



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

2.00 pm WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

PART 1

1. To resolve to exercise the powers set out in Section 35 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 being the designated Overview and Scrutiny Committee for this purpose as approved by Council May 2015.
2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members

To scrutinise information and monitoring issues being reported by:

3. Members of the Public Services Board who have been identified to lead the development of work activities for each of the priorities set out in the Draft Well-being Plan.
4. To develop a response to the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board Consultation on the Draft Well-being Plan (*Pages 3 - 4*)
5. Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Chairman pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972

S.Phillips
Chief Executive

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: Councillor A.N.Woolcock

**Vice
Chairperson:** Councillor S.Rahaman

Councillors: M.Crowley, J.D.Morgan, C.Edwards,
S.E.Freeguard, M.Harvey, S.K.Hunt, H.N.James,
A.Llewelyn, S.Miller, L.M.Purcell, S.M.Penry,
A.L.Thomas, J.Warman and S.Paddison

Notes:

- (1) If Committee Members or non-Committee Members wish to have relevant items put on the agenda for future meetings, then please notify the Chief Executive/Chair eight days before the meeting.*
- (2) If non-Committee Members wish to attend for an item of interest, then prior notification needs to be given (by 12.00 noon on the day before the meeting). Non-Committee Members may speak but not vote, or move or second any motion.*
- (3) For pre scrutiny arrangements, the Chair will normally recommend forthcoming executive items for discussion/challenge. It is also open to Committee Members to request items to be raised - though Members are asked to be selective here in regard to important issues.*
- (4) The relevant Cabinet Board Members will also be invited to be present at the meeting for Scrutiny/ Consultation purposes.*

Notes from the All Member Seminar held on the Draft Well-being Plan

9th January 2018

1) Are you happy with the priorities set out in the draft well-being plan?

- Overall support the priorities
- Priorities are abstract and missing the detail
- What is going to be delivered/what are we actually going to do?
- Who is going to deliver it and when will this be done?
- What resources will be allocated to this work (financial and staffing)?

2) Do you think there are priorities missing?

It was agreed that there were number of different topics that could be added as priorities the Members didn't want to dilute the existing content of the draft plan too much by adding more. However, the group were in agreement that the transport (in all its forms, voluntary, commercial and community) should be added into the plan.

3) Do you think the priorities will help the Council deliver its own priorities or do they conflict?

There is the potential that the PSB priorities conflict with the Council priorities. Short term and long term budget cuts will affect both sets of priorities so there may come a time when a decision has to be made about which set of priorities we can afford to deliver.

4) How is it possible to see the extent to which the objectives have been set in accordance with the sustainable development principle?

In terms of the involvement principle: there is currently a democratic deficiency in this process. There should be wider member representation on the Public Services Board and the work of the PSB should be communicated clearly and frequently to all elected members not just P&R representatives.

Potentially the work of the PSB will add to the forward work programmes of other committees as they have to consider/scrutinise this in addition to their existing work.

In terms of short and long term: there is a need for additional resources to deliver under these priorities.

Partnership working is critical in this process but it will certainly increase pressure on the third sector.

The work needs to be measurable so progress can be monitored.

How will we know that something has happened because of the PSB and not just because it was business as usual? What is the anticipated 'added value' of the PSB and the work identified in their draft plan?

There is a role for community councils to play in delivering this work.