

SUBJECT: Update on Regional Well-being Work

MEETING: PSB Select Committee

DATE: 12th July 2017

DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide a brief update about work happening at a regional level to develop and build on well-being assessments.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, by taking action in accordance with the sustainable development principle aimed at achieving well-being goals. One of the five ways of well-being highlighted by The Act is to collaborate.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are invited to use this update to enhance their understanding of how regional working can help the PSB meet the requirements of The Act.

4 KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Well-being of Future Generations Act came into force in April 2016. It requires public bodies to carry out *sustainable development*. This means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals.
- 4.2 Since before The Act came into law officers representing the five Public Service Boards in Gwent have been meeting to share learning and identify opportunities to collaborate on areas of common interest. This initially focused on the development of the well-being assessment and pooling resources to commission Data Unit Wales to produce quantitative information. It has also been an opportunity to work with colleagues leading on the implementation of The Social Services and well-being Act
- 4.3 On 28th February Welsh Government made available some £74,026 of funding for the five PSBs in the Gwent area to undertake work to build on work completed as part of the assessments and to help build towards the development of the well-being plan.
- 4.4 Gwent partners identified two areas of focus: To develop enhanced measurement of well-being at the local population level and to commission further work on future trends which was an area that was commonly identified as needing development in the majority of the 19 well-being assessments in Wales. Both of these packages of work

are currently subject to tender with Caerphilly acting at the lead organisation in the process.

4.5 Subsequent to this work, Public Health Wales have agreed to commission a short piece of work to analyse and bring together messages from the five well-being assessments in Gwent to identify potential areas for collaboration around complex issues which stand greater chance of success if identified at scale.

4.6 This work is at an early stage and progress reports will be made available to PSB Select Committee as they are developed further.

5. REASONS

5.1 To ensure that members understand the work that is being undertaken to embed the Well-being of Future Generations Act and are able to hold the Public Service Board to account.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None at this stage. Any new specific projects brought forward to deliver individual Well-being Objectives that require specific funding will be subject to separate decisions in accordance with the council's constitution.

7. FUTURE GENERATIONS ASSESSEMENT INCLUDING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

7.1 This report does not propose any change in policy or service and so no assessment has been completed.

8. SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

None

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