

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

26 OCTOBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BRIDGEND PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Town and Community Council Forum of:

- the work of Bridgend Public Services Board (PSB) in relation to the Assessment of Well-being and the development of the next Well-being Plan for Bridgend County
- the responsibilities of some Town and Community Councils under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (the Act).

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives/other corporate priorities

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective/objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-

- **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
- ***Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.

3. Background

3.1 Bridgend PSB was established on 1 April 2016 following the implementation of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. More information about Bridgend PSB can be found [here](#).

3.2 The PSB published its first Assessment of Well-being in April 2017, which assessed the state of the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Bridgend County.

3.3 The Assessment of Well-being was used to develop the first Bridgend Well-being Plan which was published in May 2018. A copy of the Bridgend Well-Being Plan can be found [here](#).

4. Current situation/proposal

Well-being Assessment and Well-being Plan

4.1 The PSB must publish its Well-being Assessment of Bridgend County no later than one year before it publishes its Well-being Plan.

4.2 The Bridgend County Well-being Plan must be published no later than one year after the next ordinary election.

4.3 In practice this means the next well being assessment will be published by 30 April 2022 and the Well-being plan published by 30 April 2023.

4.4 Developing the Well-being assessment is an extensive exercise and work will commence early in 2021

4.5 The timeline for completion of the Well-being assessment is indicated in the chart below

Key Actions	2021										2022				
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
Develop approach to Wellbeing assessment	●	●													
Quantitative and qualitative data collection	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●							
Citizen engagement/involvement activities			●	●	●	●	●	●							
Workshops/focus group work/partner input						●	●	●							
Complete draft qualitative and quantitative analysis								●	●						
PSB meeting to approve draft WBA										●					
Welsh Translation, Easy Read version, Young People version etc										●					
WBA to Commissioner for Review										●	●				
Statutory Consultation										●	●				
Response to consultation												●	●		
Publish WBA														●	

4.6 Town and Community Councils are statutory consultees on both the Well-being assessment and the Well-being Plan

Duty on Larger Town and Community Councils

4.7 Section 40 (1) of the Well-being of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on certain community and town councils to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives included in the Bridgend Well-being Plan that has effect in their areas.

4.8 A community or town council is subject to that 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.

4.9 Bridgend, Maesteg and Porthcawl Town Councils currently meet the criteria in Section 40 (1) of the Act

- 4.10 If a town or community council is subject to the duty it must publish a report each relevant financial year detailing the progress it has made in meeting the objectives in the local well-being plan
- 4.11 The Statutory Guidance Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Collective Roles (Community Councils) provides more detail. A copy of the guidance can be found [here](#)

Engagement with All Town and Community Councils

- 4.12 Community or Town Councils who do not meet the criteria for being subject to the duty in section 40 (1) of the Act but which still wish to contribute towards meeting the local objectives in the well-being plan are welcome to do so on a voluntary basis.
- 4.13 In recognition of the important role Town and Community Councils play in improving the well-being of Bridgend, the PSB invited representatives of the Town and Community Council Forum to join the Assets Board of the PSB.
- 4.14 At the Town and Community Council Forum meeting held on 27 November 2018, Cllr Baldwin and Cllr Blundell agreed to become members of the PSB Assets Sub Board and have since been actively involved in workshops and the activities of the sub board. The sub board focuses on issues such as improving and protecting green spaces to help local people to use our natural, built and heritage assets to improve their well-being.
- 4.15 Bridgend PSB would like to further involve individual Town and Community Councils and the Town and Community Council Forum in the development of the Well-being Assessment and the Well-being plan.
- 4.16 Town and Community Councils can help to ensure that the views of local people influence the Well-being plan and the PSB would welcome views on how this can be achieved.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 This report has no effect on policy framework and procedure rules

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality impact implications arising from this report

7. The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 implications

- 7.1 The Bridgend Well-being Plan clearly sets out how the Well-being objectives contribute to the 7 Well-being goals outlined in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
- 7.2 The plan outlines how the PSB will act in accordance with the sustainable development principle by ensuring that by meeting the needs of the present they do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

7.3 They do this through the 5 ways of working which are evidenced throughout the Bridgend Well-being Plan.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report

9. Recommendation

9.1 That the Town and Community Council Forum considers the report and determine future actions.

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