

POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD



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REPORT TITLE: Powys Public Service Board: Well-being Assessment
2022 and
Regional Partnership Board: Population Needs
Assessment 2022

REPORT FOR: Received for Approval

1. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

- 1.1. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 require Powys Public Service Board (Powys PSB) partners to jointly prepare a well-being assessment during each Electoral cycle. Similarly, the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 requires the Regional Partnership Board (RPB) to prepare a Population Needs Assessment.
- 1.2. Whilst the legislative requirements of both Acts state that they must be approved by the Powys PSB and Powys RPB respectively; it is considered good practice for the assessments to be received by each Board, and for senior levels within the relevant organisations to consider the insight and analysis provided.
- 1.3. This is the second publication of both documents, and the Well-being and Population Needs assessments both contain data gathered from a multitude of sources, including primary data held by relevant partners, as well as secondary data from national sources such as the Office for National Statistics and Stats Wales.
- 1.4. The insight contained in both assessments provides a picture of the current situation in Powys and highlights what the future trend may be. Engagement activity has taken place with residents, service users, and staff. The triangulation across partners has helped to test our findings and provide an assessment of well-being across the county, whilst at the same time identifying the needs of the population.
- 1.5. A workshop attended by PSB members was held on 6th October 2021, and an overview of the Well-being Assessment findings was presented. The Well-being Assessment was out for public consultation and with formal consultees from mid-November until mid-December 2021.

- 1.6. In terms of engagement for the Population Needs Assessment, existing engagement information was reviewed and included. The draft document was shared with key stakeholders, citizen groups and forums, as well as Welsh Government. The feedback received during this process was incorporated into the assessment. Three workshops took place during February 2022, to test findings with the Start Well, Live Well, Age Well groups.
- 1.7. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and Welsh Government regulations, face-to-face focus groups, on-street surveys, and public events, have been unable to take place and our engagement exercises were held virtually, with printed copies only distributed if required. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and many services focused on business-critical activities, engagement with some key professionals was restricted.
- 1.8. For both the Well-being and Population Needs Assessment, the outline findings from the public consultation and virtual engagement were considered and minor adjustments made following feedback (from sources such as Welsh Government, the Future Generations Commissioner, and our statutory partners).
- 1.9. The Well-being Assessment and Population Needs Assessment have both been developed in parallel. Whilst both assessments are a requirement of separate legislation, there is synergy between the two and there has been purposeful alignment to ensure that they complement one another, and to consolidate effort and avoid duplication.

2. Proposal

- 2.1. It is proposed that:
 - the Well-being Assessment is received as a key evidence base on which the statutory well-being plan will be developed; and
 - the Population Needs Assessment is received for information and will provide the evidence base on which the statutory regional joint action plan will be developed.
- 2.2. Both assessments will also inform each organisation's corporate planning arrangements.
- 2.3. Both the Well-being and Population Needs Assessments will provide a comprehensive picture of overall well-being in Powys, whilst at the same time providing insight down to a 13-locality level.
- 2.4. Both assessments will be communicated widely with town and community councils and will be made available in all local libraries, leisure centres, and public receptions.
- 2.5. All new County Councillors will receive a copy in their induction pack and an invitation to attend a member development workshop in the Summer detailing the main findings.

3. Background

3.1. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions and to conduct a well-being assessment during each electoral cycle, focusing on the general needs of the population under four key themes: -

- Social
- Economy
- Environment
- Culture

3.2. The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (part 2) requires that local authorities and local health boards must jointly carry out a population needs assessment to understand the needs for care and support, and the support needs of carers, focusing on eight core themes: -

- children and young people
- older people
- health and physical disabilities
- learning disability and autism
- mental health
- sensory impairment
- carers who need support
- violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence

4. Advice

4.1. Both the Well-being Assessment and Population Needs Assessment have been developed in line with the requirements of both Acts and statutory guidance provided by Welsh Government.

4.2. Both Assessments highlight where Powys PSB and Powys RPB need to focus.

4.3. Both Assessments provide an honest account of what we know and what we don't know. There are some known data gaps, particularly our understanding of some of the protected characteristics, and these will be a focus over the coming years.

Recommendation

1. The Powys PSB's Well-being Assessment 2022 is approved by PSB members.
2. The Well-being Assessment 2022 will be used to inform the planning processes for the well-being plan and each PSB members' future corporate plan.
3. The PSB well-being assessment 2022 will be made available to the following:
 - All PSB members and staff
 - Town and community councils

- New County Councillors (in their induction pack and member development workshop)
- Local libraries
- Leisure centres
- Public receptions for public use

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