

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

29 NOVEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER, FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE

WELL-BEING AND POPULATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- inform the Town and Community Council Forum of the work of the Bridgend and Cwm Taf Public Services Boards and the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Partnership Board in relation to the Well-being and Population Needs Assessments
- outline the responsibilities of certain 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 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 Public Services Boards (PSBs) were established on 1 April 2016 following the implementation of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

3.2 All PSBs must publish their Well-being Assessments no later than one year before they publish their Well-being Plans.

3.3 Well-being Plans must be published no later than one year after the next ordinary local election.

- 3.4 In practice this means that the next Well-being Assessment will be published by 30 April 2022 and the Well-being Plan published by 30 April 2023.
- 3.5 Bridgend 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.
- 3.6 The Assessment of Well-being was used to develop the first Bridgend Well-being Plan which was published in May 2018.
- 3.7 More information about the Bridgend PSB and the current Well-being Plan can be found [here](#).

4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 Following the change to the health board boundary Bridgend PSB and Cwm Taf PSB (which covers Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil local authority areas) have agreed to align their future priorities with a view to creating one board to cover the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region.
- 4.2 The two PSBs have also agreed to align their work more closely with the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Partnership Board (RPB).
- 4.3 The RPB has a statutory duty under the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 to undertake a Population Needs Assessment of needs for care and support and carers who need support across Cwm Taf Morgannwg.
- 4.4 The three boards agreed that the Well-being Assessment and the Population Needs Assessment would be undertaken on a regional footprint, but will include local data wherever possible and to align the citizen involvement activities of both Assessments.
- 4.5 The Co-production Network for Wales is supporting all three boards to involve those who live, work or visit Cwm Taf Morgannwg in the development of the assessment.
- 4.6 Town and Community Councils are statutory consultees on both the Well-being Assessment and the Well-being Plan and will be asked for their views on the draft Well-being Assessment.
- 4.7 Bridgend PSB would like to further involve individual Bridgend Town and Community Councils and the Town and Community Council Forum by asking them to complete a short questionnaire either individually or collectively to feed into the Assessment.

Duty on Larger Town and Community Councils

- 4.8 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 Well-being Plan that has effect in their areas.

- 4.9 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.
- 4.10 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 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 Plan.
- 4.14 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 There is no direct impact on the Council's policy framework and procedure rules.

6. Equality Act 2010 implications

- 6.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales, the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

- 7.1 The Well-being Assessment and the Well-being Plan will demonstrate the sustainable development principle by ensuring that by meeting the needs of the present we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This is evidenced through the 5 ways of working:
- Long term – the Well-being Assessment seeks to understand the long term needs of residents and communities in Bridgend County Borough.
 - Prevention – the Assessment brings together data and intelligence from partners that will be used to plan prevention work as part of the Well-being plan.

- Integration – the Assessment will be used to plan services that contribute to all seven well-being goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.
- Collaboration – the Assessment is being undertaken with key partners across the private, public and voluntary sectors.
- Involvement – a significant element of the Assessment is based on engaging and involving residents and community groups

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 It is recommended that the Town and Community Council Forum receives and considers the report.

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Background documents:

None