

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18TH JULY 2024

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Matter for: Monitoring

Wards Affected: All Wards

**Report Title – Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board – Well-being Plan
Annual Report 2023-24**

Purpose of Report

To present the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board Annual Report 2023-24 for information.

Background

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on local authorities, health boards, fire and rescue services and National Resources Wales to establish a Public Services Board (PSB) in each local authority area to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area. The Neath Port Talbot PSB was established in 2016.

The PSB is made up of the following membership:

Statutory partners:

- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
- National Resources Wales
- Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
- Swansea Bay University Health Board

Invited participants/ other partners:

- Coastal Housing
 - Town and Community Councils
 - Department of Work and Pensions
 - National Probation Service
 - NPTC Group of Colleges
 - NPT Council for Voluntary Service
 - Welsh Government
- Tai Tarian
Pobl
Police & Crime Commissioner
Public Health Wales
South Wales Police
Swansea University

The Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board published its second Well-being Plan for the county borough in May 2023, following a comprehensive assessment of the well-being of the local population and extensive consultation and engagement with a wide range of stakeholders.

Section 45 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out requirements for local public services boards to prepare and publish annual progress reports. S 45 (1) states:

‘A public services board must prepare and publish a report – no later than 14 months after the publications of its local well-being plan, and subsequently no later than one year after the publication of each previous report ..’

S 45 (3) states:

‘A report under this section must specify the steps taken since the publication of the board’s most recent local well-being plan to meet the objectives set out in the plan.’

Summary

In preparing its second Plan, the PSB reflected on the findings of the Wellbeing Assessment and agreed to adopt the Council’s four well-being objectives as a framework. These are outlined below:

- All children will have the best start in life
- All our communities are thriving and sustainable
- Our local environment, culture and heritage can be enjoyed by future generations

- There are more secure, green and well paid jobs and that skills across the area are improved

Pages 8-19 set out progress made on the well-being objectives during 2023-24. This includes plans to measure impact and next steps. Also included is some information on how we are working on each well-being objective in accordance with the sustainable development principle as set out in the Act.

Further Collaborative working undertaken by the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board includes:-

Substance Use

Involvement Capacity Building

Local Food on the Public Plate

Town and Community Councils

Financial Appraisal

Resources to implement the Plan have been identified from a range of sources as there is no additional money available to fund the intentions of the Plan.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

An Integrated Impact Assessment was undertaken at the time that the Plan was published. No further update is warranted at this time.

Valleys Communities Impact

The priorities (steps) in the Well-being Plan are planned across Neath Port Talbot communities.

Workforce Impact

Resources to implement the Plan have been made available from across the Public Services Board partners.

Legal Impact

To meet the statutory requirements contained within Section 45 (1) and (3) of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015).

Risk Management

Failure to approve and publish the Annual Report could potentially lead to the Future Generations Commissioner exercising powers to conduct a review into the extent to which the PSB (where the Leader and Chief Executive are members) are meeting duties under the Act which could lead to action also by Welsh ministers. This could impact on the Council's reputation and also lead to additional resources being required to meet the duties.

Consultation

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item

Recommendation

For Members to note the Annual report of the Public Services Board and to indicate whether future scrutiny of aspects of the report should feature in the Forward Work Programme.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Neath Port Talbot PSB Annual Report 2023-24

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