

<u>BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL</u>	
Report to	Chair and Members of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee
Report Subject	The Proposed Well-being Statement and Objectives for the Council
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Report Information Summary

1.	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide the PSB Scrutiny Committee with the Council's draft Well-being Objectives and Statement for consideration.
2.	Scope of the Report
2.1	The report presents the draft Well-being Statement and Objectives and outlines that the Council has a statutory responsibility under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act to approve and publish these by 31 st March 2017.
2.2	Reference is made for the need to review the Well-being Objectives following local government elections and for them to be included in the Council's new Corporate Plan.
3.	Contribution to the National Well-Being Goals – Detail attached as Appendix 1
3.1	<p>The Council's Well-being Objectives and Statement must link to the Well-being Goals. The Objectives have been written to support the Goals and all of them have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 of the Well-being Objectives will work to support a prosperous Wales • 3 of the Well-being Objectives will work to support a resilient Wales • 4 of the Well-being Objectives will work to support a healthier Wales • 4 of the Well-being Objectives will work to support a more equal Wales • 6 of the Well-being Objectives will work to support a Wales of cohesive communities. • 1 of the Well-being Objectives will work to support a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. • 2 of the Well-being Objectives will work to support a globally responsible Wales
4.	Recommendation(s) / Endorsement by other groups, e.g. CMT/Committees/Other groups
4.1	Wider CMT have endorsed the Well-being Objectives and Statement to be presented for consideration by the PSB Scrutiny Committee and Executive Committee prior to approval at Council on 28 th March 2017.

5.	Recommendation/s for Consideration
5.1	It is recommended that the PSB Scrutiny Committee consider the options within paragraph 6 of the main report and recommend the preferred option to Executive prior to it being presented to Council for approval by 31 st March 2017.

Why this topic is a priority for the Council?						
Single Integrated Plan (SIP)	Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP)	Performance Management Improvement Framework (PMIF)	Operating Model	Transforming Blaenau Gwent (TBG Programme)	Relevant legislation	Other (please state)
	X				WBFG Act	

Reporting Pathway							
Directorate Management Team (DMT)	Corporate Management Team (CMT)	Audit	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny	Executive	Council	Other (please state)
	WCMT 21/2/17			PSB 14/3/17	28/3/17	28/3/17	

Main Report

1.	Background and Context
1.1	The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act includes specific requirements on Public Services. One such area is for the Council to produce a Well-being Statement and a set of Well-being Objectives.
1.2	The Well-being Objectives and Statement of the Council must be set and published within one year after the Act commenced. This means that the Council must publish its first set of Well-being Objectives and have them agreed by no later than 31 st March 2017.
1.3	The Act requires that each year the Council must review its Well-being Objectives as part of the arrangements for reporting on them. In doing so, the Council will need to consider whether or not the Well-being Objectives are appropriate or not, to the extent that: <ul data-bbox="320 1003 1337 1182" style="list-style-type: none">• they contribute to the achievement of the well-being goals;• all reasonable steps are being taken to meet them; and• they remain consistent with the sustainable development principle.
1.4	Any new Well-being Objective should be developed to maximise the contribution to the well-being goals and is consistent with the five ways of working, drawing on the best possible evidence.
1.5	The Welsh Government have recognised that for greatest impact Council's should ensure that their Well-being Objectives form part of their central planning arrangements.
1.6	The Council has a statutory requirement to produce its Corporate Plan as soon as practicably possible after the beginning of the financial year. This plan must be approved by Council before publication. In an election year, there is some leeway on the publication timings to allow for the new Council to consider the Corporate Plan. The Council will need to approve the new Corporate Plan before September 2017 in line with statutory requirements under the Local Government Measure.
1.7	At this point we will also need to ensure that any new political priorities and/or manifesto commitments are supported by the

	Objectives. We will also need to consider how the Objectives should be reviewed in the light of the development and publication of the Public Service Board's Well-being Plan next year.
2.	Performance Evidence and Information
2.1	The information from the draft Well-being Assessment of the Blaenau Gwent area undertaken as part of the requirement on collective bodies under the Act has been used to inform the Council's draft Well-being Statement and Objectives.
2.2	Detail of how the Objectives will be delivered; relevant performance information; and their contribution to the national Well-being Goals will be further developed and set out within the Corporate Plan to be endorsed by the new Council.
3.	Risk Implications
3.1	There is potential reputational risk to the Council if the statutory requirements are not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Well-being Objectives and Statement are not approved and published by 31st March 2017; and • The Corporate Plan is not approved and published as soon as practicably possible after the start of the financial year (noting leeway on timings in an election year).
4.	Financial Implications
4.1	Detail on how the Council is taking steps to meet its Objectives will need to be included in the new Corporate Plan.
5.	Staffing/Workforce Development Implications
5.1	There are no direct implications as a result of this report.
6.	Options for Consideration
6.1	<u>Option 1</u> The Committee recommend: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) the Draft Well-being Objectives and Statement (appendix 2) to Executive prior to them being presented to Council for approval and publication before 31st March 2017; and ii) that the Well-being Objectives are reviewed as part of the development of the Corporate Plan to be agreed by

6.2	<p>the new Council (prior to September 2017).</p> <p><u>Option 2</u> As Option 1 but that the Committee provide amendments to the Draft Well-being Objectives and Statement.</p>
7.	Impact Assessment Against Proposals / Options
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="320 506 1415 712"> <p>• Thinking for the long term The Well-being Objectives have each been written to show how they contribute to the Sustainable Development principles. Each Well-being Objective has a long term focus to consider the impact on future generations.</p> <li data-bbox="320 712 1415 913"> <p>• Taking an integrated approach The Well-being Objectives support the work of the Council and they aim to provide an integrated approach to delivery rather than being delivered in silo.</p> <li data-bbox="320 913 1415 1048"> <p>• Taking a preventative approach The Well-being Objectives have been developed to provide a preventative and early intervention approach to planning.</p> <li data-bbox="320 1048 1415 1227"> <p>• Collaborating The nature of the PSB is collaborative and partners will be working together to contribute to the successful implementation of the Well-being Objectives.</p> <li data-bbox="320 1227 1415 1402"> <p>• Involvement The Well-being Objectives have been developed information from the recent public engagement events, <i>Blaenau Gwent We Want and Let's Talk</i>.</p>
7.2	<p>Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) The Well-being Objectives and Statement have been informed by the Draft Well-being Assessment and engagement for this has included people from the protected characteristics. It is anticipated that the delivery of the Well-being Objectives will have a positive impact on the protected characteristics.</p>
8.	Conclusion
8.1	<p>The Council has a requirement to approve and publish its Well-being Objectives and Statement. Information from the draft Well-being Assessment for the Blaenau Gwent area has informed the development of the Objectives. The development of the next Corporate Plan provides the opportunity for the new Council to review the Well-being Objectives.</p>

Assess how well your project / activity will result in multiple benefits for our communities and contribute to the national well-being goals.		
Description of the Well-being goals	How will your project / activity deliver benefits to our communities under the national well-being goals?	Is there anyway to maximise the benefits or minimise any negative impacts to our communities (and the contribution to the national well-being goals)?
<p>A prosperous Wales An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>The proposed Well-being Objectives that link to this National Well-being Goal -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a better and enhanced environment and infrastructure that our communities, businesses and visitors benefit from • We will be a modern, smart Authority, providing leadership to enable people and communities to thrive • Maximise the employability of local people through skills development at a local and regional level • Support citizens to take an active role in their communities to provide empowerment and resilience 	<p>Detail of how the Objectives will be delivered; relevant performance information; and their contribution to the national Well-being Goals will be further developed and set out within the Corporate Plan to be endorsed by the new Council.</p>
<p>A resilient Wales A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).</p>	<p>The proposed Well-being Objectives that link to this National Well-being Goal -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be a modern, smart Authority, providing leadership to enable people and communities to thrive • Maximise the employability of local people through skills development at a local and regional level • Support citizens to take an active role in their communities to provide empowerment and resilience 	<p>Detail of how the Objectives will be delivered; relevant performance information; and their contribution to the national Well-being Goals will be further developed and set out within the Corporate Plan to be endorsed by the new Council.</p>

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<p>A healthier Wales A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.</p>	<p>The proposed Well-being Objectives that link to this National Well-being Goal -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a better and enhanced environment and infrastructure that our communities, businesses and visitors benefit from • Continue to improve learner outcomes and well-being so that all children and young people thrive and realise their full potential • Take a preventative and early intervention approach to support the most vulnerable ensuring, where appropriate, they are protected and supported to achieve personal outcomes and well-being • Enabling older people to feel valued and empowered to maximise their independence and lead healthy and engaged lives 	<p>Detail of how the Objectives will be delivered; relevant performance information; and their contribution to the national Well-being Goals will be further developed and set out within the Corporate Plan to be endorsed by the new Council.</p>
<p>A more equal Wales A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).</p>	<p>The proposed Well-being Objectives that link to this National Well-being Goal -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to improve learner outcomes and well-being so that all children and young people thrive and realise their full potential • Take a preventative and early intervention approach to support the most vulnerable ensuring, where appropriate, they are protected and supported to achieve personal outcomes and well-being • Enabling older people to feel valued and empowered to maximise their independence and lead healthy and engaged lives • Support citizens to take an active role in their communities to provide empowerment and resilience 	<p>Detail of how the Objectives will be delivered; relevant performance information; and their contribution to the national Well-being Goals will be further developed and set out within the Corporate Plan to be endorsed by the new Council.</p>

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<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.</p>	<p>The proposed Well-being Objectives that link to this National Well-being Goal -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a better and enhanced environment and infrastructure that our communities, businesses and visitors benefit from • Continue to improve learner outcomes and well-being so that all children and young people thrive and realise their full potential • We will be a modern, smart Authority, providing leadership to enable people and communities to thrive • Take a preventative and early intervention approach to support the most vulnerable ensuring, where appropriate, they are protected and supported to achieve personal outcomes and well-being • Enabling older people to feel valued and empowered to maximise their independence and lead healthy and engaged lives • Support citizens to take an active role in their communities to provide empowerment and resilience 	<p>Detail of how the Objectives will be delivered; relevant performance information; and their contribution to the national Well-being Goals will be further developed and set out within the Corporate Plan to be endorsed by the new Council.</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.</p>	<p>The proposed Well-being Objective that link to this National Well-being Goal -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to improve learner outcomes and well-being so that all children and young people thrive and realise their full potential 	<p>Detail of how the Objectives will be delivered; relevant performance information; and their contribution to the national Well-being Goals will be further developed and set out within the Corporate Plan to be endorsed by the new Council.</p>

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<p>A globally responsible Wales A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.</p>	<p>The proposed Well-being Objectives that link to this National Well-being Goal -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be a modern, smart Authority, providing leadership to enable people and communities to thrive • Maximise the employability of local people through skills development at a local and regional level 	<p>Detail of how the Objectives will be delivered; relevant performance information; and their contribution to the national Well-being Goals will be further developed and set out within the Corporate Plan to be endorsed by the new Council.</p>