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Dear Chair of the Public Services Board

Re: Response to the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board Consultation on the Draft Well-Being Plan.

As you are aware, my Committee has been identified by the Council as the Committee that will exercise the powers to Scrutinise the work of the Public Services Board set out in section 35 of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. In addition to those powers, my Committee is listed as a statutory consultee on the Public Services Board's Draft Local Wellbeing Plan under section 43 of the Act.

To this end my Committee met on 31st January 2018 where we heard from 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. The Committee had asked to receive a more detailed focus of the activities included in the plan, how the proposed activities will make a difference and for clarity on the commitment required by the Council to undertake the proposed activities.

Our detailed comments can be found in the minutes of the meeting but I offer the following overall comments on behalf of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee:

- The Committee were pleased to note the shared leadership commitment expressed.
- We agree with the priorities included in the Draft Well-being Plan and that they seem a reasonable and good fit with other Council priorities.

- We remain concerned about the level of funding and resources required to deliver on the priorities included in the plan. The Lead Officers explained that no new resources were assumed, however this suggests that there might be a need to re-prioritise/re-direct existing resources. We would expect to see more explicit detail on these issues when the final version of the Well-Being Plan is brought to Council for ratification.
- It is difficult to argue with most of what is set out in the document. What we are most interested to see next is the detail of exactly how the aspirations will be met, over what timescale and how progress will be measured and reported upon. The current plan lacks important detail and to be credible the deliverables of the programme need to be more clearly spelled out.
- We would like to see more detail on how the activities will build on what already exists in communities as people are able to identify what needs to and could change. In particular we would encourage the Board to embrace the unique roles of Elected Members as Community Leaders, Town and Community Councillors, Volunteers, Voluntary Organisations and Industry.

I trust you will find the views of the Committee helpful to you in putting together the final Well-Being Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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