

REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

12 DECEMBER 2016

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT 2015

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (the Act) came into force on 1 April 2016. This report provides:

- an overview of the Act.
- an update of progress on the implementation of the Act.

2.0 Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan/Other Priorities

2.1 Public bodies are obliged to set well-being objectives under the Act. Instead of separating those objectives from the objectives that guide and steer the actions and decisions of the organisation, well-being objectives should be part of, or communicated through the corporate plan or other similar corporate document.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Well-being of Future Generation (Wales) Act has been put in place to make sure that public bodies are doing all they can to improve the **social, economic, environmental** and **cultural** well-being of Wales.

3.2 The information in this report is based on the requirements set out in the Act and the statutory guidance which accompanies the Act: Shared Purpose, Shared Future.

The Act introduces well-being goals which the Council and the other listed **public bodies** (attached as appendix 1) must pursue. The goals are contained within the body of the Act and are as follows:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales

3.3 Sustainable Development

The public bodies listed in the Act must improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of Wales in accordance with the sustainable development principle, i.e. Public bodies need to make sure that when making their decisions they take into account the impact they could have on people living their lives in

Wales in the future. There are 5 ways of working public bodies will need to think about to show they have applied the sustainable development principle:

1. **Long term** – The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long –term needs.
2. **Prevention** – How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives
3. **Integration** – Considering how the public body’s well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies
4. **Collaboration** – Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives.
5. **Involvement** – The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.

3.4 Public Service Boards

The Act establishes Public Services Boards (PSBs) for each local authority area in Wales.

4.0 Current Situation

4.1 Bridgend Public Services Board was established on 1 April 2016. Bridgend PSB membership is attached as **Appendix 2**.

4.2 In common with all Public Services Boards, Bridgend PSB must assess the state of economic, social and cultural well-being in its area and set objectives that are designed to maximise the PSB’s contribution to the Well-being goals. Bridgend PSB has made progress towards completing the assessment. A significant amount of data has been collected and analysed. Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea PSBs have worked on a collaborative project across Western Bay to establish the views of local citizens.

4.3 The PSB must then prepare and publish a ‘Well-being Plan’ stating how their objectives will contribute to achieving the well-being goals and how it has had regards to the Assessment of Local Well-being in setting its objectives. The Plan must be published one year after the local government elections. A Bridgend PSB Well-being Planning Working Group has been established to support the PSB in developing the Well-being Plan.

4.4 As a public body, Bridgend County Borough Council must comply with the process requirements of the Act as referred to in the Statutory Guidance. Specifically, the Council must:

- Set and publish its well-being objectives **within** one year after the Act is commenced.
- Take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives.
- Publish a statement about well-being objectives.
- Publish an annual report of progress.

The Council's well-being objectives are being set. Both the objectives and the statement will form part of the Council's Corporate Plan and be published by 31 March 2017.

4.5 The Act places a duty on certain Town and Community Councils to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives included in the Well-being plan that has effect in their area. A Town or Community Council is subject to the duty only if its gross income or expenditure was at least £200,000 for each of the three financial years preceding the year in which the local Well-being plan is published.

4.6 The Act requires PSBs to involve all Town and Community Councils in the process of improving the well-being of the area. All Town and Community Councils are classed in the Act as 'Other partners' of the PSB and must be consulted on the assessment of well-being and subsequently the local Well-being Plan.

4.7 Key Dates

First meeting of each Public Services Board	By 31 May 2016
Welsh Ministers' first well-being Objectives set and published	By 5 November 2016
Public bodies' (including the Council) first well-being objectives set and published	By 1 April 2017
Welsh Ministers publish the first Future Trends Report	By 5 May 2017
Public Services Board publish first Assessment of Well-being	By May 2017*
Public Services Board publish first Local Well-being Plans	By May 2018*
Community Councils to which section 40 of the Act (income/expenditure of £200,000) applies must take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives in the local Well-being plan for the area	From the date the first local well-being plan for their area is published

* Dependent on dates of Local Authority Elections

5 Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

5.1 The Act places sustainable development at the forefront of all public sector decisions. Implementation of the Act will have an impact on the Council's policy framework and procedural rules.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 This is an information report and does not have any equality implications. They will however be considered as part of the development of the Wellbeing Plan

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None in this report.

8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 To consider the report and determine future actions.

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Background Documents: None

Public bodies listed in the Act:

- **Welsh Ministers**
- **Local Authorities**
- **Local Health Boards**
- **Public Health Wales NHS Trust**
- **Velindre NHS Trust**
- **National Park Authorities**
- **Fire and Rescue Authorities**
- **Natural Resources Wales**
- **The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales**
- **The Arts Council for Wales**
- **Sports Council for Wales**
- **National Library of Wales**
- **National Museum of Wales**

Bridgend Public Services Board

Statutory Members		
Organisation	Representative	Role
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg	Sian Harrop Griffiths	Director of Strategy
Universtiy Health Board	Andrew Davies	Chair of the Board
Bridgend County Borough Council	Cllr Mel Nott	Leader
	Darren Mephram	Chief Executive
Natural Resources Wales	Martyn Evans	Acting Head of Operations
South Wales Fire and Rescue	Huw Jakeway	Chief Fire Officer
Invited Participants		
Organisation	Representative	Role
Awen	Richard Hughes	CEO
BAVO	Heidi Bennett	Director
Bridgend Business Forum	Katy Chamberlain	Chief Executive
Bridgend College	Simon Pirotte	Principal
National Probation Service	Erian Evans	Assistant Chief Executive
Police and Crime Commissioner	Mark Brace	Assistant Commissioner
Public Health Wales	Judith Tomlinson	Public Health Consultant
South Wales Police	Stuart Parfitt	Chief Superintendent
	Peter Vaughan	Assistant Chief Constable
Valley to Coast	Steve Cook	Chief Executive
Wales Community Rehabilitation Company	David Bebb	Assistant Chief Executive
Welsh Government	Alyson Francis	Director