



NEATH PORT TALBOT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD
WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT



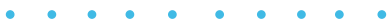


INTRODUCTION



To meet statutory requirements contained within the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board has prepared a draft assessment of well-being in Neath Port Talbot (NPT) and we would like to know whether our assessment of life in Neath Port Talbot is right. It is important that you have your say as the assessment will inform the future priorities of the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board.

The draft assessment seeks to capture the strengths and assets of people and communities across Neath Port Talbot. It also seeks to describe the challenges and opportunities Neath Port Talbot faces now and in the future and is being shared with you as part of our formal consultation process.





BACKGROUND



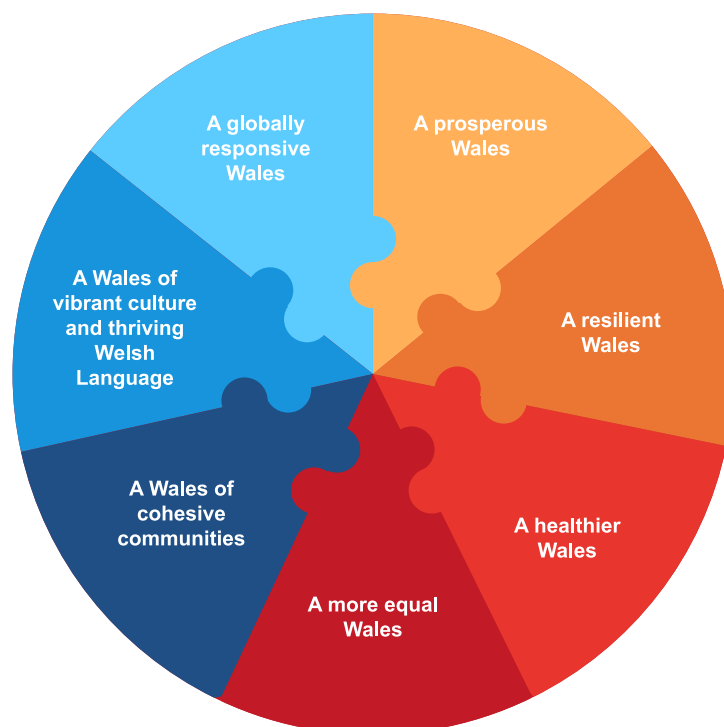
The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.

This new law will mean that, for the first time, public bodies listed in the Act must do what they do in a sustainable way. To do this, the Act sets out a “sustainable development principle” which is about how the public bodies listed in the Act should go about meeting their well-being duty under the Act.

The principle is made up of five ways of working that public bodies are required to take into account when applying sustainable development. These are:

- Looking to the long term so that we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Taking an integrated approach so that public bodies look at all the well-being goals in deciding on their well-being objectives.
- Involving a diversity of the population in the decisions that affect them.
- Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.
- Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.

The Act sets seven well-being goals. Together they provide a shared vision for the public bodies listed in the Act to work towards. The well-being goals must be considered as an integrated set of seven to ensure that the relevant links are made in the context of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales.





GOALS

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A PROSPEROUS WALES

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An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.

A RESILIENT WALES

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A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).

A HEALTHIER WALES

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A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.

A MORE EQUAL WALES

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A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).

A WALES OF COHESIVE COMMUNITIES

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Attractive, viable, and well connected communities.

A WALES OF VIBRANT CULTURE AND THRIVING WELSH LANGUAGE

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A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.

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A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and culture well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.



The Act sets a well-being duty on specified public bodies to act jointly via Public Services Boards (PSBs) to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of their area by contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals. (For more information on the NPT Public Services Board please click here (add link to PSB page))

To do this, the Act requires Public Services Boards to prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area. It is important that this assessment provides an accurate analysis of the state of well-being in NPT, as this will inform the priorities the Public Services Board sets out in their local Well-being Plan which the Act requires to be published before May 2018.

For more information on the NPT Public Services Board please visit the following link:
(<https://www.npt.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=12572>)





METHODOLOGY



The Act sets out what the NPT Public Services Board must do in preparing the assessment:

- Set out the communities that comprise NPT.
- Analyse the state of well-being in each community and the whole of NPT.
- Analyse the state of well-being of the people in NPT.
- Include any further analysis that the Public Services Board carries out for assessing the well-being of NPT.
- Include predictions of future likely trends in NPT.
- Refer to National Indicators issued by Welsh Government.
- Include any other related analytical data and information the Public Services Board considers appropriate.

In preparing the NPT Well-being Assessment, a vast amount of evidence has been analysed to inform the draft well-being assessment for NPT. Evidence used includes research, performance information, evidence collected to inform the Council's Local Development Plan and other national and local assessments that have been undertaken (including those statutory reviews and assessments the Act specifies the Public Services Board must take into account when preparing the well-being assessment). An engagement exercise was also undertaken which included an on-line survey and focus groups held across communities.

To meet the statutory requirements of the Act, the draft well-being assessment has analysed the following four pillars of well-being:

- Social
- Economic
- Environment
- Cultural

This has included assessing well-being across the whole area of NPT and in eight community areas. The Public Services Board identified these areas as the eight community areas that make-up NPT as they are the spatial areas identified in the Council’s Local Development Plan which has only recently been subject to extensive consultation and engagement. This will ensure alignment between the Local Development Plan and the Public Services Board Well-being Plan, (when published before May 2018) which are both plans that seek to impact upon the well-being of NPT.

Each of the eight community areas is made up of a number of electoral wards, specific areas of the county borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the County Borough Council.

The eight community areas are highlighted in the map below:





STRUCTURE



The following pages contain the headlines from our assessment which are structured in the following way:



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SOCIAL



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ECONOMIC



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ENVIRONMENT



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CULTURAL

INTEGRATION BETWEEN THE 4 THEMES OF WELL-BEING



Although the findings of the assessment for each of the above pillars are presented individually, the integration between each of theme became clear, as the assessment progressed. For example, health (social) links to our ability to live a full balanced life, including working (economic), taking part in physical activity (cultural), volunteering (cultural), enjoying and participating in our natural environment. This natural environment is critical to our wellbeing, providing direct and indirect health benefits (social) and sustaining our future prosperity (economic). A good quality environment provides us with many natural benefits that keep us happy and healthy (social), such as clean air to breathe, water to drink, food, fuel, and wonderful spaces for us to exercise and relax in (cultural). It's important therefore that we understand exactly how we benefit from our natural environment, so that we can make the most of the opportunities and to make more informed choices about our well-being.



PORT TALBOT



NEATH



PONTARDAWE



AMMAN VALLEY



NEATH VALLEY



SWANSEA VALLEY



AFAN VALLEY



DULAIS VALLEY

If you would like to read more detail for any of the above sections, a downloadable document is available at the end of each section.





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