

SUBJECT: Draft Public Service Board Well-being Plan Annual Report

MEETING: Public Services Select Committee

DATE: 27th July 2020

DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Select Committee with the Public Service Board's Annual Report for scrutiny of their performance in 2019/20 in delivering the objectives of the well-being plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The intention of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, by taking action in accordance with the sustainable development principle aimed at achieving seven national well-being goals.
- 2.2 The Act places a duty on the Public Service Board (PSB) to prepare and publish a Well-being Plan and well-being objectives for the county and prepare and publish an annual progress report each year.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The committee is invited to use the annual report to hold PSB partners to account for the delivery of collaborative approaches to improve well-being in Monmouthshire.
- 3.2 The is invited to examine the annual report to ensure it presents a clear and robust overview of progress towards objectives set in the PSB's well-being plan.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Well-being of Future Generations Act aims to ensure that public bodies think more about the long term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach. As part of this duty each Public Service Board must prepare and publish a local well-being plan setting out its local objectives and the steps it proposes to take to meet them.
- 4.2 Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan was approved by the PSB in April 2018 and published at the beginning of May that year. The statutory guidance underpinning the Act requires the Board to prepare and publish a report no later than 14 months after the publication of the well-being plan reporting on the full year's activity and subsequently no later than one year after publication of that report. The report must describe the steps taken since publication to meet the objectives and can also include any other information which the Board feels appropriate. In Monmouthshire's case the first annual report on activity in 2018/19 was published by 4th July 2019.
- 4.3 This is the second annual report, reporting on progress of the PSB towards delivering the objectives set out in the Wellbeing Plan between April 2019 and March 2020. Following scrutiny by the Committee the report will be presented to the Public Service Board for approval and then be published on the PSB's webpages.
- 4.4 During the Coronavirus pandemic public services in Monmouthshire have been at the forefront of efforts to preserve life and stop the spread of the virus, while continuing to provide vital support to communities in Monmouthshire. Services in Monmouthshire continue to work in partnership to deliver and coordinate the response to the pandemic. This has led to short delay in producing the

annual report beyond the original deadline, however significant effort has been by PSB partners to ensure any delay is limited.

- 4.5 Monmouthshire's report effectively summarises the issues that the committee have been scrutinising over the past year. It also contains data for the national well-being indicators prescribed by Welsh Government.
- 4.6 This report largely looks back over the period April 2019 – March 2020, although reference will be made in relevant sections to some of the impact or latest information on the Coronavirus pandemic. The PSB in Monmouthshire will be utilising the latest evidence, learning gathered and changes to legislation and guidance to understand the impact on well-being of the pandemic in Monmouthshire. The PSB will continue to work with local and regional partners to develop its activity in response and consider adapting/developing the Board's plans accordingly. Any further updates to the PSB well-being plan, will be reported to the committee accordingly.

5. REASONS:

- 5.1 To improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our county and work towards the aspirations outlined in the Well-being of Future Generations Act and meet the associated legislative requirements set out in the underpinning statutory guidance.
- 5.2 To ensure democratic accountability of the Public Service Board through the appropriate overview and scrutiny provided by the Select Committee.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no resource implications attached to this report

7. EQUALITY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This report presents an evaluation of progress and no implications identified as a result.

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