

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 20 th June 2023
Report Subject	Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board (PSB) Well-being Plan 2023-28
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council
Report Author	Chief Executive; Chief Officer (Social Services)
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires specific public bodies to work together under a Public Services Board (PSB) to improve local economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being.

Responsibilities of PSBs include periodically preparing and publishing an assessment of local well-being, which is used to inform the setting of local well-being objectives that are contained within a five-year local Well-being Plan.

An assessment of local well-being was published in 2022 and has been used to inform a new Well-being Plan for the period 2023-28.

Prior to publishing a new Well-being Plan, the PSB is required to consult a number of statutory consultees, including the Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Following this consultation the Flintshire and Wrexham Well-Being Plan 2023-2028 has been reviewed and finalised ready for publication in June 2023.

The Flintshire and Wrexham Well-being Plan 2023-28 is presented at Appendix A for approval by Flintshire County Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Flintshire County Council approves the Flintshire and Wrexham Well-being Plan for 2023-28.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) WELL-BEING PLAN 2023-28
1.01	<p>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a well-being duty on designated public bodies. This requires them to act jointly under a Public Services Board (PSB) to improve local economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being and thus support the achievement of the seven well-being goals for Wales.</p>
1.02	<p>A PSB is required to periodically prepare and publish an assessment of local well-being. The assessment should be published within the 12 months preceding each ordinary local government election.</p> <p>Flintshire PSBs most recent Well-being Assessment was published in May 2022.</p>
1.03	<p>A PSB is also required to prepare and publish a five-year Well-being Plan that sets out the PSBs local well-being objectives and the action the PSB will take to meet them.</p> <p>A PSB should publish its Well-being Plan no later than 12 months after each local government ordinary election.</p>
1.04	<p>Flintshire PSBs first Well-being Plan was published in 2017 and covered the period 2017 to 2023. The next Well-being Plan, covering the period 2023 to 2028, was due to be published by May 2023.</p> <p>The PSBs Well-being Plan must be approved by the statutory members of the PSB, which includes the Local Authority. To allow time for development, consultation and appropriate oversight, governance and approval of the new Well-being Plan, agreement has been sought for a slightly later publication date locally of June 2023.</p>
1.05	<p>In January 2023, the Flintshire PSB and Wrexham PSB merged to form a single PSB covering the two local authority areas.</p> <p>This decision was made in recognition that there were similar well-being objectives across both areas. Working together formally through a joint PSB was also recognised as a way to enhance the collaborative working developed across the individual PSBs to support communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
1.06	<p>A team of officers drawn from partner organisations involved in the work of Flintshire and Wrexham PSB have worked together to produce a Well-being Plan for 2023-28.</p>
1.07	<p>Based on the evidence and insight highlighted by the well-being assessment, existing priorities of the PSB, and the learning and reflection from joint PSB working on community resilience over the last two years, this team of officers have produced a draft Well-being Plan that identifies</p>

	<p>the key actions needed to deliver two well-being objectives for 2023-2028:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities across environment, education, employment, income, and housing. • Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live healthy and independent lives.
1.08	The purpose of the Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Well-being Plan 2023-28 is to identify a small number of shared objectives, focused around improving local well-being, that public sector organisations work on together to add value to the work of individual organisational plans and enhance outcomes through collaborative working.
1.09	The Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Well-being Plan has been produced so that partners, stakeholders, and communities can be engaged to co-produce ways to improve local well-being and build resilience now and over the long term.
1.10	The Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Well-being Plan 2023-28 is presented at Appendix A for approval by Flintshire County Council.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	In recognition of shared local well-being objectives, and to enhance effective collaborative working to achieve the outcomes in the Well-being Plan 2023-28, the Public Services Boards of Flintshire and Wrexham have agreed to come together as a single body from January 2023. This is in line with other PSBs within the region.
2.02	<p>The local authority must provide administrative support to the PSB, this includes arranging meetings, preparing the agenda and papers for meetings, and working on the annual report, amongst others.</p> <p>This function is fulfilled by an Officer of the Council, with appropriate management support and supervision.</p>
2.03	<p>The PSB is supported regionally by the North Wales Insight Partnership (NWIP), which consists of officers across public sector organisations, connecting organisations and communities across the region.</p> <p>The NWIP is encouraging regional partnership working to align priorities and identify opportunities across the PSBs, the Regional Partnership Board, and the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.</p>
2.04	Welsh Government has continued to allocate funding via a regional support grant award. This grant is allowing the development of some innovative approaches to engagement and co-production, which have already helped to shape the Well-being Plan. Welsh Government has (subject to term and conditions) made this support funding available for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 to enable sustainable collaborative working.

2.05	<p>Working with partner organisations and communities, the Wales Co-Production Network is providing long term support for engagement and co-production.</p> <p>The PSB is utilising the support of this Network to help engage the local communities in well-being work.</p>
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3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
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3.01	<p>A full Integrated Impact Assessment (EqIA) for the Well-being Plan has been completed.</p> <p>An overview of the likely impact the Well-being Plan will have is provided below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Long-term</td> <td>Positive – the Well-being Plan is for a period of five years but will continue to build on the previous Well-being Plan objectives and have mechanisms to ensure continuity beyond the life of this Plan.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prevention</td> <td>Positive – the Well-being Plan looks to address factors that may be detrimental to local well-being both now and in the future.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Integration</td> <td>Neutral</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Collaboration</td> <td>Positive – the Well-being Plan will contain shared objectives which the PSB partners will commit to achieving in collaboration, including involving wider stakeholders as appropriate.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Involvement</td> <td>Positive – stakeholders will actively be encouraged to help co-produce ways to improve local well-being and enhance outcomes.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Well-being Goals Impact</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Prosperous Wales</td> <td>Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resilient Wales</td> <td>Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Healthier Wales</td> <td>Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>More equal Wales</td> <td>Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cohesive Wales</td> <td>Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vibrant Wales</td> <td>Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales</td> </tr> </table>	Long-term	Positive – the Well-being Plan is for a period of five years but will continue to build on the previous Well-being Plan objectives and have mechanisms to ensure continuity beyond the life of this Plan.	Prevention	Positive – the Well-being Plan looks to address factors that may be detrimental to local well-being both now and in the future.	Integration	Neutral	Collaboration	Positive – the Well-being Plan will contain shared objectives which the PSB partners will commit to achieving in collaboration, including involving wider stakeholders as appropriate.	Involvement	Positive – stakeholders will actively be encouraged to help co-produce ways to improve local well-being and enhance outcomes.	Prosperous Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales	Resilient Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales	Healthier Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales	More equal Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales	Cohesive Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales	Vibrant Wales	Positive – the well-being objectives have been selected to support the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales
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3.03	To comply with Welsh Language Standards, and to ensure the Well-being Plan 2023-28 is accessible to residents and communities, the Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Well-being Plan 2023-28 is available in both Welsh and English.	

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	A draft version of the Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Well-being Plan was subject to a statutory 12-week period of consultation, which was conducted between November 2022 and February 2023.
4.02	<p>When developing a Well-being Plan the PSB is required to consult fully with several statutory consultees, including the local authority's overview and scrutiny committee.</p> <p>The Well-being Plan was presented to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15th December 2022.</p>
4.03	Copies of the draft Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Well-being Plan were shared with other statutory consultees to gain their feedback and input.
4.04	<p>Consultation responses were received from several Elected Members and Town and Community Council representatives, along with other statutory consultees, such as Welsh Government and the Future Generations Commissioner's Office.</p> <p>In general, consultee respondents supported the new Well-being Plan and objectives, with some suggestions made to assist with clarity and/or understanding.</p> <p>Some consultees raised matters of local well-being they felt needed inclusion. Unfortunately, some of these hadn't been shared during the well-being assessment consultation in 2022. The final document 'An Assessment of Well-being in Flintshire 2022' was the evidence base for preparing the Well-being Plan. However, the new well-being objectives have a number of underpinning outcomes, which may encompass some of the well-being the matters raised by consultees in some form. There is also a desire to maintain a degree of flexibility with the new Well-being Plan to ensure emerging trends can be identified and responded to, where necessary.</p> <p>All consultation responses were considered when preparing the final Well-being Plan 2023-28.</p>
4.05	The PSB will continue to develop and initiate consultation and engagement strategies with our communities throughout the life of the Well-being Plan to help inform and shape project plans. This work will be supported by Regional PSB funding.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix A - Flintshire and Wrexham PSB Well-being Plan 2023-28

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Further information on the PSB, along with links to <i>An Assessment of Well-being in Flintshire 2022</i> and the current <i>A Well-being Plan for Flintshire 2017-23</i> can be found on the Council's website: https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-and-Democracy/Flintshire-Public-Services-Board.aspx
6.02	Statutory guidance for PSBs, including on the duty to produce a well-being plan, is available on Welsh Governments website: https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-02/spsf-3-collective-role-public-services-boards.pdf
6.03	Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) (including Welsh Language & Socio-economic Duty)

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	Contact Officer: Nicola McCann – Strategic Partnerships Advisor Telephone: 01352 702740 E-mail: Nicola.McCann@flintshire.gov.uk

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
	<p>Public Services Board (PSB) The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 established statutory PSB's in each local authority area. The role of the Board is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area • Set objectives that are designed to maximise the PSB's contribution to the well-being goals <p>Each PSB must prepare and publish a plan setting out its objectives and the steps it will take to meet them. This is called a Local Well-being Plan. It must state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why the PSB feels their objectives will contribute within their local area to achieving the well-being goals • How it has had regard to the assessment of Local Well-being in setting its objectives and steps to take <p>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015</p>

<p>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.</p>
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