

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Policy and Resources Cabinet Board**

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### **Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services**

K.Jones

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

#### **Proposed National Indicators Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To seek endorsement of the Cabinet Board to the Council's proposed formal response to the Welsh Government consultation on the proposed national well-being indicators for Wales.

#### **Executive Summary**

2. The Welsh Government issued the public consultation document, '*How do you measure a Nation's progress*' on the 19<sup>th</sup> October, it will run until the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on a set of 40 proposed national well-being indicators for Wales; intended to measure progress in achieving the seven well-being goals for Wales: a prosperous, resilient, more equal and healthier Wales, with cohesive communities, a vibrant culture, thriving welsh language and a globally responsible Wales.

#### **Background**

3. Following consideration of the proposed indicators a response to the consultation has been drafted. The response identifies indicators supported by the Council, indicators that are not supported and a number of proposed additional indicators for inclusion in the national set.

4. Where possible alternative indicators have been proposed to replace those not supported by the Council. However, in some instances we are unable to identify alternative proposed indicators. Therefore, our response recommends that the Welsh Government undertake further development work in these areas:
  - 15 - People satisfied with where they live
  - 19 – People satisfied with access to facilities and services
  - 25 – People engaged in arts, culture and heritage
  - 26 – People using Welsh Language
  - 28 – Looking after our cultural heritage
  - 29 – Properties at risk of flood
  - 38 – Global footprint
  - 39 – Active global citizens
  - 40 – International responsibilities
5. The National Survey for Wales has been identified as the source for 13 of the proposed indicators. As only a small sample of the local population will be surveyed there are concerns about the methodology enabling small changes to be tracked over time given that there will be margins of error associated with any data set that is drawn from this type of methodology. Additionally, there are likely to be constraints on the level of spatial detail that will be available unless the methodology caters for smaller area results.

### **Financial Appraisal**

6. There are no direct financial impacts as the measures proposed are based on existing data systems or are systems funded directly by the Welsh Government.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

7. The Equality Act 2010 requires public bodies to “pay due regard to the need to:
  - Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;

- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristics and persons who do not share it.”

The proposed indicators include measures of some groups which shared protected characteristics. However, there are no direct indicators of the wellbeing of other groups with shared characteristics proposed. It is assumed that variations in well-being across the various groups would be accommodated in the design of the data collection systems.

8. As this is a response to a public consultation, there is no requirement to undertake an equality impact assessment.

### **Workforce Impact**

9. There is no direct impact on the workforce related to this particular set of proposals that we are able, from the information available, to discern.

### **Legal Impact**

10. This is part of the new framework introduced by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

### **Risk Management**

11. There are no obvious risks to the Council that arise from these proposals.

### **Consultation**

12. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendations**

13. Having given due regard to the consultation response attached at Appendix 1 it is recommended that:

(1) Cabinet Board endorses the consultation response attached at Appendix 1 as the Council's formal response and authorises the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services to submit the response to the Welsh Government.

## **Reason for Proposed Decision**

14. To provide the Welsh Government with commentary on proposals for national well-being indicators.

## **Implementation of Decision**

15. The decision is proposed for implementation after consultation with the Scrutiny Committee.

## **Appendices**

16. Appendix 1 – Proposed National Well-being Indicators.

## **List of Background Papers**

17. The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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**NPTCBC Response to the proposed set of national well-being indicators**

For consideration: will data collection and analysis arrangements cater for the need to distinguish between different population groups, particularly those with protected characteristics?

No.	Priority	Proposed Indicator	Supported/Not Supported	Proposed Alternative Indicator(s) if appropriate
1.	Babies born at a healthy weight	Number of live births with a birth weight of under 2,500g.	Supported.	
2.	Healthy life expectancy for all	The gap in healthy life expectancy at birth between the least and most deprived.	Supported	
3.	People making healthy lifestyle choices	The percentage of adults (aged 16+) who have four or five healthy lifestyle behaviours (not smoking, healthy weight, eat five fruit or vegetables a day, not drinking above guidelines and meet the physical activity guidelines).	Partially supported. Smoking, obesity, alcohol and physical activity are priorities identified in our Single Integrated Plan and should be presented as separate priorities with separate indicators. Data for each of these is collected by the Welsh Health Survey.	<p>% Adults reporting being overweight or obese.</p> <p>% Adults reporting smoking</p> <p>% Adults reporting being physically active on 5 or more days in the past week</p> <p>% Adults reporting drinking above the guidelines on at least one day in the past week</p> <p>% Adults reporting eating 5 or more portions of fruit and vegetables the previous day.</p>

4.	Young children developing the right skills	Initially percentage of children in Reception year at expected level of development (foundation phase baseline assessment) To be replaced by measure at ages 2 or 3 once data are consistently available across Wales.	Supported.	
5.	School leavers with skills and qualifications	Initially the percentage of 15 year old pupils who have achieved the “Level 2 threshold”. This measures the volume of qualifications equivalent to the volume of 5 GCSEs at Grade A*-C including one in English or Welsh first language and one in Mathematics. We will report on the difference between pupils eligible for Free School meals (FSMs) and those who are not eligible. To be replaced by “average capped points score”, which is calculated using the best 8 results from each pupil at age 15 from 2017.	Supported.	

6.	Educated and skilled population	Percentage of working age adults with level 3 or above qualifications (that is A-level, Apprenticeship or equivalent), and those with level 4 or above (Higher Education or equivalent).	Supported.	
7.	People not in education, employment or training	Annual measures of those people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) for different age groups.	Supported.	
8.	People in work	Working age employment rate according to International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition.	Supported.	
9.	Productive workforce	Labour productivity: Gross Value Added (GVA) per hour worked (relative to UK average).	Supported.	
10.	Innovative business	Share of businesses which are innovation-active (%).	Not supported.	
11.	Levels of household income	Gross Disposable Income per head.	Supported.	
12.	People living in poverty	Households in relative income poverty, measured for children, working age and those of pension age.	Not supported. What is the opportunity to influence 'relative' poverty?	Poverty and inequality are already addressed by a range of other proposed indicators: housing, health, education, homelessness, worklessness, and benefits.
13.	People able to afford everyday goods and activity	National Survey questions used to produce measure of percentage of households in material deprivation.	Partially supported.	

14.	People satisfied in their jobs	Proportion of people in employment who report satisfactory or higher levels of jobs satisfaction.	Not supported. The wording is too ambiguous to provide reliable information.	Research shows that staff engagement is a better indicator.
15.	People satisfied with where they live	Percentage satisfied with local area as a place to live.	Not supported.	
16.	A sense of community	Percentage of people agreeing with all of: belonging to the area; that people from different backgrounds get on well together; that people treat each other with respect.	Supported.	
17.	People feel involved in local decision making	Percentage who feel able to influence local decisions affecting their local area.	Not supported. How does this impact on well-being?	
18.	People who volunteer	The proportion of people who volunteer.	Not supported. The term 'volunteer' is too broad and would need to be defined to make it more meaningful.	A measure of social capital may be more appropriate.
19.	People satisfied with access to facilities and services	A subjective measure on how satisfied people are with their ability to get to/access the facilities and services they need. Yet to be developed.	Not supported. No suitable measure has been identified.	The priority is too subjective.
20.	People feeling safe in their communities	Percentage of people feeling safe in all of the following situations: at home, walking in the local area, and travelling (all transport modes).	Supported.	
21.	People feeling lonely	De Jong Giervald loneliness scale.	Supported. However, it measures a sub-population.	



22.	Positive mental well-being for all	For those aged 16 or over, mental well-being according to the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS). Measurement to be confirmed for children.	Supported. However, it measures a sub-population.	
23.	Quality of housing	Percentage of dwellings which are free from Housing Health and Safety rating system hazards.	Not supported. The proposed indicator only applied to the private rented sector.	% of social housing that meets the Welsh Housing Quality standard
24.	Levels of homelessness	Number of homeless households per 1,000 households.	Supported. However, it measures a sub-population.	
25.	People engaged in arts, culture and heritage	The percentage of adults (aged 16+) attending or participating in arts, culture or heritage activities at least 3 times a year.	Not supported.	The indicator is too broad and is not an indicator of well-being.
26.	People using Welsh Language	Percentage of adults who speak more than a few words of Welsh and speak Welsh daily and percentage of children who are fluent and speak Welsh at home.	Further work required.	
27.	People participate in sports	Participation in sporting activities three or more times a week, measured separately for children and adults.	Not supported. The focus should be on participating in physical activity, not sport.	% Adults reporting being physically active on 5 or more days in the past week (covered in Priority 3, healthy lifestyles)  <b>Children</b> Primary school: Dragon Sport Registrations Secondary school: 5x60

				attendance rates  Overall: % children (7-16) hooked on sport (School sport survey)
28.	Looking after our cultural heritage	Data on protection of, access to and enhancement of cultural heritage assets including collections, sites, buildings and places.	Not supported.	This is not a measure of well-being.
29.	Properties at risk from flood	Number of properties (homes and businesses) at combined high and medium flood risk from rivers and the sea.	Not supported.	This is not a measure of well-being.
30.	Energy efficiency of buildings	Residential: Percentage of properties or dwellings above an agreed Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) rating. Non-residential: To be developed.	Supported. More work to be done on the development of a non-residential indicator.	
31.	Greenhouse gas emissions	Emissions of greenhouse gases (exact measure to be determined).	Not supported.	No suitable measure has been identified.
32.	Healthy ecosystems	To be agreed.	Not supported.	No suitable measure has been identified.
33.	A bio-diverse natural environment	To be agreed.	Not supported.	No suitable measure has been identified.
34.	Water quality	Percentage of surface water bodies and groundwater bodies achieving good overall status under the Water Framework Directive.	Supported.	

35.	Air quality	Proportion of deaths attributable to long-term anthropogenic (human made) particulate air pollution.	Supported.	
36.	Soil quality	Soil carbon and organic matter content of soil.	Supported.	
37.	Non-recycled waste	Residual waste generated, per person.	Not supported.	Tonnage per household. Should focus on the reduction of total amount of municipal waste generated.
38.	Global footprint	Ecological Footprint.	Not supported. No data source identified.	
39.	Active global citizens	People participating in international activities in developing countries.	Not supported.	No suitable measure has been identified.
40.	International responsibilities	No specific measurement – Narrative approach preferred.	Not supported.	No suitable measure has been identified.

## Proposed Additional Priorities and Indicators for consideration

Proposed Priority	Proposed Indicator
A vaccinated and immunised population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % uptake of MMR 2 in resident children reaching their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday</li> <li>• HPV vaccination uptake in girls reaching their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday</li> <li>• Influenza vaccination - % patients immunised (aged under 65, at risk)</li> <li>• Influenza vaccination - % patients immunised (aged 65 and over)</li> </ul>
People feel safe and are safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate of total recorded offences per 1,000 population</li> <li>• Rate of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour per 1,000 population</li> </ul>
Benefits and Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out of work benefits</li> </ul>