Board

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<sup>1</sup> Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards