

MEETING	Full Council
DATE	4 May 2023
TITLE	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2023-28
PURPOSE	To Approve the Well-being Plan 2023-28
CABINET MEMBER	Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn
CONTACT OFFICER	Sandra Thomas, Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Programme Manager

1. Decision Sought

- 1.1. That the Council adopts the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2023-28.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 has created a Public Services Board for every local authority area in Wales to ensure that public bodies work together to create a better future for the people of Wales. Gwynedd and Anglesey work together as a single Board. The Gwynedd and Anglesey Board includes high level representation from both County Councils, the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Natural Resources Wales along with a number of other organisations e.g. Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, North Wales Police, Mantell Gwynedd, Medrwn Môn, Bangor University, representatives of the housing sector etc.
- 2.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on Public Services Boards to publish a Well-being Plan every five years which outlines how it is intended to improve the well-being of the area's residents. The Board's current well-being plan for 2018-2023 is coming to an end, and every Public Services Board is expected to publish a new Well-being Plan by May 2023.
- 2.3 The aim of the Well-being Plan is to outline how we as a Board will work with each other to ensure that our communities thrive and flourish in the long-term and make a tangible difference to the lives of the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey.
- 2.4 The first stage of the work of creating the Well-being Plan was to undertake an assessment of local well-being and carry out research to understand and learn more about those areas. It is important to note that there has been close collaboration with internal and external stakeholders when undertaking this

work. Residents were given the opportunity to voice their opinions and the conclusions of research and other assessments were considered such as the work of the Regeneration Framework (Ardal Ni) and the North Wales Population Needs Assessment and the Gwynedd Adult Population Needs Assessment in the health and care field.

- 2.5 In October 2021, Assessments of Local Well-being for the Gwynedd and Anglesey areas were undertaken with both counties split into 14 smaller areas (eight in Gwynedd and six in Anglesey).
- 2.6 Having considered the data and the views of local people, nine principal messages were highlighted in the assessments for the entire area. A further series of workshops was held in 2022 with Board Members based on the main messages identified, in order to discuss how to respond to the matters highlighted.
- 2.7 The Board considered the aforementioned information in creating the Draft Well-being Plan for Gwynedd and Anglesey, published in December 2022. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, a public consultation was held on the draft plan for a period of 12 weeks until the beginning of March 2023.
- 2.8 The latest draft of the Well-being Plan outlines how the Board intends to make a tangible difference to the lives of residents by working together in order to deliver results for the entire area. In using evidence from the well-being assessments, the Board has identified **three Well-being Objectives**:
 - *We will work together to mitigate the effect of **poverty** on the well-being of our communities.*
 - *We will work together to improve the well-being and achievement of our **children and young people** to realise their full potential.*
 - *We will work together to support our services and communities to move towards **Zero Net Carbon**.*
- 2.9 The Welsh language is a golden thread running throughout the Plan. We promote the use of the language in all fields of our work and work with communities to develop Welsh-medium services and activities. The Public Services Board is an opportunity to share good practice, promote the language and ensure that residents of both counties have access to all public services through the medium of Welsh. A good example of this is the work that has been completed by the Language Sub-group to encourage and empower customers to use the Welsh language when attending our partner's reception areas. We will also address and encourage Welsh speakers to apply for posts where the Welsh language is an essential skill. There are specific actions for the Welsh language under every objective.
- 2.10 The Board believes that these are fields in which we could collaborate better, in a period of significant cutbacks in public sector resources, in order to secure the best results for the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey.
- 2.11 All Statutory Members of the Public Services Board are expected to adopt the Well-being Plan and this will happen in a series of meetings programmed between April and May 2023.

- 2.13 The well-being objectives highlighted above and the activities that the Board will carry out are consistent with the priority areas / well-being objectives in the Gwynedd Council Plan 2023-28 adopted by the Council at its meeting on 2 March 2023.
- 2.14 It is also important to note that the Well-being Plan is a live document that will change and evolve over time. A copy of the Well-being plan can be seen in **Appendix 1**.

3 Results of Consultation

- 3.1 A public consultation was held for a period of 3 months on the Draft Well-being Plan between 12 December 2022 and 6 March 2023.
- 3.2 Appropriate opportunities were provided for individuals, interest groups and organisations to participate in the consultation by holding workshops and information sessions. There was also a questionnaire that was available on the Board's website and hard copies that were available in the Council's main offices and libraries. It was possible to request copies in alternative formats.
- 3.3 Cyngor Gwynedd's Communities Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the content of the Draft Well-being Plan at its meeting on 19 January 2023. A number of changes were proposed, including specific suggestions that the Welsh language needs more substance and actions. This has been reflected in the latest version of the Well-being Plan.
- 3.4 499 responses were received to the questionnaire as part of the public consultation with a number of comments supporting what is being proposed. Feedback was received from a further 200 through engagement via workshops and information sessions held through the Older People Forums, engaging with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai students, a group of young people from Gisda, a presentation to the Gwynedd Third Sector Group and a discussion with organisations such as Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog.
- 3.5 The consultation was promoted with a press release, shared with all Elected Members on e-mail and sent by e-mail to all Town and Community Councils in Gwynedd and Anglesey. Several messages were posted on the Board's social media accounts and these were shared by other Board Members on their own social media.
- 3.6 The Well-being Plan reflects a number of comments received from the consultation. The Board will address all feedback again over the coming year specifically when delivering an Action Plan for priority fields.
- 3.7 **Appendix 2** includes a report summarising the response to the consultation questionnaire.

4 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

- 4.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on Public Services Boards to publish a Well-being Plan which outlines how it is intended to improve the well-being of the area's residents.

4.2 This is our aspiration for adopting the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Well-being plan and every Public Services Board in Wales is expected to publish their Well-being Plan by May 2023.

5. **Equality Act 2010**

5.1 There is a statutory requirement to prepare and consider the findings of an equality impact assessment when preparing the Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 as implemented in Wales.

5.2 The Equality Impact Assessment is in **Appendix 3**.

6. **Views of the Statutory Officers:**

i. **The Head of Finance Department:**

The provision and adoption of the Wellbeing Plan enables the Council to fulfil its statutory duties in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations Act, and it is the product of a mechanism that calls on public bodies to work together to adopt common well-being objectives.

I note that the task of formulating a detailed programme of work will commence when the relevant bodies have adopted this Wellbeing Plan. Therefore, while the adoption of the Wellbeing Plan will not create financial commitments in itself, it will provide a context for the Council in prioritising its resources over the life of the scheme.

ii. **The Monitoring Officer:**

As noted in the report it is a statutory requirement for the Public Services Board to prepare a Local Wellbeing Plan which sets out the local wellbeing objectives and the steps it intends to take to achieve them. The Communities Scrutiny Committee is a formal consultee in the process. By virtue of statutory guidance the approval of the final plan for publication by the Board is a matter for the Full Council.

7. **Local Member's views**

Not a local matter.

8. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Well-being Plan
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Appendix 2 - Summary of the Public Consultation

Appendix 3 - Equality Impact Assessment