

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: 20th April 2023

Title: Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028

Purpose of the report: To gain Council approval for the Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028.

For: Decision

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member: Democratic Services, Policy, Performance and Partnerships, Cllr Bryan Davies

Background

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 gives a legally-binding common purpose of seven Well-being goals and five ways of working designed to support and deliver a public service that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Act also puts a Well-being duty on specified public bodies to act jointly and establish statutory Public Services Boards (PSB) for each local authority area in Wales. Each PSB must improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural Well-being of its area by contributing to the achievement of the Well-being goals and produce a Local Well-being plan every 5 years.

To do this PSB's must:

- Prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area.
- Prepare and publish a Local Well-being Plan for its area, setting out local objectives and the steps it proposes to take to meet them.

The Ceredigion Assessment of Local Well-being

The Assessment of Local Well-being is a statutory requirement under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, and its purpose is to set out what is important to people and communities in Ceredigion in terms of well-being.

The Assessment of Local Well-being 2022, is the second assessment produced by the Ceredigion PSB since the introduction of the Act and is informed by data, research and evidence gathering, from listening to people and stakeholders, and through consideration of future trends.

The Ceredigion Assessment of Local Well-being was approved and published by the PSB in April 2022 and was used as the evidence base for the Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028. As such is an important document for the Ceredigion PSB in determining what it will do over the next 5 years to improve the well-being of people and communities in the county.

A copy of the Assessment of Local Well-being, can be viewed here:

[Ceredigion Assessment of Local Well-being 2022](#)

Approval of Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028

The factors considered in the Assessment noted above were explored and informed the main objectives within the Local Well-being Plan for 2023-2028. The draft Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028 was subsequently prepared and public consultation took place between the 25th October 2022 and the 31st of January 2023. As a statutory consultee, the Ceredigion County Council Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee considered the draft Local Well-being Plan at its meeting on the 23rd November 2022.

Feedback from the public consultation indicated that 88% of respondents in the survey agreed with the Well-being Objectives as the right priorities as presented in the draft Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028. All the comments received through the survey and the response letters are reported in full in the Local Well-being Plan Consultation Summary and Analysis Report, **Appendix 1**, together with further analysis.

The overall conclusions within the summary and analysis report are that, in the main the Plan was well received, and many useful comments were provided which will enhance the development of the detailed delivery plan.

Where appropriate, comments from the consultation informed amendments to the Plan and as well as a range of suggestions and comments in the letters received, valuable guidance has been provided by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and Welsh Government. These have all been incorporated into the final Local Well-being Plan as far as possible and additional elements will influence the development of the delivery plan.

Following amendments to the plan, incorporating key points identified during the consultation, it was presented to the PSB at their meeting on the 6th March 2023. All members of the PSB were supportive of the amendments made, resulting in the final Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan being agreed, **see Appendix 2**.

PSB member organisations are now required to approve the Plan through their usual governance arrangements before the PSB can give final approval to publish the Plan in May 2023.

To complete the process for Ceredigion County Council the Plan was firstly presented and approved at the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on the 22nd March 2023, presented at Cabinet on the 4th April and now to this Council meeting.

An Integrated Impact Assessment has been completed for the Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan and is contained as **Appendix 3** to this report.

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? Yes, please see (Appendix 3)
If, not, please state why

Summary:

Long term: Long term planning has been embedded throughout the development of the plan. The aims and actions within the plan have been developed to directly respond to the long term issues that were identified in the Ceredigion Assessment of Local Well-being.

Wellbeing of Future Generations: **Collaboration:** All PSB partners have collaborated throughout the development of the plan development and the delivery of the plan will be undertaken collaboratively by PSB partners.

Involvement: Key stakeholders have been involved in all stages of plan development. Participation, engagement and co-production have been championed by the PSB. These have included sessions with groups of people with protected characteristics (as defined by the Equality Act 2010).

Prevention: The Ceredigion Assessment of Local Well-being provided an opportunity for the PSB to identify the root causes of

the issues that need to be addressed. The aims and actions are centred on people acting for themselves and provide a strong focus on preventing problems occurring or getting worse. The actions endeavour to bring down the level of intervention in people's lives over time wherever possible, with the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances.

Integration: The PSB has considered how the aims and actions contained within the plan have an impact upon the public bodies within the county. The aims and actions have been developed with an understanding of collective responsibility for outcomes across services and organisations. The principles of the plan are based on public sector organisations working together across the county to add value to what is already being done.

Recommendation(s): **For Council to approve the Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028**

Reasons for decision: **As a Statutory Member of the Ceredigion PSB, the Council needs to approve the Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan before the PSB can give final agreement to publish the Plan.**

Overview and Scrutiny: CCC Overview and Coordinating Scrutiny committee is designated to take an overview of the overall effectiveness of the PSB by scrutinising decisions made or other action taken by the Board. The work of the PSB is reported to this committee following every meeting of the Board.

Policy Framework: Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028

Corporate Well-being Objectives: Boosting the economy, supporting businesses and enabling employment.
Creating caring and healthy communities.
Providing the best start in life and enabling learning at all ages.

Creating sustainable, green and well-connected communities.

Finance and Procurement implications: Within exiting budget

Legal Implications: The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Staffing implications: None

Property / asset implications: None

Risk(s): N/A

Statutory Powers: The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Background Papers: See below

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Local Well-being Plan Consultation Summary and Analysis Report

Appendix 2 – Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028

Appendix 3 - Integrated Impact Assessment

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Date: 29th March 2023