



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

3RD SEPTEMBER 2018

**SCRUTINY TOOLKIT – WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS
(WALES) ACT.**

**REPORT OF THE INTERIM DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATIONS**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To advise Members of the opportunity to work alongside the Future Generations Commissioner office to pilot a new toolkit, embracing the wellbeing goals and five ways of working within the Well being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (*The Act*).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To agree:-

- 2.1 To the piloting of the toolkit and the approach to be taken forward as outlined within section 5 of the report.
- 2.2 That the Chair of the working group be appointed at the group's first meeting.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The need to advise Members of the proposed way forward with the pilot and to seek expressions of interest in respect of membership.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As advised at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the 18th April & 25th June, an opportunity has arisen for Rhondda Cynon Taf Scrutiny to work with the Future Generations Commissioner to pilot a new toolkit, embracing the wellbeing goals and five ways of working to allow

scrutiny to have greater impact on its work and the outcomes that it delivers, in line with the Act.

- 4.2. Working with a small scrutiny working group, (preferably 2 members from each of the Council's 5 scrutiny Committees) the group will work through a scrutiny review utilising a toolkit formulated by the Commissioners office, to try to ensure that scrutiny consider and develop their reviews around the ethos of the Act. Members will be able to evaluate the practicalities of the toolkit, evaluating its strengths and weakness and help the Commissioner to form a toolkit going forward. It is anticipated that the scrutiny members will then act as 'Champions' within their respective scrutiny Committees, taking forward the new approach to working, embracing the Future Generations & Wellbeing aims and objectives.

5 APPROACH GOING FORWARD.

- 5.1 An email inviting members to show an expression of interest with regards to the membership of the working group will be circulated to all scrutiny members for consideration, with a closing date of the 10th September. Preferably 2 Members from each of the Council's 5 scrutiny Committees will form the Groups membership to allow the Members to work as 'Champions' in their respective Committees.
- 5.2 The topic for the review will be considered at the group's first meeting, with draft terms of reference and timetable of events.
- 5.3 The Working Group will be supported by the Future Generations Commissioners Office, working with the 'Change Maker' officer.
- 5.4 As this is a pilot approach and a collaborative project with the Commissioners Office, the settings for meetings will be outside of the Council Chamber to give a more informal approach.
- 5.5 Throughout the review Members will utilise the toolkit to assist them in their work. Members will be able to analyse the toolkit to help develop a robust toolkit for the Commissioners office to take forward.
- 5.6 Following the review it is anticipated that each of the Members within the Working Group will act as a 'Champion' and share any new way of working with their fellow Committee Members, to ensure any identified good practices are further developed.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no Equality or Diversity implications aligned to this report

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Members were originally advised of the opportunity to take forward the pilot approach during the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 18th April and 25th June, respectively.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

10 LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 10.1 Piloting a new scrutiny toolkit drafted by the Future Generations Commissioner will allow scrutiny to further embrace the wellbeing goals and five ways of working as identified within *The Act* when taking forward any future scrutiny reviews.

11. CONCLUSION

- 11.1 Piloting the Toolkit illustrates the importance and regard Members place on the Act and its aims and objectives, and the want to embed positive practices and ways of thinking in line with the Act across all Scrutiny reviews.
- 11.2 Piloting of the toolkit will assist not only RCTCBC but many others, by assisting to create a robust toolkit that illustrates positive practices and forward thinking approaches.