

Date of meeting	Item	Members wished to make the following comments and conclusions:	Response/Comments	Follow Up Required	
07-Mar-2018	Prevention and Wellbeing and Local Community Coordination	The Committee complimented the vast amount of work that was being undertaken and the good services that were being provided for the most vulnerable people in the County Borough.	The Directorate is grateful for the positive comments and recognition of the work that is progressing and emerging.		
		The Committee agreed that the subject of Partnerships and Joint Working in relation to Prevention and Wellbeing, such as in respect of the Police and Fire Service, be put forward for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee's item of Collaboration Working on their FWP.	The Directorate would contribute to any future report on collaborative working relating to the prevention and wellbeing theme that is subsequently developed.		
		Additional Information			
		The Committee requested clarification of the statistic that 75% of women over 65 live alone.	Ageing Well in Wales states that 75% of women and a third of men over the age of 65 live alone. In 2016 at UK level, 62% of women aged 65 to 74 lived alone and 72% of those aged 75 and above. There has been a 16% growth in this area over a decade. Suggested contributors are that women have higher life expectancy, more women than men become widowed. There are indications that the gender gap may be narrowing as male life expectancy increases.		
		The Committee expressed concern over any proposed future budget cuts to the third sector as whilst the budget involved is not huge, many of the services provided under the Prevention and Wellbeing banner rely heavily on third sector involvement and the resulting impact of removing such services would be extremely significant to local communities. The Committee asked for clarification over how the Authority expects the third sector to provide more support and take on more provision with less funding.	A review of how cross-sector collaboration could be taken forward is being led by the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate. A draft development plan and proposed actions is nearing completion based on an outcome focus of 'Building Resilient Communities'. The Third Sector Stakeholder group, third sector organisations and BCBC staff have been engaged in reviewing this issue. The issue of funding is only one dimension of a review that looks at capacity, future readiness, coproduction delivering value for money. The development plan and supporting data may be appropriate to be reviewed, potentially as part of the proposed Collaboration Working report.		

	<p>The Committee commented on the fact that whilst a lot of Officers refer to the 'One Council' approach, there seems little evidence of this occurring in practice. Members used the example of this particular item on Prevention and Wellbeing, pointing out that the report shows little of how other Directorates are involved in this work. The Committee requested clarity over this, both in relation to evidence on this particular subject and in the wider context of how corporately the 'One Council' Theme was being disseminated down through the Authority to ensure that all Directorates were working together to achieve joint Corporate Priorities.</p>	<p>In relation to the Prevention and Wellbeing agenda, it was highlighted at the meeting that it was intended that this would grow progressively across the Council and with external partners and stakeholders. There is an action in the 2018/19 Business Plan to promote the importance of this as part of the one council approach. There are many additional examples that could have been included linked to Early Help, tackling poverty, supporting vulnerable groups, active travel (others to be added) that would illustrate the connectivity that is increasing across the Council. This will be a long term challenge and be taken forward alongside the wellbeing of Future Generations Act and Social Services and Wellbeing Act which cross-cuts organisations.</p>	
	<p>Further Points The Committee heard evidence that the Public Service Board would be developing indicators that will illustrate how the Ageing Well Plan is contributed to by partners and how the quality of life of older people is impacted. Members proposed that this be picked up by the PSB Overview and Scrutiny Panel.</p>	<p>Scrutiny to pick up</p>	