



Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board

Annual Report 2024



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Foreword

The Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board (PSB) 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.

We are pleased to publish our first annual report for this Plan which gives an overview of what we have achieved during the first year and sets out what we intend to do next.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires us to secure the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of local people and to do so sustainably. We have faced unprecedented times during the development of our second assessment and well-being plan, recovering from the Covid 19 pandemic which was closely followed by a cost of living crisis. We now face the challenge of supporting our communities through the Tata Steel transition phase whilst maximising the opportunities arising from new investment into the area.

We are confident, however, that the benefits of the partner relations developed as result of the PSB have helped us respond more efficiently to the situations that have arisen over recent years and have set us in good stead for future work. As we implement our second Well-being Plan, we will build on these relationships and the learning that has been achieved by working more closely together. There is no doubt that there are challenging times ahead but we are committed as partners to come together and improve outcomes for the communities we serve.

We hope you will be interested in the work we are doing and would welcome ideas and contributions that can bring about change that creates the Neath Port Talbot we all want.



Cllr Steven Hunt
Leader of Neath Port Talbot CBC
Chair of NPT PSB



Roger Thomas
Chief Fire Officer Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Vice Chair of NPT PSB



Background

The Welsh Government established public services boards to encourage local organisations to work together and with their local residents to improve the well-being of the people who live in their area. The way in which the Welsh Government wants to see this carried out in practice is set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and other guidance

The Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board (PSB), first established in 2016, brings together leaders and decision makers from public service organisations and the voluntary and community sector with the aim of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Neath Port Talbot.

During 2021/22 the Neath Port Talbot PSB undertook an extensive local assessment of well-being. You can read about our findings including a summary of key themes from the assessment [here](#).

Everything we learned from this assessment was used to develop our second Well-being Plan for Neath Port Talbot.

[Neath Port Talbot Well-being Plan 2023-28](#)

[Neath Port Talbot Well-being Plan on a Page](#)





Our Statutory Partners



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Mid and West Wales
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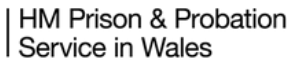
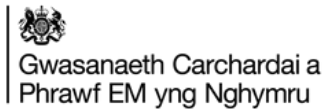
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Our Invited Partners





Vision

We want Neath Port Talbot to be a vibrant and healthy place where people have an equal chance to get on in life – a place where people want to live, learn, work, invest and visit for many generations to come.

We want local public services, including the Third Sector, to be effective and value for money, easy for people to use, and offer quality employment where people are valued and appreciated for the work they do. Together with citizens, we will build on our strong and cohesive communities where the rights of everyone will be respected and protected.

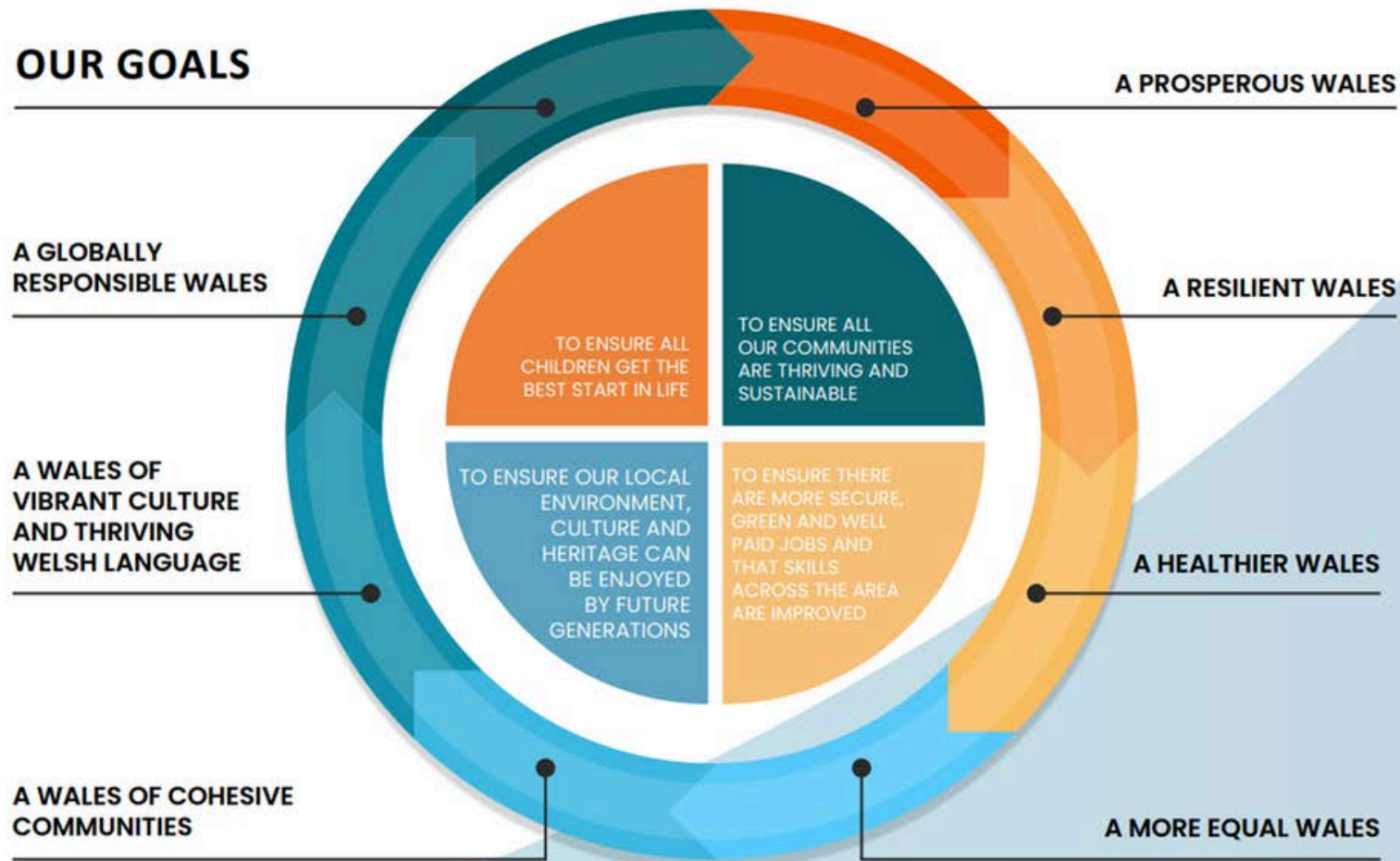
We want our public services to be focused on enabling people and communities to be resilient and it will be the norm for citizens to experience seamless, personalised, high quality services. Public service delivery will create the right conditions for investment that will enable the county borough to attract and sustain quality, sustainable employment for local people.

Our communities will be well connected through a first class digital and transport infrastructure and we will value and protect our natural environment, wildlife will be thriving, supporting healthy lifestyles and sustainable communities

We will have achieved our vision when all children and young people have the best start in life; when all young people and adults have the skills and resilience to be healthy and prosperous; when people are safe and feel safe; when all of our communities are thriving and supporting the people who live there; and where people can draw on the support of neighbours and well-developed social networks.



Our Well-being Objectives 2023-28



All children have the best start in life

We said we would take the following steps :-

Take a co-ordinated approach to supporting the mental health and well-being of our children and young people so they are able to flourish and thrive

Ensure that when our youngest children start school they are confident and ready to learn

Ensure better alignment of early intervention services in order to meet the needs of our children, young people and their families

Support and advise our school leavers to increase access to employment, education or training

Our first years' progress

The Welsh Government Whole School Approach to Emotional Health and Well-being continues to be embedded across schools in NPT with over- 98% of all NPT schools are participating in the programme which includes 51 primary schools and all our secondary schools.

There is an improved continuum of support between Education and Health to address the emotional health and well-being needs of learners – For example The LA has worked purposefully with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in order to develop a greater alignment of services and ensure that support is targeted to the most vulnerable children and young people in a timely way.

NPT Council provides a counselling and therapeutic service for children in school years 1-13

There are enhanced transition arrangements in place for children in the early years. The Early Years and Childcare team work closely with providers to provide training and support to further develop processes to enhance transition into childcare settings.

We have successfully implemented Phase 2 of the Flying Start programme. On-going, high-quality support is being offered to the childcare settings by the Early Years and Flying Start Team, especially those settings that have recently joined the programme to offer Flying Start childcare within the expansion communities and across the wider Neath Port Talbot footprint.

A review of our multi agency Early Intervention Panel and services available is now underway to identify and resolve key pressures in order to ensure early intervention and support is delivered effectively. The review includes a focus upon understanding the barriers for children, young people and families accessing support.

The Youth Homeless Prevention Team have delivered Awareness Raising sessions to 517 young people through secondary schools and have provided support to 63 young people who have been identified as being at risk of youth homelessness.

There are transition arrangements in place for pupils with additional learning needs moving into post 16 education. For example, the Inclusion Service has developed strong, productive partnership links with NPT College, which has ensured timely identification of those learners who will continue to require a LA Maintained Individual Development Plan (IDP) when they attend a Further Education Institution (FEI), as well as those who will require an Independent Specialist Post 16 Institution (ISPI).

The Youth Support Multi Agency Group continue to meet on a regular basis and the Youth Engagement Strategy has been reviewed but is still in Draft waiting for some final approvals.

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| <p>The Youth Service Emotional Health Team provide support to vulnerable groups. These included Young Carers, Young Parents and LGBTQ+ young people</p> <p>Education Support Officers are developing the Curriculum for Wales Health and Wellbeing area of learning and experience across schools</p> | <p>Free, high-quality training is available to all childcare providers across Neath Port Talbot</p> | | <p>The Multi Agency Group has over 40 members and provides regular updates and information sharing opportunities on a range of topics to help support young people.</p> <p>A draft Employability and Skills Strategy has been developed whichThe document is currently being finalised in readiness for consultation with partners.</p> |
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An Early Years, Children and Young People’s Plan has been developed and approved following public consultation. Extensive engagement with children, young people and their families was key to informing this Plan. Partner action plans will now be developed to drive this work.

As a result of close partnership working between the Council and Careers Wales NPT have massively improved their figures on NEETS from historically being at the bottom of the ranking to being the best in Wales if you take into account the young people whose status is unknown. There were only 20 year 11 pupils who didn’t transition from school into education, employment or training during 2023-24.

What we will do next:

- We will finalise the draft Youth Engagement and Employability and Skills strategies
- These strategies will be officially launched along with the Children and Young People’s Plan
- Delivery groups will be established to report on progress against priorities and outcomes
- We will complete and consider the findings of the Early Intervention Panel review

How will we know?

The voices of children and young people have shaped the Children and Young People's Plan and it's important that they participate in evaluating the priorities and their impact. A Children and Young People's dashboard will be created to set out performance data, and progress will be reported to the PSB. We will build on existing positive collaboration between partners to ensure the priorities are embedded in how we support children and young people across Neath Port Talbot.

Some of the measures we will be looking to affect are:-

- % children of a healthy weight at age 4- 5 years (PHW)
- % of unauthorised absence sessions in maintained schools 5-15 (WG)
- Mental well-being score 11-16 year olds (PHW)
- % of Year 11 school leavers categorised as NEET(not in education, employment or training) (WG)

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| <p>By investing in our early years we are supporting the long term well-being of our area, impacting on all our well-being objectives. Our Children and Young People's Plan looks to 2029 and beyond.</p> | <p>We are working together to prevent childhood issues from escalating and requiring intensive support so our children can move towards adulthood feeling confident and supported. Prevention of homelessness is a specific current focus for our young people.</p> | <p>By supporting our children to have the best start in life we are impacting on all our well-being objectives and looking forward to a thriving and sustainable NPT. The Employability and Skills Strategy will directly impact the economic well-being of our residents.</p> | <p>We cannot achieve these steps as single agencies. Collaboration is key to making a difference in our children's lives. We will develop our action plans and working groups collaboratively.</p> | <p>The Early Years, Children and Young People's Plan has been developed by speaking to our families in NPT and understanding what they need and what matters to them. Continued involvement will be key to ensuring the successful delivery of this Plan.</p> |

All our communities are thriving and sustainable

We said we would take the following steps :-

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| <p>Make sure that those who need help and support with cost of living know what support is available and how to access it</p> | <p>Identify gaps in help and support and how those gaps could be addressed</p> | <p>Revisit the work undertaken with the support of the Bevan Foundation prior to the pandemic and reset the strategic objectives and actions to address the root causes of poverty now</p> | <p>Collaborate with our communities, to reduce crime, the fear of crime and to make our communities safer and more cohesive</p> |
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Our first years' progress

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| <p>The Cost of Living and Poverty Prevention Partnership has held 3 successful multi agency workshops during the year where partners have shared information and worked together to develop a common understanding of the impact of poverty in Neath Port Talbot</p> <p>The first Cost of Living report produced by the partnership served as an addendum to the PSB's letter to Welsh Government raising concerns around the impact of the cost living crisis on residents in NPT</p> <p>Following the Autumn workshop the Partnership developed a Winter Action Plan and agreed to support residents focusing on the following key areas:- Communications, Food, Employability, Warm Spaces, Benefits, Hardship Relief Scheme and the Third Sector</p> <p>To measure success, the Partnership has developed a Logic Model which sets out outcomes, actions and inputs.</p> <p>To drive forward this work, two poverty officers, funded via the UK Shared Prosperity fund, are now in post. The posts provide resource to coordinate services across the county borough to further enhance support for households and to utilise intelligence about what additional support is needed to support our communities to inform the development of a Poverty Plan. The posts will also enable the further utilisation of the Low Income Family Tracker (LIFT) database.</p> | <p>The Safer Neath Port Talbot Community Safety Partnership (CSP) leads on this step.</p> <p>Established in 1998 the CSP has a proven track record for delivering excellent outcomes. The Council Community Safety Team are based within the Neath Police Station which supports collaboration.</p> |
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The Low Income Family Tracker (LIFT) database enables us to identify people who may not be accessing the benefits they are entitled to. It provides information on how individual households are impacted by policy changes now, and in the future and enables us to use the information to identify the most vulnerable, target support to them and track the change.

LIFT is informing a number of successful campaigns, for example, the LIFT Pension Credit Campaign which resulted in 39 successful claims (19.11% of those targeted) LIFT has already tracked 32 of those individuals, who've claimed >£101k (approx. £3,183 pp) of annual Pension Credit Citizens Advice were successful in securing funding to provide weekend work up to March 2024

Discussion at workshops identified a need for improvement in capturing and recording lived experience. Understanding the stories and experiences that residents are going through should be helping us inform service change in the future. There is more information on this work under 'Further Collaborative Working'



The Board has agreed 6 priorities for 2024-27 these are:

- Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV)
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Community Cohesion
- Substance Use
- General Crime Prevention
- Serious Violence

These priorities are further outlined in a new Strategic Intent Document which has recently been approved.

Progress this year includes:-

- Funding secured for Op Sentinel – a hotspot approach to ASB
- A successful UK Shared Prosperity bid to continue with 'The Hangout' a youth diversionary provision
- Business Crime Reduction Partnership Steering Group developed to ensure we grow and improve the scheme
- Successful partnership operations at Halloween/Bonfire Night, Christmas and Summer at the Beachfront

What we will do next

To pick up on the success of the Winter Action Plan a longer-term Action Plan will be developed by the Steering Group, which will be informed by the spring workshop feedback.

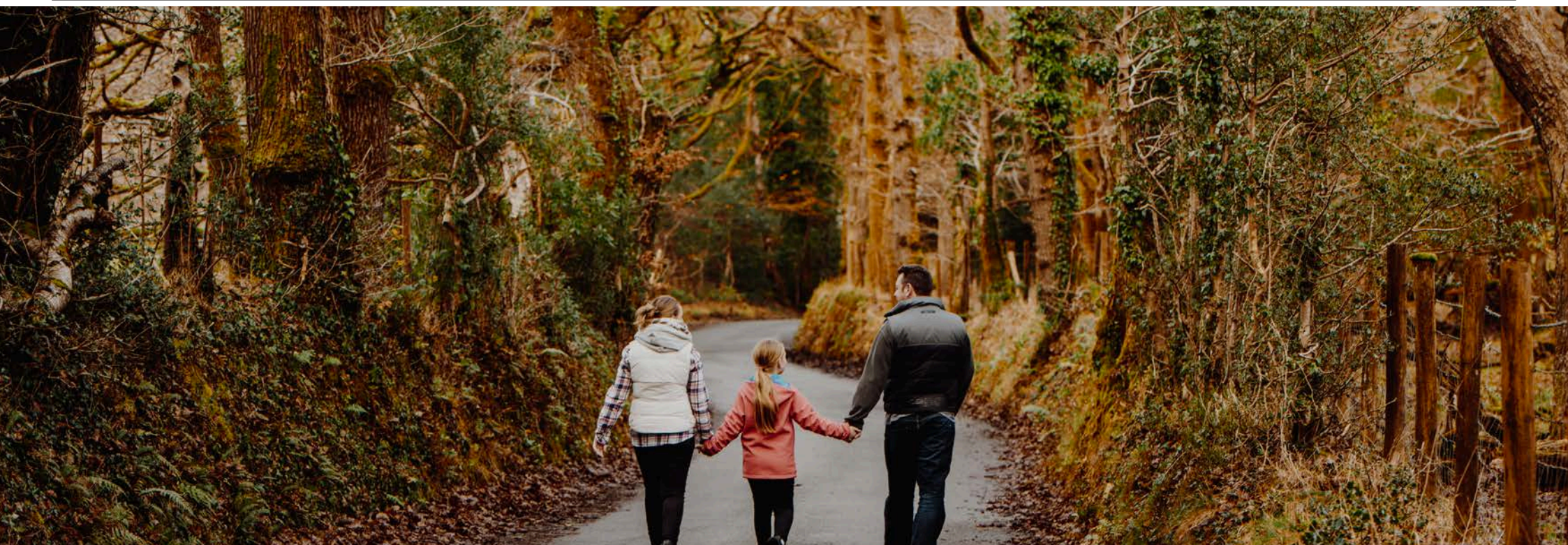
The Logic Model will be reviewed and further refined in line with the output of the spring workshop.

The Steering Group will revisit the recommendations from The Bevan Foundations' 'NPT Poverty Report 2020' as they develop their Action Plan, and continue to engage with the Foundation as they determine what support they may need in developing it further/maximising impact etc.

We will continue to utilise the LIFT database to launch targeted evidence-led campaigns. Alongside the Pension Credit and financial resilience campaigns, other focus areas being explored include children/families, and disabilities.

The Strategic Intent Document will move into the implementation phase, where progress will be monitored at every Community Safety Partnership Board, and an annual report prepared. This will be shared with the PSB.

The Community Safety portfolio is growing, and crime trends / fear of crime is changing – we have a challenge to keep abreast of these issues and ensure we best support our local communities to prevent and reduce crime and anti social behaviour across Neath Port Talbot.



How will we know?

As the Poverty Action Plan is developed there will be a process in place to monitor progress on actions and this will be reported to the PSB.

The following progress has been achieved this year and these stats will be tracked across the life of the Well-being Plan:-

- A total of 16 third sector organisations have been supported via the Third Sector Discretionary Cost of Living Crisis Grant Scheme.
- Warm Wales delivered 1,866 interventions via the Hardship Relief Scheme between April 2023 and March 2024.
- LIFT Pension Credit Campaign - As of 28.03.24, 19.11% of those written to have made a successful Pension Credit claim.
- 204 LIFT letters - sent between Jan and Mar 2024
- Between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024, there were 42,356 views of the council's 'Help with the Cost of Living' webpages.
- 36 organisations supported via the Food Poverty Grant 23/24

The following statistics are from the LIFT (Policy in Practice) newsletter, these are out of 15,516 households in NPT that are claiming housing benefit as of May 2024.

- 1,244 households are likely to be facing food poverty
- 7,397 households are likely to be facing fuel poverty
- 12,887 households are likely to be facing water poverty
- 1,112 of these households are likely to be facing both food and fuel poverty
- 1,112 households are likely to be facing food, fuel, and water poverty

The partnership will be aiming to impact on these statistics during the life of the Well-being Plan.

Progress on the priorities in the Strategic Intent Document will be monitored quarterly and fed back to the PSB. Some of the intended outcomes over the 2024-27 period include:-

- Increase in referrals (VAWDASV) to local specialist services, and to Police and Health
 - A reduction in the number of repeat victims to incidents of ASB and neighbourhood crime
 - Reduce the number of drug related deaths in Neath Port Talbot (and Swansea)
 - More people are reporting hate crime they experience, and feel well supported
- Strategic Needs Assessment to be completed for the South Wales Police force area relating to the Serious Violence Duty

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| <p>The Cost of Living and Poverty Prevention Partnership has begun work to consider the root causes of poverty. This should enable us to be clearer about the levers we are able to influence to contribute to a structural reduction in poverty – this will include preventative and reactive measures.</p> | <p>By working closely with our communities the Community Safety Partnership aims to prevent and minimise crime and anti social behaviour. The grants administered via Warm Wales and the LIFT campaigns are preventing poverty escalation.</p> | <p>The steps support all four wellbeing objectives which have been designed to be interrelated. The reduction of poverty will impact directly on economic well-being. We also know that our most vulnerable communities are most at risk of the impacts of Climate Change and are working to explore these correlations.</p> | <p>The steps commit to the widest collaboration not just amongst PSB organisations, but the community, people with lived experience, front line workers, the private and third sectors. The benefits of effective collaboration are already evident.</p> | <p>Central to these actions is a commitment to co-production through working with people who have lived experience and those who provide the front line services. A capacity building programme around improving involvement is underway with PSB partners.</p> |

Our local environment, culture and heritage can be enjoyed by future generations

We said we would take the following steps :-

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| <p>Take collaborative action to tackle the climate emergency (adaptation and mitigation)</p> | <p>Take collaborative action to tackle the nature crisis and improve the health of our ecosystems</p> | <p>Take collaborative action to identify the interdependencies between actions around maintaining and enhancing resilient communities and a resilient natural environment</p> | <p>Encourage engagement and participation in cultural activities and the celebration and preservation of our cultural assets</p> |
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Our first years' progress

We have established a Climate and Nature Partnership to lead on these steps on behalf of the PSB and to also oversee the integration of this well-being objective across all the work of the Board

The Group is chaired on a rotation around its members, who represent:-

- Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
- Swansea Bay University Health Board
- Neath Port Talbot Council
- The NPT Local Nature Partnership
- Swansea University
- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

The Climate and Nature Partnership highlighted to the PSB the requirement to carry out a Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) and presented the NRW's Framework which supports PSBs in carrying out CCRA of their Wellbeing Plans

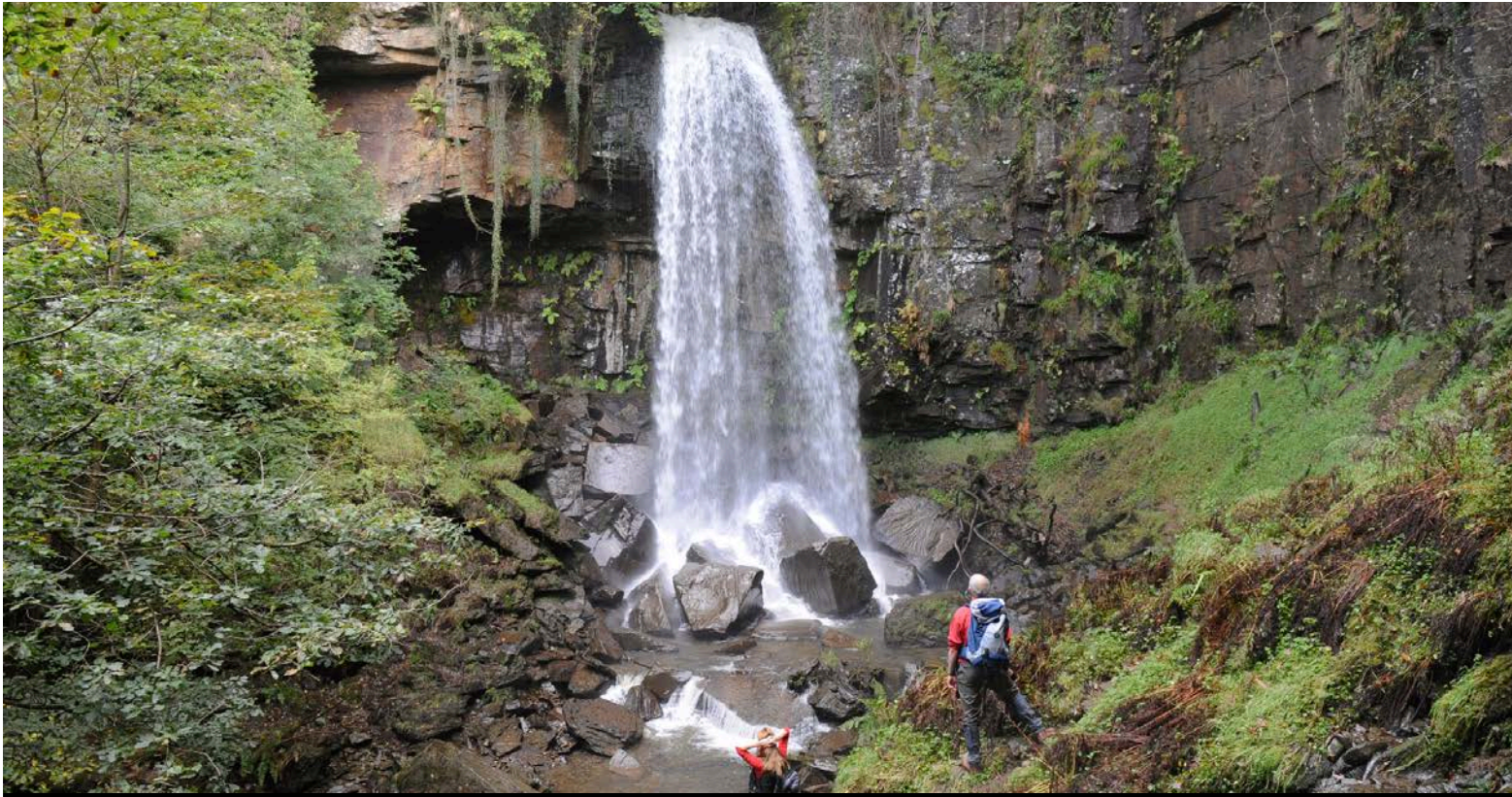
The PSB has agreed that this partnership is ideally placed to lead on the CCRA for Neath Port Talbot using the NRW Framework.

Work has begun to start prioritising the risks for initial focus

Our Culture and Heritage Strategies and our Destination Management Plan have been developed and adopted. They set out ways to celebrate our amazing place of Neath Port Talbot in an inclusive and open way, and to share our resources so that all our residents and visitors can experience the best of our arts, heritage, and sports.

Significant progress has been made on key actions including:-

- Planning a Comedy festival for later this year
- Developing a bid to strengthen the culture team within the Council



The Shared Prosperity Fund was opened up for Heritage Culture and Events.

Successful bids include:-

- Richard Burton Trail
- Improving the visitor experience at Pontneddfechan waterfalls
- Margam House Interior project

Neath Port Talbot was announced as one of nine priority places for National Lottery Heritage Fund

A Culture Compact Model is being developed. A Culture Compact is a partnership designed to support the local cultural sector and enhance its contribution to development, with a special emphasis on cross-sector engagement beyond the cultural sector itself and the local authority.

What we will do next?

We will establish a CCRA working group to progress the assessment. This will initially include agreeing membership and a terms of reference.

We will hold a CCRA stakeholder workshop to launch the assessment.

Develop the Culture Compact – confirm membership and recruit a Chair

Officially launch the strategies

Progress delivery against the strategies

Finalise funding to strengthen the team

How will we know?

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| <p>As work progresses on the CCRA steps will be taken to start the development of an adaptation strategy for the area which will include timescales and measures.</p> | <p>The <u>Culture</u> and <u>Heritage</u> Strategies and our <u>Destination Management Plan</u> each contain detailed action plans with timescales which will be reported back to the PSB</p> |
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| <p>We need to take and sustain action, understanding and addressing systemic root causes and securing transformational change. The CCRA will look as far ahead as possible supporting and informing our adaptation as partners.</p> | <p>By working together we can help to prevent and reverse escalation of climate change and loss to our biodiversity. Our Culture and Heritage strategies will prevent further loss to our heritage assets.</p> | <p>It was clear when analysing the findings of the assessment that our natural environment impacts every aspect of our well-being and is integral to every one of our objectives . The Climate and Nature group will support this integration across the work of the PSB</p> | <p>No single partner can effect change alone. We are committed as a Board to working together and taking equal responsibility to address this objective.</p> | <p>We will involve our communities in our workstream decisions and support them to help maintain and enhance their local area. Community involvement will be key to delivering our Culture and Heritage strategies. The CCRA will also involve residents and communities.</p> |

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

We said we would take the following steps

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| Develop Circular and Foundational economies and promote local people and businesses to spend more money in NPT | Encourage a regenerative local economy where the impacts of production and consumption are reduced | Increase the number of apprenticeship, traineeship and work placement opportunities in the local area and support more people to access them | Support more people to achieve the necessary level qualifications linked to the skills that local employers need now and in the future | Ensure local businesses, local people and communities have maximum benefit from external major investment for the area both existing and planned |
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Our first year progress

The Neath Port Talbot Local Economic Partnership (LEP) was first established as a sub group of the PSB to support economic recovery following the pandemic. The Partnership role and membership have been reviewed and the revised group met formally for the first time on 18th April 2024 and agreed terms of reference

Membership of the partnership includes Registered Social Landlords, health, police, Welsh Government, UK Government, Further and Higher Education institutes and the private sector.

At the initial meeting overviews of the following key Neath Port Talbot Council strategic programmes and projects were provided

- TATA Transition & Local Economic Action Plan
- Celtic FreePort
- Economic Recovery Plan
- Place Plans
- Local Area Energy Plan
- Skills and Employability
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund

What we will do next?

Mapping of economic development strategies across partners within the LEP to identify gaps, avoid duplication as well as identify opportunities to collaborate

Partners to be invited to present on relevant work programmes at future meetings

How will we know

As the LEP develops and progresses its work it is expected that a series of task groups will be established. Action plans for these groups will include timescales and measures.

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| We will look as far ahead as possible ensuring we have the right skills for future jobs, developing our transitioning economy in a green and sustainable way. | Action is needed to reverse the downward trajectory of spiralling poverty by exploring the root causes and taking collaborative action. | The economy impacts across all of our well-being objectives and there are explicit links with our environment objective in terms of work going forward. | This is key to progressing our local economy. We are committed to working together as partners and also with our private sector businesses. The mapping of partners economic strategies will give us a good basis to drive this objective. | Broad involvement is needed to progress this objective, from individuals and communities to small businesses and large manufacturers whose input will be crucial for success. |



Monitoring & Evaluation

During 2023/24 work has been ongoing to develop the monitoring and evaluation framework in order to demonstrate progress around the delivery of the Well-being Plan.

As the work has progressed during 2023/24 to deliver on the steps set out in the Plan it has become apparent that the logic model approach to evaluation was not appropriate for all workstreams. Good progress was made on the development of a logic model for Well-being Objective 2 with the support of Public Health Wales. However, to ensure we are able to demonstrate the impact across all our well-being objectives, further work is underway to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework that will link and complement existing partnership plans and reporting mechanisms.

In the Well-being Plan we included a number of potential performance measures to evidence delivery. As the work progresses these will be further refined during 2024-25.

Work in this area has also included planning for a regional data portal. NPT and Swansea PSBs have worked closely with the Regional Partnership Board and Public Health to research and identify population measures, which are also being mapped against well-being objectives and drivers. This information will be used as a source of data for the future population and well-being assessments, as well as being a means of assessing progress and tracking the course of our well-being objectives. It will be important that the perspective of citizens is central to the preparation of well-being assessments, with data and information sourced through citizen and community engagement necessary to supplement the technical detail behind statistics with people's experiences, to better reflect reality on the ground. This will link well with the outcomes of the Involvement Programme mentioned below under 'Further Collaborative Working'.



Further Collaborative Working

Regional Substance Use

NPT and Swansea PSB continue to take a collaborative approach to substance use and drug related deaths in the local area. The Boards meet together regularly and are overseeing a new Alliance approach to substance use across the region. An Integrated Multi Agency Panel (IMAP) has been established which deals with referrals for the most vulnerable in our society and is able to offer a joined up holistic approach to reduce their risk. This is working well and a reduction in drug related deaths has already been noted. Subject to further evaluation there is potential to expand this approach across Wales. The Board are awaiting the findings of a Drugs Commission which will set out some recommendations and will inform the Alliance approach as it develops.

Involvement Capacity Building Programme

Following discussions at a Cost of Living and Poverty Prevention workshop the PSB identified a need to improve how we capture and record lived experience and the way we use it to inform our work. Using the Welsh Government regional PSB support Grant we commissioned Carp Collaborations to deliver a programme of sessions to individuals from our partner agencies. Partners involved include NPT Council, Natural Resources Wales, Swansea Bay UHB, Tai Tarian, NPTC Group of Colleges, Pobl Group and Department of Work and Pensions.

The programme is now underway and covers:-

- Different types of design for involvement work and linking design to analysis and purpose of involvement work.
- Delivering and facilitating engaging methods of involvement.
- An insight into what to do with narrative data.
- Understanding and designing exit strategies or on going conversations as a part of the 'planning to involve' process.
- Peer learning and involvement practice exchange that can be built upon once the programme is completed.

As well as increasing skill and knowledge the programme is proving to be an excellent networking and relationship building opportunity and we are looking forward to putting our learning into practice.

Local Food on the Public Plate

NPT and Swansea PSBs collaborated by commissioning 4theRegion to provide a series of workshops involving PSB partners and private businesses across the region to build awareness and capacity around sourcing of local food, and to identify drivers.

Social Farms and Gardens have provided expertise and knowledge in this area to support the exercise.

The activity included outreach to and involvement of procurement teams and other officers, as appropriate, for example, sustainability and catering staff, within public bodies around the Local Food on Public Plates agenda.

Sessions involved sharing insight from elsewhere, hearing from experts, hearing from local producers, learning from each other, understanding barriers – demand- and supply-side.

Participants will co-create a set of "next actions" to move this agenda forward in 2024

Anticipated Outcomes

- Local Food on the Public Plate moved up the regional agenda.
- A Community of Practice established which could take forward future work.
- A shared understanding of what works, what the barriers are, and what's needed.
- New connections may be made between organisations and appropriate local producers.
- A high-level Action Plan or set of next steps for the PSB and others to progress further.
- Potentially, some of the organisations involved may pilot some local food sourcing ideas.
- Some organisations may look to amend their tender documents or contracts to promote local sourcing.

Town and Community Councils

The PSB continues to include representation from Town and Community Councils at its Board meetings. The three highest budget councils have a duty to comply with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Links to Annual Reports are below where they set out how they contribute to the Well-being Goals.

Services Delivered Across All Ages.

(neathtowncouncil.gov.uk)

Annual-Report-2023.pdf (coedffranc-tc.gov.uk)

Annual-Report-2023.pdf (blaenhonddan-wcc.gov.uk)



Get In Touch

Thanks for reading!

You can find out more about the [NPT PSB](#) here

If you have any comments or you would like to be involved in our work please email us psb@npt.gov.uk

