

Swansea's Assessment of Local Well-being 2017

Annex 6: Areas for development, 2017/18

The Well-being Assessment consultation ran from 23 January to 28 February 2017. Table 2 within the Consultation Feedback Report (assessment Annex 5) summarised the proposals received from the consultation and the Board's response following consideration.

Each proposal was discussed at two meetings in March 2017 attended by individual outcome leads and statutory member representatives of Swansea's Public Services Board. Responses were categorised in four ways:

- **A** - The Assessment has been amended
- **N** - After consideration no change has been made
- **R** - The Research Group will consider this issue as part of the development of the Assessment in 2017/ 2018
- **P** - This is an issue that the Public Services Board will consider at one of its meetings over the next 12 months.

This annex provides a summary listing of feedback proposals categorised **R** or **P**, which (following consideration) require further development or investigation by:

- i.) the PSB Research Group, or
- ii.) the Public Services Board (and/or PSB Planning Group).

i.) Proposals for Research Group (R)

The consultation proposals to be considered by the PSB Research Group are summarised below, which range from single proposals to more general, recurring themes (with similar points made in a number of separate responses). The points listed can be cross-referenced to the proposals table in assessment Annex 5 (section 2). The consultation responses in full are also included as individual appendices within Annex 5.

The most frequently recurring feedback concerned the following two issues:

- a. The need for additional local area and spatial analysis, including by Community Area
- b. Further analysis of long-term / future trends across outcomes and drivers.

Whilst some of the points made during the consultation have been at least partly addressed in the final (2017) assessment (category 'A' responses), it was felt that some issues, including specific evidence gaps, still require further investigation.

The proposals identified for the Research Group's consideration are as follows:

- A gap in the evidence that relates to the circumstances where homelessness has not been prevented (proposal 11)
- The appropriateness of available housing, as well as levels (13) *
- The impact of housing on a person's health and wellbeing (18)
- The need for well-being scores to have clearly communicated reasons (22) **
- Analysis and communication of spatial data on well-being and area differences within Swansea, including between community areas (linked to proposals 23, 38, 47, 62, 77, 78, 86)
- Further analysis of the potential impact of long-term / future trends on local well-being under all outcomes and drivers (proposals 24, 34, 66, 70, 88, 103, 104)
- The Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017 can help assess future prospects, address risks and link to the 'globally responsible Wales' goal (24)
- Environmental drivers may be slightly weaker in scope – links between the natural environment and the well-being of people could be further explored (36) **
- Relatively less evidence relating to cultural well-being (36) **
- The well-being of people in the community; in particular the perspectives of the interest groups identified in the statutory guidance (37) **
- Barriers for accessing health services, particularly in rural and deprived areas (40)
- The needs of offenders within custody and in the community (42 & 60)
- The use of the Welsh language and its links to culture (43)
- Housing issues, including the private rented sector, park homes and adaptations to homes (44)
- The need for clarity on the implications of evidence gaps and limitations, and what can be done to address them (45)
- To use a greater variety of data presentation methods (47, 49)
- The use of qualitative evidence sourced through the engagement work (47 & 86)
- Development of the asset-based approach, including scope to reframe some of the analysis to emphasise strengths – exploring opportunities as well as challenges (48) *
- Some means of summarising the evidence either at driver or outcome level (51) **
- Driver score movements up or down will need to be informed by available evidence and understanding of causality (52) **
- Driver scores and objectives should be informed by comparisons with non-Welsh areas – other UK / 'best in class' (55) **
- Findings from other scrutiny work/inquiries should inform the assessment (57) *
- A broader description of well-being challenges for Swansea over the short, medium and long term to provide the context for the 6 outcomes and 19 drivers (61 & 64) **
- More explanation on the significance of the data and key challenges to well-being across all drivers (63) **

- How the assessment data is intended to be used, data gaps are to be managed and how well-being planning will progress (67) */**
- To consider data and evidence around the preventative agenda – for a clearer understanding of communities and people that have resilience or are vulnerable to current and future trends (71 & 95) **
- Summary / ‘About this outcome’ sections should be more explicit about their impact on well-being – the national goals might provide a useful tool for this (75) **
- Inclusion of further data on critical energy, water, transport and other critical infrastructure (79) *
- ‘About the evidence’ sections can be strengthened to provide a good resource for the PSB to understand data gaps and the potential to address them (90 & 108) ***
- Outcome B – limited mention of the Universities or Colleges in Swansea and no mention of continuing education (92) *
- The inter-relationships between data from (and within) each section and between the 19 drivers (101) **
- Further consideration of community cohesion issues – linked to the Community Cohesion National Delivery Plan 2017-18 and the national ‘cohesive communities’ goal (113).

Notes:

* Change also made to final assessment (category A).

** To be considered via a proposed well-being assessment evaluation report.

*** A separate report detailing evidence gaps both noted above and mentioned within the assessment document will be prepared by the PSB Research Group.

ii.) For Public Services Board (P), and/or PSB Planning Group

In summary, the Consultation Feedback Report (Annex 5) suggests the following issues require further consideration at Board level, and/or the PSB Planning Group. These proposals (on a grouped and individual basis), together with the PSB’s agreed response, are listed below:

- Proposal 19 – the under-representation of Arts in the well-being agenda. Response: To be considered at a meeting of the Public Services Board.
- Proposals 20, 21, 27, 50, 68, 102 – integration between the local assessment drivers and national well-being strands and goals. Response: Recommended that the Public Services Board holds a special workshop to address the issue of integration.

- Proposals 25, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 69, 98, 100. Response: For the Public Services Board to discuss at a meeting under the heading of 'Partnership working and stakeholder engagement.'
- Proposals 26, 31, 65, 105, 107 – the scope for cross-boundary working, including commonalities in issues/priorities with other local PSB areas. Response: For the Public Services Board to discuss at a meeting under the heading of 'Cross boundary working'.
- Proposals 74, 80, 89, 97, 101 – issues linked to the well-being plan and how the PSB will use evidence in the assessment going forward:
 - 74. The relationship between strategic objectives under the PSB's six outcomes and the national goals need to be understood
 - 80. What the information tells us about whether services are adequate and the potential role of the PSB in developing collective action. The assessment could be strengthened with an analysis of key messages for the PSB and the public sector generally about the 'step change' required to address the 19 drivers
 - 89. Two key questions are how the 'improvement' could be achieved, and what is the role of the PSB in this?'
 - 97. Core issues which are described within the narrative should provide a stronger backdrop to all drivers (children living in poverty; limited resources for social care; under-provision of housing; welfare reform; climate impacts; austerity; natural resource depletion), and existing data and information might help provide a broad strategic context
 - 101. Greater consideration of the inter-relationships between data in (and within) each section; including the relationship of policy/challenges between the 19 drivers

Response: To be taken forward as part of the development of the well-being plan.
- Proposals 95, 110 – prevention and understanding preventative approaches. Response: to be considered by PSB or Planning Group (via workshop or Integrated Impact Assessment).
- Proposal 106 – further interpretation of how the Swansea Bay City Region Project might impact on all aspects of community well-being across Swansea. Response: For the Public Services Board to consider at a meeting under the heading 'Social, Environmental and Economic Impacts of the City Deal'.