



FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Statement of Wellbeing

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires the local authority to set and publish wellbeing objectives and to identify how we will work towards meeting those objectives.
- 1.2 This report outlines how we have refined our wellbeing objectives in our published Statement of Wellbeing. The report goes on to outline how the [Plan] is developing and what needs to take place in the coming weeks to meet/finalise the [Plan] for Council in July.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that

- 2.1 The preparation for the Wellbeing Duty be noted.
- 2.2 The refined Statement of Wellbeing for Merthyr Tydfil be approved.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 applied the wellbeing duty on local authorities. This duty means the local authority has to work towards the wellbeing goals using the sustainable development principle and involving people interested in achieving the goals.
- 3.2 Our initial wellbeing objectives were set on 22nd March 2017 and subsequently published as our Statement of Wellbeing. Since then the Performance Team has

kept the initial draft of our wellbeing objective under review and began to work on developing the [Plan]. In this [Plan], our aim is to show how we will take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives.

4.0 STATEMENT OF WELLBEING

4.1 Our initial Statement of Wellbeing was agreed in March 2017. Since then, work has continued to refine the Statement of Wellbeing and to begin drafting the [Plan].

4.2 There were a number of amendments to our Statement of Wellbeing. The principal amendment was to remove the "Creating high value jobs for Merthyr Tydfil" wellbeing objective as a standalone objective and incorporate its key components into the two other Working Life wellbeing objectives.

4.3 Additional fine tuning has taken place to the proposed key components for a range of wellbeing objectives. The main driver was to remove duplication ie. where key components were too similar and risked confusing the focus of the wellbeing objective.

4.4 This work has helped refine our initial wellbeing objectives. In brief, our wellbeing objectives cover four main groups:

4.4.1 Best Start to Life

- Children get the best start to life.
- Children and young people are equipped with the skills they need to be successful learners and confident individuals.

4.4.2 Working Life

- Making skills work for Merthyr Tydfil: Developing the workforce of the future.
- Developing the environment and infrastructure for business to flourish.

4.4.3 Environmental Wellbeing

- Communities protect - enhance and promote our natural environment and countryside
- Communities protect - develop and promote our heritage and cultural assets.

4.4.4 Living Well

- Developing safer communities.
- People have good physical and mental wellbeing.
- People live independently.

4.5 Our Statement of Wellbeing, with a detailed description of each of our Wellbeing Objectives, is available via the Background Papers link.

5.0 [PLAN]

5.1 The process to develop our [Plan] has begun. To build an understanding of our contribution to the wellbeing objectives, we have engaged with senior officers throughout the Council who are responsible for planning services. Using this

information we are beginning to set out how we will achieve our wellbeing objectives and how we will know if things are getting better.

- 5.2 In order to progress development of the [Plan] we have arranged a number of workshops with Councillors during June and July. We will present a final draft of our [Plan] to Council in July.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report. However, the [Plan] outlines the proposal to align the Medium Term Financial Plan to the local authority's Wellbeing Objectives.

7.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full assessment is required. The form can be accessed on the Council's website/intranet via the 'Equality Impact Assessment' link.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Statement of Wellbeing	15/06/2017	Background Papers Link
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.