

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

DATE: 15 September 2021

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

TITLE: Draft Well-being & Improvement Objectives Annual Report 2020/21

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To present the Draft Well-being & Improvement Objectives Annual Report 2020/21

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: To consider the draft report prior to presenting to Cabinet and Council for final approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 places an obligation on Ceredigion County Council to publish an Improvement Plan to demonstrate its objectives and performance over the last year (2020-21). All local authorities are required to have arrangements in place to secure improvement across their services.

Furthermore, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on Councils to set and publish Well-being Objectives which are designed to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, creating the Wales that we want now and in the future. All reasonable steps must be taken towards achieving these objectives, and an annual report is required to outline the Council's progress in meeting them. The guidance on producing this document directs that a review of the Well-being Objectives should also be included.

The Council combines these requirements into a single report – the “Well-being and Improvement Objectives Annual Report” which has to be published by 31st October 2021. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the requirement to publish this report remains in place. However, this will be the last Annual Report in this format as the Local Government Measure is being replaced with Part 6 of the Local Government and Elections Act that introduces the new Self-Assessment performance regime from 2021 onwards.

CURRENT SITUATION:

An annual review of the Well-being Objectives was undertaken in June 2021, taking into account the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on service delivery. The review concluded that the existing set of Objectives remain fit for purpose and provide a more focused response to COVID-19 to protect and enhance the well-being of everyone now and for the longer term.

This approach was approved by Leadership Group on 16th June and will continue in 2022/23. (The list of Well-being Objectives can be found in Appendix A).

The draft Annual Report is attached as Appendix B. The format of the report has been amended following feedback from last year and its appearance updated. The document reviews performance during the 2020-21 year and as a result has a strong Covid theme running throughout and when assessing performance for the year.

It is important to note that although Audit Wales will be checking this for compliance and issuing a Compliance Certificate, they will not be auditing it in detail this year due to the end of the statutory requirement to produce the report.

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why An assessment has not been completed as the report does not involve a change in policy or service.

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:

- Summary:**
- Long term:**
- Integration:**
- Collaboration:**
- Involvement:**
- Prevention:**

RECOMMENDATION (S): That Members consider and agree the draft Well-being & Improvement Objectives Annual Report 2020-21 prior to consideration by Cabinet and Council.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S): To progress with publishing the Well-being & Improvement Objectives Annual Report 2020-21.

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Acronyms: