

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b> <b><u>Scrutiny Report Template</u></b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date:</b>	12 March 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Progress report on the delivery of the Wellbeing Plan for the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Service Board
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	To submit a progress report on the work of the Anglesey and Gwynedd Public Service Board
<b>Scrutiny Chair:</b>	Cllr Gwilym O Jones
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<b>Local Members:</b>	Not relevant to any specific Ward

### **1 – Recommendation/s**

It is requested that the Scrutiny Committee notes:

1. the progress of the work of the Public Service Board

### **2 - Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities**

The Isle of Anglesey County Council is committed to the principles within the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Council provides a range of services which will fulfil its individual well-being objectives, as well as contributing to supporting the well-being objectives of the Public Service Board.

### **3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members**

**To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-**

- 3.1** Impact the matter has on individuals and communities
- 3.2** A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality.
- 3.3** A look at any risks
- 3.4** Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role
- 3.5** Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:
  - Long term
  - Prevention
  - Integration

- Collaboration
- Involvement

#### 4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. How does the Public Services Boards two objectives help the Council in meeting its objectives under the Council Plan 2017-2022 and will they support each other in the longer term?
2. How will the PSB know that the priorities it has set itself are being successfully tackled?
3. What consideration has the PSB given to the long-term trends that could affect the areas of work that have been set?
4. Are the areas of work that have been set by the PSB for the short, medium or long term?
5. What practical steps will the PSB be undertaking to integrate their priorities into plans and strategies of other public bodies?

#### 5 - Background / Context

##### 5.1 Introduction and context

**5.1.1** The aim of the Well-being of the Future Generations Act (2015) is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act highlights seven well-being goals and five ways of working in order to give public bodies a common purpose.

**5.1.2** The Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board was established in 2016, in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The decision made by the Anglesey Executive at the time was to establish a Public Services Board. (PSB) for Anglesey which would *collaborate* with the Gwynedd Public Services Board.

**5.1.3** The PSB Well-being Assessment for the Anglesey well-being areas was published in May 2017 and, following a series of engagement and consultation sessions, the Well-being Plan was published in 2018. The Well-being Plan confirms the two objectives and six priority fields for which it was agreed that the Board could collaborate in order to ensure the best results for the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey. Therefore, priority areas relevant to both Counties were agreed upon and the PSB will respond to these matters jointly across both Counties.

##### 5.2 An update on the progress of the sub-groups

**5.2.1** The PSB agreed on priority areas to achieve the above objectives. Four sub-groups have been established under Objective 1 as follows:

**5.2.2 Objective 1 - Communities which thrive and are prosperous in the long-term**

The Priority	Areas of work that have been set	Report on progress
<p>“The Welsh Language: We will work together to increase the use of the Welsh Language within public bodies in Gwynedd and Anglesey. We will promote the use of Welsh as the preferred language of communication between public bodies across both counties”.</p> <p><b>The Welsh Language sub-group is led by the Professor Jerry Hunter.</b></p>	<p><b>To share good practice on language issues, to try to ensure greater consistency in the way in which the Welsh language is used within the organisations, leading to more consistent user experience.</b></p> <p><b>Give consideration to language issues from the citizen's perspective</b></p> <p><b>A child's language and linguistic journey and the barriers preventing</b></p>	<p>The sub-group submitted a request to the Welsh government to support the ' ARFer ' project which enables the public bodies to share good practice in dealing with linguistic habits, and the understanding of behavioral psychology. It is envisaged that this will lead to the development of the use of Welsh amongst Welsh Language speakers who do not use Welsh. Bangor University will expand the programme and test its effectiveness in a variety of different contexts.</p> <p>The sub-group is interested in transferring ideas and schemes to promote the use of the Welsh language from one institution to another. The intention is to understand the reason for the preferred language from the perspective of service users, and to make the language choice easier and more obvious to the users.</p> <p>The sub-group will work with organisations already undertaking work in this particular</p>

		<b>them from holding on to the language.</b>	area to improve understanding, and work in collaboration to add value.
<p>"Homes for local people. We will work with the housing sector to ensure more suitable and affordable housing in the right places to meet local needs. We will work together to ensure that homes are of a high quality that meets the needs of residents "</p> <p><b>The housing sub group is led by Ffrancon Williams, chief executive of Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd.</b></p>	<p><b>The sub-group is considering options for joint working on innovative housing schemes to avoid duplication, working in isolation and to achieve economies of scale.</b></p> <p><b>It's an innovative scheme and encourages collaboration between organisations within the housing sector. It will allow more suitable and affordable homes.</b></p>	<p>The sub-group will develop a detailed business case to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appraise innovative housing models.</li> <li>2. produce a financial case and determine funding arrangements for the schemes</li> <li>3. Develop innovative housing in our communities.</li> </ol>	
<p>"The impact of poverty on the wellbeing of our communities. We will develop a detailed understanding of how poverty affects our areas and seek to ensure that the work undertaken in the field across public bodies is more effective in mitigating long term impact "</p> <p><b>Sub-group leader to be agreed.</b></p>	<p><b>Board members will consider assessing the impact on poverty in their equality impact assessments when introducing policy/changes.</b></p>	<p>The sub-group will emphasise the relationship between equality and poverty and develop a tool to extend equality impact assessment-to also include the effects of poverty.</p>	
<p>"The impact of climate change on the wellbeing of our communities. We will work together locally to mitigate the effects of climate change on our communities ".</p> <p><b>The climate change sub-group is led by Sian Williams, North West Operations manager, Natural Resources Wales</b></p>	<p><b>In the short term, review existing data, strategies and policies relevant to coastal communities that are at risk from the impacts of climate change in Gwynedd and Môn.</b></p> <p><b>Consider options to develop an analytical tool that will enable a more detailed</b></p>	<p>The work will enable the PSB to consider the impacts of climate change on the delivery of public services to communities in the area.</p> <p>The sub-group will present a project plan to the BGC in March 2019 to identify the project stages and resources.</p>	

	<b>understanding of climate change issues.</b>	
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**5.2.3** The two priority areas of ' health and care of adults ' and ' the welfare and achievement of children and young people' contribute towards Objective 2. It was agreed to establish one sub-group to address the two priorities – The West integrated Health and Social Care Group.

**5.2.4 Objective 2- Healthy and independent residents with a good quality of life**

The Priority	Areas of work that have been set	Report on progress
<p>“Health and care of adults: we will work with the Regional Partnership Board to ensure that the services planned for the older population meet local needs. We will collaborate locally to plan a wide range of preventative activities for adults to enable them to live healthy and independent lives”.</p> <p>“The welfare and achievement of children and young people: we will plan preventative services and activities together to support families before the need for intensive services arises. We will encourage children, young people and families to improve their health so they can live healthily and independently within their communities in the long term ”.</p> <p><b>The integrated health and Social care sub-group is led by Ffion Johnstone, Area Director for West Wales, Betsi</b></p>	<p><b>The health and care Sub Group has been established. The main purpose of the group is to ensure effective delivery of health and care services. The sub-group agreed that the group needed to draw up further sub-groups to work on specific issues of adults, children, mental health and well-being, so that they could undertake their functions in health and care effectively.</b></p>	<p>An action plan will be developed by the integrated health and Social care sub-group and presented to the Public Services Board. The subgroup wanted to ensure that robust integrated governance arrangements were in place before they developed the action plan.</p>

**5.2.5** The above outline action plans were approved at the meeting of the Public Services Board on 10th December 2018. The Board requested that the sub-groups provide further details. Detailed action plans will be submitted to the PSB on 13th March 2019.

### **5.3 Delivery**

**5.3.1** The five sub-groups noted above are accountable to the Public Service Board in relation to delivering any work commissioned. The groups will also recommend the future direction of the specific work fields. The sub-group leaders are expected to report back on progress every quarter to the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board. The period of delivering the objectives will be an opportunity for PSB partners to show their willingness and commitment to working collaboratively and innovatively on achievable plans.

**5.3.2** The PSB acts in accordance with seven principles, namely the five national sustainable development principles noted above, together with two which have been added by the Board, namely 'The Welsh language' and 'Equality'. This means taking action in a way which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**5.3.3** In order to respond to the timetable within the Well-being of Future Generations Act the PSB will publish an annual report by August 2018. The PSB will submit the annual report to the Anglesey Scrutiny Committee prior to that for observations.

### **5.4 Scrutiny Arrangements**

**5.4.1** The Board's work will be checked regularly by the Scrutiny Committees of Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council. The PSB will prepare an annual report to set out progress as it seeks to deliver the well-being objectives. A copy of every annual report will be sent to Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner, the Auditor General for Wales and the councils' scrutiny committees.

**5.4.2** The well-being act and the associated national guidance<sup>1</sup> set out 3 main roles for local authority's scrutiny committees in providing democratic accountability to the public services Board:

- Review of the governance arrangements of the PSB
- Acting as statutory consultees on the well-being assessment and well-being plan

<sup>1</sup> Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards

- Monitoring progress on the PSBs implementation of the well-being plan and engagement in the PSB planning cycle;

**5.4.3** The Public Services Board is currently subject to scrutiny by the designated Scrutiny Committees of Gwynedd and Anglesey local authorities. At the establishment of the PSB it was agreed that a joint scrutiny panel between the two counties would be developed to undertake this work across Gwynedd and Anglesey. Scrutiny Officers from both the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council will address the key actions in relation to the establishment, over the coming months.

## 5.5 Resources

5.5.1 Management and administrative support for the Board is provided by the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council. The Board's support team has been established and undertakes its role in full to support the work of the Board and the associated sub-groups.

5.5.2 Resources for delivering the work of the sub-groups will be the responsibility of all statutory members equally. The contributions will be agreed and reviewed by the Board as and when necessary.

## 6 – Equality Impact Assessment [include impact on the Welsh language]

6.1 The delivery sub-groups will prepare equality and language impact assessments, where appropriate, in line with their implementation plans. The impact assessments will be live documents which will change and evolve alongside the delivery work.

## 7 - Financial Implications

## 8 - Appendices

## 9 - Background Papers (please contact the Report author for any further information):

1. Gwynedd and Anglesey Well-being Plan