



CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD - JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Overview of Cwm Taf Well-being Objectives Delivery Plans

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Committee) with oversight of the progress made against the Cwm Taf Well-being Plan Objective ‘Strong Economy’.

The report of the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) attached at **Appendix 1** sets out progress made in respect of Strong Economy first year delivery plan. This report was presented to the SPB at its most recent meeting on the 19th February 2019.

Alyn Owen, Merthyr Tydfil CBC, is the Lead for Strong Economy and will present the report to Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is requested to review the SPB Report at **Appendix 1** and :-

- i. Consider :-
 - a) the extent of progress to date,
 - b) the extent to which it is evident that differences are being made to communities and citizens within Cwm Taf in improving the Social, Economic, Environmental and Cultural Well-being of the area.
- ii. Identify any further information it would like to consider in support of the delivery of the Well-being Plan and how this could be most effectively presented to Committee at future meetings.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3.1 As Members are aware, the Cwm Taf Well-being Plan 2018-2023 was published on the 4th of May 2018 and contained four Objectives:-

- Thriving Communities
- Healthy People
- Strong Economy
- Loneliness & Isolation (cross cutting Objective)

The Delivery Plans for each objective within the Well-being Plan were approved by the Public Service Board (PSB) in July 2018. These delivery plans were aimed at addressing the immediate steps within the Well-being Plan.

An overview of each Delivery Plan was subsequently presented to Committee in September 2018. At that meeting, Committee determined that each Objective would be scrutinised in more detail at a future meeting.

Strong Economy is the third Objective to receive this further scrutiny.

4.0 CURRENT POSITON

4.1 Detailed scrutiny of the progress made against delivery plans for each objective takes place at the SPB. An overarching report, of all four Objectives, is then submitted to the PSB by the Chair of SPB.

The current progress report to SPB, with regards to delivery against the Strong Economy Objective, is included at **Appendix 1**.

Both SPB and PSB have considered whether the monitoring reports provide enough assurance to Members as to the progress in respect of each the Well-being Objectives.

It is recognised that the delivery of the plan is in its infancy and it is equally important to monitor and measure how we are doing things differently as a partnership. It is also widely accepted that the impact of the work undertaken on the Objectives may be difficult to measure short term and the Welsh Government and Data Cymru are providing support to assist PSB's with addressing this. Specifically in respect of Cwm Taf PSB, Data Cymru are assisting with developing an outcomes based evaluation framework to measure the differences made via delivery of the Well-being plan.

To assist with monitoring performance and progress, in addition to a RAG rated delivery plan and information / data relevant to each objective, the SPB receive a Highlight / Exception report. This Highlight / Exception reports aim to capture key achievements, other activities (outside the delivery plans) that contribute to the Well-being Plan, what is working well and what is not working well, in addition to risks and issues that require escalation to the PSB.

5.0 FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

5.1 At the SPB in January 2019 the performance management / evaluation framework was considered at a workshop facilitated by Data Cymru, who then produced outcome measure proposals based on a workshop discussion at the meeting. These will be considered as part of the development of the new Delivery Plans going forward and shared to inform the evaluation of year one, including as part of the statutory Annual Report.

Consideration also continues to be given to the change of boundaries for Bridgend PSB and any impact that this may have on the delivery of Cwm Taf PSB Objectives.

Further updates will be provided to Committee as this work progresses.

6.0 NEXT STEPS

6.1 The priorities for the Strong Economy Objective over the next quarter include:-

- Obtaining signoff of the draft Employability Pledge with a view of having the Pledge reviewed and adopted across partner organisations
- Clarifying the role and intention of the Training Compendium, and developing a working group to take it forward.
- Progress engagement with schools around work-readiness, piloting approaches in the Community Zone areas of Upper Rhondda Fach and the Gurnos.
- Explore opportunities of working with Interlink re: volunteering within public sector.
- Workshop with Data Cymru and developing the outcome statements with the Strong Economy Group to inform the second year Delivery Plan.

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