

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 20 June 2017
Report Subject	Flintshire Public Services Board and the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an overview of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the roles and responsibilities of both the Council and the Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB).

This report covers:

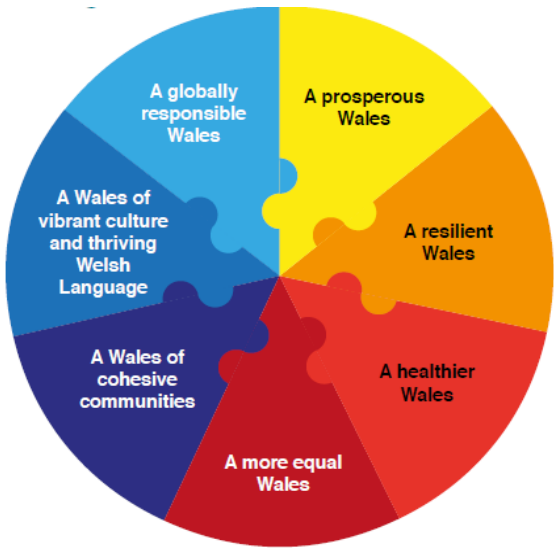
- Overview of the Public Services Board
- Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 Act and Principles
- Roles of Public Services Board and Local Authorities
- Well-being Assessment
- Current and emerging Flintshire PSB Priority Themes
- Future Strategy – Well-being Plan
- Role of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
- Well-being Objectives

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To note the statutory duties under the Well-being of Future Generations Act and recognise the role of the Public Services Board in meeting them.
2	To re-adopt the Well-being Objectives presented to the previous Cabinet and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the pre-election period.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	Flintshire Public Services Board
1.01	Flintshire has a longstanding and proud track record of partnership working. The communities it serves expect statutory and third sector partners to work together with shared priorities. The Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) is at the heart of promoting a positive culture of working together and concentrates energy, effort and resources on providing efficient and effective public services.
1.02	The Flintshire PSB is a statutory body which was established on 1st April 2016 following the introduction of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Flintshire PSB replaces the former Flintshire Local Service Board (LSB). The Board has a membership made up of both statutory members (prescribed by law) and invited members.

2.00	Well-Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 Act and Principles
2.01	The Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 is a piece of major legislation of the Welsh Government. It is recognised internationally as ground-breaking and is unique to Wales as a devolved nation. The legislation aims to improve further the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales now and in the future.
2.02	<p>The Act is underpinned by seven 'well-being' goals:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A prosperous Wales • A resilient Wales • A healthier Wales • A more equal Wales • A Wales of cohesive communities • A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language • A globally responsible Wales 
2.03	Public sector partners work together to achieve these goals. The first step required of public sector partners, as a new statutory duty, is to complete and publish a detailed analysis of the conditions of 'well-being' in the communities they serve by using all available data-sets of demographics, deprivation etc. This is known as the Well-being Assessment. The second step is to agree and publish a Local Well-being Plan for collective action on a set of locally derived priorities.

3.00	Roles of Public Services Boards and Local Authorities
3.01	The high level aim of the Flintshire PSB is to “protect, sustain and improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Flintshire through collaborative working as a single public service”.
3.02	<p>The PSB has set itself five principal roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discharge the duties of a Public Services Board including producing and working to a Local Well-being Plan; • To identify and prioritise the contemporary challenges where collective leadership and problem-solving is called for, and common issues as both providers or services and as employers where collective action is called for; • To ensure consistent and effective governance and performance across the strategic partnership which supports the Public Services Board; • To promote collaboration in the design and provision of local public services and to make best economic use of local partners and resources in the fulfilment of common aims and priorities; and • To promote and maintain effective and trusting partnership relationships amongst local public service leaders in support of the above roles.
3.03	<p>The principal activities of the Public Services Board are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Flintshire; • To prepare and publish a Local Well-being Plan for Flintshire setting out local objectives and the steps we propose to take to meet them; • To continue to performance manage the adopted priority work-streams of the Board in pursuit of the outcomes we aspire to; • To oversee the other local strategic partnerships and ensure that their aims and performance are complementary; and • To prepare and publish an annual report that sets out the Board’s progress in meeting the aims and objectives.
3.04	In fulfilling its roles and activities the Board will contribute to the seven national well-being goals as set out in 2.02 above.
3.05	<p>Sustainable development is an under-pinning principle of the PSB. This means thinking, planning and acting in a way where the needs of the present are met without compromising the future or limiting the opportunities for the generations to follow. When making decisions we are challenged to think, plan and act for the long-term, preventatively, through integration and collaboration, and by being inclusive and involving.</p> <p>The Well-being Act also requires that the sustainable development principle applies to local authorities and other designated public bodies.</p>

4.00	Well-Being Assessment
4.01	A Well-being Assessment for Flintshire has been produced and published in line with statutory requirements. This presents a contemporary picture of life and well-being in Flintshire.
4.02	Three of the PSBs in North Wales (the joint Conwy/Denbighshire PSB, the Wrexham PSB and the Flintshire PSB) engaged a single research team of to develop their assessments. These three assessments have similar structures and have been developed using similar information and data sources. This was an effective use of resources to reduce work and cost.
4.03	The draft Flintshire Assessment was sent to both the Welsh Government and the Future Generations Commissioner who provided feedback. The feedback was considered by the PSB at its meeting in April where it was agreed that the majority of the feedback could be used for future editions of the Assessment. There was little time to amend the Assessment before the statutory publication date.
4.04	The Assessment is helping to inform the priorities for inclusion in the Well-being Plan. Other sources of information, and observations from the PSB members, will also inform the final selection of priorities within the Plan. The draft plan will be presented to each of the PSB member bodies for approval within their respective governance structures.

5.00	Current and Emerging Flintshire PSB Priority Themes
5.01	Priorities are chosen as the themes where the PSB can add most value. Working together to make an impact on these priorities is the collective aim of the Flintshire PSB for collective gain.
5.02	The PSB's current priorities are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Independent Living • Vulnerability, Intervention and Prevention • Community Resilience • Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour • Supporting Families with Complex Needs
5.03	Work is currently underway, albeit in its early stages, to recommend the renewed PSB priorities and themes that will support the seven goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and could underpin the Well-being Plan for Flintshire. Emerging themes include: <p><u>Theme: Well-being and Independent Living</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preventative initiatives including older people • innovation in primary care including supported housing options • the early help hub project in children services • Mental Health, Learning Disability and alignment to the regional strategy,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increasing care home capacity and options <p><u>Theme: Safe and Resilient Communities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resilient communities • vulnerability and safeguarding • community safety (noting that the PSB is also the Community Safety Partnership) <p><u>Theme: Economy and Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skills planning • access to work • worklessness and income maximisation • public sector employer initiatives • Local Development Plan - site planning and use of public sector assets <p><u>Theme: Environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green transport • green energy • flood protection • air quality
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6.00	Future Strategy – Well-being Plan
6.01	The Well-being Plan is a requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and needs to be produced and published by the PSB by May 2018. The first significant step has been the production and publication of the Well-being Assessment as outlined above. Work is now underway around the development of the Well-being Plan as the second step.

7.00	Role of the Commissioner
7.01	The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales acts as an advocate for the interests of future generations in Wales, and to support the public bodies listed in the Act to work towards achieving the well-being goals.
7.02	The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales has a range of roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioner can provide advice to public bodies and Public Services Boards and promote and encourage them to work to meet their well-being objectives • The Commissioner may carry out research including into the wellbeing goals, the national indicators and milestones, and the sustainable development principle and how public bodies apply it • The Commissioner can make recommendations to a public body

	<p>about the steps it has taken or proposes to take to set and then meet its wellbeing objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioner must publish, a year before an Assembly election, a report containing the Commissioner's assessment of the improvements public bodies should make to achieve the well-being goals • The Commissioner is supported by an Advisory Panel. The Panel includes the other Wales Commissioners, the Chief Medical Officer for Wales, a representative of Natural Resources Wales, Wales TUC and Welsh business.
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8.00	Well-being Objectives
8.01	<p>The Council as a statutory member of the PSB has a duty to set and publish their own Well-being Objectives to show how they will work to achieve the vision for Wales and make sure that they meet the objectives that are set. The Council together with its partners will support the health and well-being of both the current and future generations through following these objectives.</p>
8.02	<p>Cabinet adopted the following set of objectives for Flintshire prior to the elections, and consulted Corporate and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committees, accepting that the Objectives would need be re-adopted for the term of the new Council:</p> <p><u>Ambitious Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining economic growth through local and regional business development, employment and skills strategies • Developing the transport infrastructure and employment sites, and transport services, widening access to employment and training sites • Creating a supply of diverse and quality training and employment opportunities <p><u>Achieving Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing high quality, accessible, responsive and cost effective public services • Providing joined-up services with public and third sector partners which support quality of life in communities and for individuals and families • Continuing to be a high performing and innovative public sector organisation with social values <p><u>Caring Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring a supply of affordable and quality housing of all tenures • Making early interventions to support healthy and independent living • Sustaining a local market of high quality and affordable service provision for those who are highly dependent on care support • Protecting people from poverty by maximising their income and

	<p>maximising their employability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving equal opportunity to all to fulfil their lives • Protecting people from the risk of any form of abuse • Making communities safe places by working with partners to prevent crime, repeat crime and anti-social behaviour <p><u>Connected Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committing to resilient service models to sustain local public services • Supporting local communities to be resilient and self-supporting • Widening digital access to public services <p><u>Green Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing energy consumption and using and developing alternative/renewable energy production • Enhancing the natural environment and promoting access to open and green space • Maximising the recovery and recycling of waste <p><u>Learning Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting children and younger people to achieve their potential • Supporting learners from 3 to 18 years of age to aspire to high levels of educational attainment and achievement • Providing high quality learning opportunities, and learning environments and for learners of all ages
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9.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
9.01	<p>Administrative support for the Board is provided by Flintshire County Council. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the Board meets regularly • Preparing the agenda and commissioning papers for meetings • Co-ordinating the annual governance assessment of the Board and its sub groups • Inviting participants and managing attendance • Work on the annual report • Preparation of evidence for scrutiny. <p>This arrangement will be reviewed annually.</p>

10.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
10.01	The Flintshire Public Services Board will engage with key partners in the area who have an interest in the well-being of Flintshire in the preparation, implementation and delivery of the Well-being Plan.

11.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
11.01	The identification of any risks and the actions required to mitigate risk will be considered through the governance and reporting arrangements of the PSB.

12.00	APPENDICES
12.01	None.

13.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
	<p>Assessment of Local Well-being for Flintshire – Summary Document http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Policy-and-Performance/PSB/Well-Being-Assessment-Summary-English.pdf</p> <p>Assessment of Local Well-being for Flintshire - Full Assessment http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Policy-and-Performance/PSB/Well-being-Assessment-Full-English.pdf</p> <p>Assessment of Local Well-being for Flintshire – Area Profiles http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Policy-and-Performance/PSB/Well-being-assessment-Area-Profiles-English.pdf</p> <p>Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) Link to the Flintshire PSB Webpage: http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-and-Democracy/Flintshire-Public-Services-Board.aspx</p> <p>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Link to the relevant page on the Welsh Government Website: http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en</p> <p>Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Statutory Guidance Link to the relevant page on the Welsh Government Website: http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/statutory-guidance/?lang=en</p> <p>Contact Officer: Sam Perry, Corporate Business & Communications Support Officer Telephone: 01352 701476 E-mail: sam.perry@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

14.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	<p>Public Services Board The Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) is a statutory body which was established on 1st April 2016 following the introduction of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Flintshire PSB replaces the former Flintshire Local Service Board (LSB). The Board has a membership made up of both statutory members (prescribed by law) and invited members.</p> <p>Sustainable Development 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. Sustainable development is a way of doing things rather than an end in itself.</p> <p>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Legally binding common purpose for national government, local government, local health boards and other specified public bodies. The act details the ways in which the specified public bodies must work, and work together to improve the well-being of Wales.</p>