

COMMITTEE	Communities Scrutiny Committee
DATE	19 January 2023
TITLE	SCRUTINISING THE DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN
CABINET MEMBER	Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn
PURPOSE	To provide an opportunity for members of the Committee to scrutinise the content of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Draft Well-being Plan and submit any observations

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 In May 2022, Assessments of Local Well-being for the Gwynedd and Anglesey areas were published with both counties split into 14 smaller areas (8 in Gwynedd and 6 in Anglesey).
- 1.5 The Assessments brought together a range of information about the communities of Gwynedd and Anglesey. We have examined the latest research, gathered data and engaged with our community groups to ascertain what is good about our communities, and which aspects are not so positive.
- 1.6 The Well-being Assessments were an opportunity to consider the challenges and opportunities our communities are facing; especially the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and the cost of living crisis.
- 1.7 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**.
- 1.8 There is a statutory duty on the relevant Scrutiny Committee within the Council to scrutinise the content of the document as part of the process of developing the Plan. 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.

2. DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN

- 2.1 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.

- 2.2 Members of the Public Services Board are eager to make a meaningful contribution to the partnership landscape without duplicating the work of other partnerships and therefore the Well-being Plan draft seeks to clearly highlight whether the Public Services Board has a role in leading or delivering the well-being priorities.
- 2.3 The **Well-being Objectives** were drawn up after analysing the main messages that emerged from the Well-being Assessment conducted during 2021/22.
- 2.4 The PSB has identified three Well-being Objectives:
- **We want to work together to mitigate the impact of poverty on the well-being of our communities**
 - **We want to work together to prioritise the well-being and success of our children and young people.**
 - **We want to work together to support our communities to shift towards Zero Net Carbon.**
- 2.5 It is also important to note that the **Welsh language** will be a golden thread that runs throughout the plan. We will promote the use of the language in all fields of work and will work with communities to develop Welsh-medium services and activities.
- 2.6 For each of these objectives, there are detailed tables providing more information as to why they were chosen and the steps we propose to take to achieve them. As explained above, these will be amended and refined during the consultation period as we receive more information and receive people's opinions.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 The draft objectives are in line with those that have already been proposed for the Gwynedd Council Plan 2023-28.
- 2.9 As part of the consultation, the Public Services Board invites you to scrutinise the content of the draft Well-being Plan and give specific consideration to the following questions:
- Do you believe that the well-being objectives and the priorities identified to realise the objectives will improve the social, environmental, cultural and economic well-being of both counties?
 - Are there any priorities missing?
 - Which priorities should be focused on first?
 - Where could the Board collaborate and influence in order to make a difference?
 - In what way could the communities assist to deliver the plan's priorities and to develop them further in the future?
 - Any other comments.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The three-month statutory consultation period will end on 6 March. Following this, the Board will consider the responses to the consultation before creating a final Well-being Plan.

- 1.9 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 2023. The statutory members are Gwynedd and Anglesey Councils, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority and Natural Resources Wales.

- 3.2 In the case of Gwynedd Council, it will be submitted to the Full Council (on **date to be confirmed**)

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