

UPDATE - ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL WELL-BEING AND LOCAL WELL-BEING PLAN

Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015

1. The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on the statutory members of the Public Services Board to work in partnership to contribute to seven well-being goals for Wales, which align closely to Cardiff's seven citizen outcomes:
 - A prosperous Wales
 - A resilient Wales
 - A healthier Wales
 - A more equal Wales
 - A Wales of cohesive communities
 - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
 - A globally responsible Wales
2. The Act requires that Public Services Boards undertake an assessment of local well-being by 31 March 2017, followed by publication of a local well-being plan by May 2018. A timeline setting out this approach was presented to and approved by the Public Services Board at its meeting on 24 May 2016.

Assessment of Local Well-being - Content

3. The Assessment considers the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in the Public Services Board area. It:
 - Must identify the communities that comprise the area
 - Must analyse the state of well-being in each community and the whole area
 - Must analyse the state of well-being of the people in the area and may analyse the well-being of particular categories of persons (e.g. vulnerable people, protected characteristics, children, LAC, those needing care and support etc.)
 - May include any further analysis that the board carries out for assessing the well-being of the area
 - Must include predictions of future likely trends in the area
 - Must refer to the National Indicators published by Welsh Government in Section 10 of the Act (i.e. 46 identified indicators)
 - Must include any other related analytical data and information the board considers appropriate.
4. Non-statutory guidance divides the use of evidence and analysis into two components in developing the well-being assessment: **situation analysis** (the painting of a broad picture of well-being so that priorities can be identified); the **response analysis** (the detailed analysis of individual issues and themes to inform the development of the local well-being plan).

5. The Board must take into account a number of statutory reviews and assessments in preparing the assessment:
 - The assessment of the risks of the current and predicted impact of climate change under the Climate Change Act 2008 (c.27);
 - The review of the sufficiency of nursery education provision under the School Standards and Frameworks Act 1998 (c.31);
 - The assessment of the sufficiency of the provision of childcare under the Childcare Act 2006 (c.21);
 - The assessment of the sufficiency of play opportunities under the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010
 - The assessment under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014;
 - The strategic assessment under section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 relating to reducing crime and disorder in the local authority area;
 - The strategic assessment relating to combating substance misuse;
 - Strategic assessment relating to the reduction of reoffending;
 - Other reviews or assessments set out by the Welsh Ministers.

6. Before publishing the Assessment the PSB must consult with those detailed below. Each must be given a copy of the draft Assessment.
 - The Commissioner
 - The Board's invited participants
 - Its other partners
 - Those who received but did not accept the invitation to join the Board
 - The designated local authority Scrutiny Committee (City of Cardiff Council's Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee)
 - Relevant voluntary organisations
 - Representatives of residents
 - Representatives of the business community
 - Trade Unions
 - Those with an interest in natural resources
 - Anyone else considered relevant.

7. No timescale is specified for this consultation, but the Board is required to allow sufficient time for meaningful consideration so that consultees can give informed feedback. In practice this may mean a minimum of six weeks.

8. Copies of the final Assessment must be sent to:
 - the Welsh Ministers
 - the Future Generations Commissioner
 - the Auditor General for Wales
 - the designated Scrutiny Committee.

9. At its meeting on 24 May 2016 the Cardiff Public Services Board agreed an approach which built on the work undertaken to update the 2015 Needs Assessment to include the 46 National Indicators and an analysis of future trends relevant to Cardiff. It was also agreed that this quantitative analysis would be supplemented with the results of 'Ask Cardiff 2016', which has recently been launched and will run until 11 September 2016.
10. At its meeting on 24 May 2016, the Public Services Board agreed to move quickly to identify initial city priority areas, drawn from the issues identified as part of the What Matters refresh undertaken in 2015 and using preliminary Ask Cardiff data. It has been agreed that a facilitated workshop will be held for the Public Services Board on 1 December 2016 in order to develop and confirm these initial priorities.

Developing the Well-being Assessment - Detailed approach

11. In order to ensure a strong evidence base for the development of the city's well-being objectives, it is proposed that the Well-being Assessment will comprise:
 - the indicators chosen by the Cardiff Partnership Board in the What Matters Needs Assessment undertaken in 2015 (updated where possible)
 - the 46 National Indicators defined by the FG Act
 - Ask Cardiff well-being indicators
 - additional indicators that the PSB or partners feel need to be added in order to provide a rounded view of the city's performance;
 - Identification and assessment of the well-being of community areas, based on the six existing neighbourhood partnership areas;
 - Identification and assessment of well-being of specific groups of people within the area;
 - Future trends analysis.
12. Advice from the Welsh Government is that there is no expectation that both situation and response analysis will need to be fully encompassed in the Assessment. The assessment should aim to be 'situation analysis'-heavy, but that part of the assessment should begin to introduce critical analysis and start to consider the "so what" (paving the way to response analysis). The situation analysis will therefore form the bulk of the Assessment. This will be used to generate priorities for collective action (the PSB's well-being objectives) with the response analysis then largely informing the Well-being Plan.
13. The Well-being assessment must refer to the findings of the Population Assessment which is being undertaken concurrently as part of the Social Services and Well-being Act. The Population Assessment will be published in spring 2017. The Cardiff Research Centre, who are leading the Well-being assessment, are members of the steering group and will be undertaking aspects of the population assessment. This link will ensure alignment of activity (for example on community engagement) and that the local well-being draws on emerging learning from the population assessment.

14. The Well-being assessment must also refer to the Future Trends report produced by the Future Generations Commissioner. As this is currently under production, the Board has been advised that reference should be made in the meantime to “Understanding Wales’ Future 2012.”
15. The assessment will be structured by the seven ‘city outcomes’ identified in What Matters (as opposed to the 7 national goals), with the linkages across the well-being goals and pillars of well-being made explicit. Confirmation has been received that it is down to individual PSBs how the final assessment is presented. The Act only states that a PSB ‘*must prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing in its area*’. Similarly, it is up to Boards what format to produce and present the assessment. It is proposed that a web-based application be used, allowing for a more dynamic approach, with data being updated as and when appropriate.
16. To aid with community engagement a high-level summary of the Well-being assessment - the Cardiff Liveable City report - which will be launched at the PSB priority workshop on 1 December 2016.
17. Whilst there is a legal requirement for the plan to be formally agreed at meetings of each of the statutory members before it can be agreed by the PSB, there is no such requirement for the assessment. It is therefore proposed that PSB approve the assessment.
18. The Well-being of Future Generations Act places a clear imperative through the ‘five ways of working’ on involving communities. Using the headline data from the Liveable City report, a programme of engagement events across Autumn/Winter 2016 will begin a conversation with partners and communities to help develop Cardiff’s well-being objectives. This will ensure that the Local Well-being Plan addresses evidence-based community priorities.
19. The results of the engagement programme, detailed work on the well-being on Cardiff’s neighbourhoods and specific communities, and an analysis of future trends will be brought together to form the Well-being Assessment. This will be sent for consultation with key stakeholders and those specified in the Act in January/February 2017.
20. A timeline for producing the various components of the Well-being Assessment, and the Local Well-being Plan, is attached at **Appendix A**.

Recommendations

The Executive Public Service Board is recommended to:

- Agree the development of the Well-being Assessment according to the timeline and high-level structure set out in this report;

- Consider the engagement programme for the development of city priorities in terms of format and resourcing.

Cardiff Well-being Assessment and Well-being Plan Timeline		
July - Sep 2016	Ask Cardiff Consultation	
26 Sept 2016	Executive PSB meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preliminary city-wide Ask Cardiff data - Indicator sets 	
Mid Oct 2016	Draft Liveable City report circulated to PSB and Executive PSB members	
14 Nov 2016	Executive Public Services Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Liveable city report 	
1 Dec 2016	PSB Meeting & Priorities Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to launch Liveable City report and develop city priorities 	
Autumn/winter 2016	Engagement programme to develop city priorities	
Dec 2016– Jan 2017	Well-being Assessment finalised	
5 Jan 2017	Executive PSB approves consultation version of Well-being Assessment	
Jan – Feb 2017	Assessment sent for consultation with statutory consultees, including City of Cardiff Council Scrutiny	Must allow 'sufficient time' for consultation – 4 weeks minimum?
10 Mar 2017	Executive PSB meeting	
21 Mar 2017	PSB meeting agrees final Well-being Assessment	
Mar 2017	Send agreed Well-being Assessment to Welsh Government/FG Commissioner/WAO and Council Scrutiny Committee	
Mar 2017	Publication of Well-being Assessment	
Apr 2017	Social Services and Well-being Assessment published	
TBC May 2017	PSB meeting (after LG election 4th May 2017) engagement with work to date and receive draft of Well-being Plan.	

TBC Jun 2017	Executive PSB sign off Well-being Plan version to go to Commissioner for advice	Up to 14 Weeks process – may be shorter
Sept 2017	Re-draft Well-being Plan following advice	
TBC Late Sept 2017	Executive PSB agrees consultation version of well-being Plan	
Oct – Dec 2017	Statutory consultation period	Mandatory 12 Weeks
Dec 2017– Feb 2018	Prepare final draft Plan	Recommended 10 week process
TBC Late Feb 2018	PSB Full Meeting considers final draft Well-being Plan	
Mar 2018	Incorporate PSB recommendations	
TBC Mar 2018	Present Well-being Plan to Full Council and statutory member organisations for final approval	
April 2018	Well-being Plan launched	