



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

10th July 2019

**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital
Officer
K. Jones**

Matter for Monitoring

**Wards Affected:
All Wards**

Report Title Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board Annual
Report 2018-2019

Purpose of the Report:

To present the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board Annual
Report 2018-2019 for information.

Executive Summary:

- The Well-being Plan for the county borough 'The Neath Port Talbot We Want' was published in May 2018.
- The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires the Public Services Board to prepare and publish an Annual Report detailing progress.
- The report for 2018-19 is attached for information at Appendix 1.
- The report enables the Members to gauge the extent of progress and also to consider whether to exercise the

powers of scrutiny outlined in the Act and to reflect this in the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

Background:

Section 36 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on public services boards to:

“improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area by contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals (S36(1)).

A public services board's contribution to the achievement of the goals must include (S36(2)):

- a) assessing the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area
- b) setting objectives that are designed to maximise its contribution within its area to achieving those goals, and
- c) the taking of all reasonable steps by members of the board (in exercising their functions) to meet those objectives

In 2017, the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board published its Well-being Assessment, discharging a) above.

The Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board published its Well-being Plan for the county borough – “The Neath Port Talbot We Want” – in May 2018, 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 of Progress

Neath Port Talbot PSB agreed to focus on four well-being objectives:

1. To improve the well-being of children in their early years, especially those at risk of adverse childhood experience (Lead: Lead Director for Children and Young People, NPT Council)
2. To build safe, confident and resilient communities (Lead: Director of Social Services and Housing, NPT Council and Director of NPTCVS)
3. To create an environment where everyone can age well (Lead: Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service)
4. To support well-being through work and in the workplace (Lead: Chair, Swansea Bay Health Board)

And also two cross cutting issues:

5. Protecting and enhancing our green infrastructure (Lead: Regional Manager, Natural Resources Wales)
6. Increasing level of digital participation/inclusion (Lead: Assistant Chief Executive, NPT Council)

In pages 6- 20 of the report arrangements for taking each objective forward are set out and include partners/stakeholders involved, key achievements during 2018-19, a case study and next steps.

Other areas of work progressed by the Public Service Board are:

- Board Development
- Town and Community Councils
- Substance misuse
- Early Years
- Suicide Prevention
- Physical Activity Alliance

Detail of these workstreams can be found in pages 21-23.

Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board has also engaged in collaborative work with the public services boards of Swansea and Bridgend.

Some common themes to be explored in the next year have been identified and these are detailed on page 24.

Financial Impacts:

Resources to implement the Plan have been identified from a range of sources as there is no new 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 Impacts:

As the various workstreams are developed explicit consideration is being given to the needs of valley communities e.g. the building safe, resilient communities objective has two pilots – one in an urban area and one in a valley area.

Workforce Impacts:

It is too early to identify specific impacts, however the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 expects all public bodies to

adopt a different approach to the improvement of well-being and this will require reskilling and remodelling of service delivery.

Legal Impacts:

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.’

Risk Management Impacts:

Failure to produce and publish the Annual Progress Report could potentially lead to the Future Generations Commissioner exercising her powers to conduct a review into the extent to which the Board (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 reputationally and also lead to additional resources being required to meet the duties.

There is a risk of the work of the Board impacting on the Council’s resources, disrupting delivery of the Council’s own Corporate Plan. This has been mitigated by ensuring there is good alignment between the priorities proposed by the Board and the Council’s own priorities. Scrutiny members were satisfied that the six priorities for action were relevant and aligned with the Council’s own priorities. However, the Committee has highlighted the potential for the work proposed by the Board to impact on the allocation of existing resources and has made clear that the

Council must be consulted prior to any such changes being introduced by the Board.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item

Recommendations:

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.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To enable the committee to discharge the role given to it by Council, i.e. to discharge the power of scrutiny contained in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Implementation of Decision:

After the three day call in period.

Appendices:

Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board Annual Report

List of Background Papers:

Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/pdfs/anaw_20150002_en.pdf

Shared Purpose: Shared Future, Statutory Guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, SPSF:1, SPSF2; SPSF3

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-02/spsf-1-core-guidance.PDF>

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-02/spsf-2-individual-role-public-bodies.pdf>

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-02/spsf-3-collective-role-public-services-boards.pdf>

The Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board Well-being Assessment

<http://wellbeingsite.dns-systems.net/index.php/en/home/>

The Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board- The Neath Port Talbot We Want (Well-being Plan 2018-2023)

<http://www.nptpsb.org.uk/downloads/Well-being%20Plan.pdf>

Officer Contact:

Karen Jones, Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer,
Tel: 01639 763284 e-mail: k.jones3@npt.gov.uk